



Participant Bios

This list reflects all registrants as of October 27. Some participant bios have been edited for length and/or to correct obvious typographical errors.

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I have been involved in public policy issues, including health care. I am a member of the Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI) Patient Advisory Council and involved in other ICSI initiatives, including Building Healthy Sustainable Communities. We organized three Community Conversations in my local community on health, health care and health care costs and work is continuing. I am on the Citizen Leadership Team of PartnerSHIP 4 Health and active in Baby Boomers for Balanced Health Care, a cultural change initiative about the belief that more health care is better health care.

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Currently, I am the lead evaluator for the Healthy Eating body of work at the Center for Prevention at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota. We are exploring the ways

in which we can play a role in increasing access to healthy foods, such as Healthy Food Financing, EBT at Farmers Markets, Incentives for Fruits and Vegetable Purchases for SNAP participants along with other ways that we can improve Minnesota's current food system.

Ryan Armbruster

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Ryan is a passionate advocate for designing meaningful healthcare solutions for people. His pioneering experiences in service design and innovation at Mayo Clinic and UnitedHealth Group demonstrate the value of creating solutions in a more human-centric way. Ryan is actively leading efforts to further explore community health, and specifically how new models and aligned incentives could drive resources toward the underlying, fundamental problems and opportunities that need them most.

Mary Bachman

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Mary has been working with Meeker-McLeod-Sibley Community Health Services and Sibley County Public Health and Human Services on healthy living partnerships in the community for over 10 years. Most recently over the last five years, her work has really focused on implementation of the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) and implementation of a joint Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) with local Health Care and the Meeker-McLeod-Sibley Healthy Communities Leadership Team.

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My mission is to provide education and knowledge to my clients so they may personally feel empowered and financially safe in an uncertain world. As a former Licensed Social Worker, I continue to seek the best ways on micro and macro levels to improve the financial lives of my clients and their families. I stay involved in the non-profit world by sitting on the Board of MN Youth Intervention Program Association. I know that the financial health of the community greatly affects the financial wellness on a personal level.

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Model Cities provides supportive housing ranging from 1 to 4 bedroom residential units. I am the Facility Manager for all the residential and commercial units owned and operated by Model Cities. Model Cities also has an MCASA program which provides home ownership to low-income qualified families in the Frogtown neighborhood. Model Cities is working on the affordable housing availability in the St. Paul area and through collaboration with other sectors we can increase the inventory of available affordable housing and supportive services.

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I am responsible for enhancing Medica's visibility and key relationships in the public health sphere at the state, county and local levels, as well as providing an interface with health systems, social service agencies, and other community-based organizations. I oversee initiatives to improve access and health status for Medica's Medicaid recipients, and am involved with several collaborative programs with other managed care organizations and state agencies. Areas of professional interest include maternal and child health, cancer/chronic disease, STDs, disparities/equity, public/population health, public safety, oral health and care integration.

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Mr. Boes currently serves as President and CEO of LISC's New Markets Support Company. In this role, he is responsible for managing the growing New Markets team of 15 professional staff managing LISC's \$838 Million New Markets Tax Credit portfolio. In addition, Mr. Boes has led the expansion of NMSC's business to include an array of services provided to other NMTC industry participants. In this role, Mr. Boes has led the development and growth of The Healthy Futures Fund, a collaborative initiative to finance FQHCs and connect health care with community development.

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David Browne

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I've worked in education and social services for over 30 years mainly in housing and homelessness, employment, and mental health. I'm currently involved in a community center environment that offers out-of school time, employment, and healthy food access programs. I'm active in Generation Next, which works to erase the "opportunity gap" for students of color. I'm on my local food co-op board of directors. I would like to see low-income families have better access to high-quality affordable housing and healthy food and address the relationship between food, housing and academic achievement.

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Mike Christenson is charged with providing strategic vision and leadership for Minneapolis Community and Technical College by cultivating relationships with

employers, industry groups and students to meet the region's workforce needs. Previously, Mike led economic development initiatives for the City of Minneapolis until 2003, and then served as Executive Director of the City's Community Planning and Economic Development Department. He previously was the City's Director of Economic Policy and Development.

Amanda Corbett

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Amanda Corbett works as an evaluator on the Research and Evaluation team in the University of Minnesota Extension Center for Family Development where she works on implementing initiatives and subsequently measuring impact at each level of the Spectrum of Prevention to more comprehensively improve health outcomes for our neighbors most in need.

