



# STAFF BIO



## Chloe Knight Tonney

### Senior Vice President for External Affairs

Chloe Knight Tonney joined the CDC Foundation staff in 2002. As senior vice president for external affairs, she is responsible for overseeing the private-sector engagement activities of the Foundation and the entire cycle of effective resource mobilization, impactful program implementation and stewardship. She is also responsible for developing, building and implementing public-private partnership strategies with national and international partners.

As the tactical officer for external affairs, Tonney collaborates with CDC

leaders, scientists and external partners to “help CDC do more, faster.” The CDC Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization that was specifically created by federal statute as a means to foster partnerships among private sector businesses, nonprofit organizations and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on important public health priorities.

Tonney has 28 years of overall nonprofit advancement, strategy and management experience, with more than 24 years specifically in higher education and in building scientific public-private partnerships. She was instrumental in the formation of the CDC Foundation’s first coalition-based activity – the Safe Injection Practices Coalition (SIPC), housed at the CDC Foundation since 2008 – bringing together public, private and philanthropic partners to address this critical public health issue. Globally, Tonney has led a multi-sectoral effort targeted at rebuilding critical public health infrastructure in Haiti following the 2010 earthquake. She architected the Foundation’s revenue mobilization strategy in response to the Ebola epidemic – the largest response in CDC history. Prior to joining the CDC Foundation, Tonney was the director of leadership gifts at Agnes Scott College in Atlanta, overseeing a six-fold growth in attracting resources and partners to the institution.

Her experience includes work as a trustee, board member and board chair for local and national nonprofit organizations. She is a member of the board of directors for the College of Charleston Foundation, the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges, the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) and Phi Beta Kappa. Tonney is the immediate past president of the National Alpha Delta Pi Foundation and an alumna of Leadership DeKalb. She holds a B.A. in political science and international relations from the College of Charleston in Charleston, S.C. and an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from the College of Charleston.