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Rhonda Degelau is Executive Director of the Minnesota Association of Community Health Centers. She is a health care attorney with experience in association management, business and government. Prior to her current position, she held a variety of legal and business positions in the health plan industry. Rhonda is a member of the Healthy Minnesota Partnership. The Association's member health centers are acutely aware of how the Social Determinants of Health impact health outcomes for their patients and actively seek opportunities to promote health equity.

Patricia Dennis

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Patricia Dennis is a senior executive who has held management positions in a wide range of industries including health care, banking, commercial construction and government service. She currently serves as Senior Vice President of Health and Care Engagement for HealthPartners, a leading integrated health care system. Prior to HealthPartners, she served as Regional President for Healthways, a global health and well-being improvement solutions organization. She then joined Medica in 2001, where she led benchmark performance, with annual cost savings exceeding \$110 million. Patricia holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Minot State University in addition to specialized executive education from St. Thomas University, Kellogg University and Harvard School of Business.

Leah Driscoll

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Leah Driscoll is leading the development and implementation of the Twin Cities Mobile Market, a new program of the Wilder Foundation. Using a converted city bus, the Twin Cities Mobile Market is a grocery store on wheels that aims to increase access to healthy, affordable foods in low-income neighborhoods. Leah believes everyone has the right to affordable, healthy food regardless of where they live. Her vision is to engage and support community members in identifying and creating solutions to improving neighborhood health.

Diana DuBois, MPH, MIA

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Diana DuBois is the Executive Director of WellShare International, a Minneapolis-based nonprofit organization that works domestically and internationally on community health issues. Over the past 35 years, the organization has worked in 7 countries, including 14 years of work with refugee and immigrant communities in Minnesota to advance community health. The organization hires and trains community health workers who educate under-served communities through home visits and community events. Diana spent 7 years overseas, including 5 years working in public health issues in sub-Saharan Africa.

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Experience in international financial sector, entrepreneurship and nonprofit sector. Now, executive director of state agency that functions as a bridge between Latino community and government/education/private and nonprofit sectors. Current priorities are education, health, employment and business development to address Minnesota's chronic and seemingly intractable disparities. Pilot projects in St. Paul, Rochester and Duluth. Integration of Latino and other marginalized communities in design, planning and decision-making as well as greater emphasis on collaboration are essential.

Angie Gerlach, CHES

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I serve as a Community Health Educator equipping and convening organizations and community members to identify and utilize resources in order to improve individual, familial and community health. I work collaboratively with my colleagues and partners from a Public Health mindset. We are able to identify strengths and needs, and match those to move forward with various innovative health initiatives. Some of these that are creating and fostering healthy change include Clipper Clinic, Clippers n Curls, "Q"mmunity Medical Mobile Unit Screening Events, and the Hue-MAN Partnership Project.

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Jeff Gorfine has worked in Minnesota as a community mental health specialist, community/outreach/facilitator for the Olmsted Community Action Program, community corrections, and community education. He served as the first Chairman of the Experiment in Rural Cooperation in southeast Minnesota. Affordable, accessible low-cost Housing is a challenge crying out for collaboration. Vision: Healthy families equal healthy communities—people are the infrastructure of infrastructures. This should not be forgotten.

Lisa Graham

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Lisa works to link healthcare providers with home and community-based services in order to assist people to self-manage their care needs and maintain independence at home. At MAAA, she was project manager for a recent CMS demonstration project to reduce hospital readmissions and is an expert in complex care transitions. She holds a B.S. in Social Work from St. Catherine University and an M.A. in Human Development from St. Mary's University, with an emphasis in end of life planning.

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Rob Grunewald conducts regional economic research and writes articles about current economic conditions for the *fedgazette*, a periodical published by the Minneapolis Fed. He co-authored "Early Childhood Development: Economic Development with a High Public Return" in

2003 and several subsequent articles on the economic impact of investing in early childhood education. Grunewald serves on the board of directors for the Minnesota Visiting Nurse Agency, Think Small: Leaders in Early Learning, and the advisory board for First Children's Finance Growth Fund.

Hoeun Hach

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I was born and raised in Cambodia and educated in America. I arrived in the U.S. in 1981, finished high school in 1986, became a U.S. citizen in 1987, finished a B.A. in political science in 1990, and finished a master's degree in 1998. I have been involved in the Cambodian community since 1990. I am now Chairman of the International Khmer Assembly (IKA), a non-profit organization for Khmer veterans who used to support and assist American troops in the Vietnam War. The sacrifice of Khmers in the war is being abandoned and forgotten by the U.S. The theme of IKA is: Service, Education, and Fraternity.

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Jim Hart worked for 30 years in primary care medical practice and management, both independently and with HealthPartners, Inc. He also served on the teaching faculty of Regions Hospital from 1994 to 2005. Through 2010, he directed the Executive Program in Public Health Practice and the North Central Public Health Leadership Institute in the School of Public Health at the University of Minnesota. His primary interest is in the intersection of health and society and in restoring democracy to our health-care system. He continues to stay engaged in Minnesota health policy and community health issues.

Jamie Harvie

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Jamie Harvie is the Executive Director of the Institute for a Sustainable Future, where he works to advance a systems framework of health. He led the successful national effort to phase out mercury in healthcare, founded and directed the Healthy Food in Healthcare Initiative. He recently founded the Commons Health Network, a place-based integrative health creation framework, which has facilitated model healthy food and beverage policies and advanced integrative medicine for the underserved. For his work he has received the Minnesota Governor's and the NRDC "National Thought Leader" awards.

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I am the Emerging Professions Coordinator for the MDH Office of Rural Health and Primary Care, working with the State Innovation's Model Grant, to increase the hiring and integration of the following three emerging professions into the health care workforce: Community Health Workers, Community Paramedics, and Dental Therapists/Advanced Dental Therapists. These emerging professions can help improve access, coordination, quality of health care, enhance patients' experience with the health care system, and decrease costs of care, especially among medically underserved populations.

Don Hickman

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Don Hickman is the Vice President for Community and Economic Development for the Initiative Foundation in

Little Falls. In this capacity he administers approximately \$2 million in grants annually, and supervises community leadership, early childhood, and environmental preservation programs.

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Since 1991, I have had a nationally recognized consulting practice focused on community and systems change collaboration. During this time, I have consulted in a wide variety of areas, including public health and healthy communities. I am currently working on a national demonstration project developing models for aligning private sector investment and nonprofit healthcare community benefit initiatives in low-income communities. Prior to my consulting practice, I was a senior fellow at the Humphrey Institute, and a senior program officer at The McKnight Foundation and The Saint Paul Foundation.

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Recent work focuses on helping Minnesota communities to make it easier for residents to pursue physically active lifestyles through increased bicycling and walking for transportation and recreation. He also serves on various committees of the Urban Land Institute's Minnesota District Council, the Minnesota Department of Transportation, and the Minnesota Department of Health.

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Dana Jensen is Program Officer and Senior Grants Administrator for Delta Dental of Minnesota and Delta Dental of Minnesota Foundation, where she works with community partners to improve health through oral health. She currently serves as Secretary/Treasurer of Neighborhood HealthSource, a community health center

located in Minneapolis. Dana earned her master's degree in public affairs from The Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs and received her bachelor of arts in political science from the University of Iowa.

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I work in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Human Services and Minnesota Chippewa Tribe to improve access to healthy food for Minnesotans with limited financial resources. The University of Minnesota Extension Health and Nutrition Programs improve food skills, physical activity, and healthy food access for Minnesotans to promote health and reduce disparities. I'm a member of the Food Access Summit planning committee, Nutritious Food Coalition, Metro Food Access Network and Partners to End Hunger. I look forward to working with others to make the food system equitable for all.

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Kristin Juliar is the Director of the Montana Office of Rural Health/Area Health Education Center at Montana State University in Bozeman. She works with Critical Access Hospitals on health needs assessment and implementation planning, and serves on the Association for Community Health Improvement Advisory Committee for AHA. Limited community infrastructure and services impact the health of rural communities. My vision is to improve the capacity of rural and underserved communities to create local solutions for access to healthy foods, healthy lifestyles and needed health services.

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Executive Director of Hope Community, a CDC in a low-income, very diverse Minneapolis community. Work includes housing, businesses, dozens of partners and 500 diverse people (not only tenants) a year engaged in learning, leadership, and organizing. Includes healthy, affordable housing, building community connections and leadership, food and food access, racial equity issues related to parks, work with the city health department to engage local people, involvement in the Allina Backyard Initiative. Hope paths to sustainable community and health: Connect people with their strengths and with each other, build community capacity for leadership and engage people in their community.

Jeanne Kelsey

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Jeanne Kelsey has worked with the City of Roseville's Housing and Redevelopment Authority (RHRA) since March 2008 and currently serves as its Executive Director. Under her tenure with the Roseville HRA, Jeanne has initiated several projects that focus on sustainability, including the development of a digital Green Remodeling PlanBook. Jeanne gained her knowledge of housing sustainability while working for affordable housing developers, which incorporated Minnesota Green Communities criteria into their housing developments.

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Sara crafts and implements communications strategies aimed at reducing poverty and addressing the social

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Catherine Kolkmeier

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Catherine Kolkmeier is the Director of the La Crosse Medical Health Science Consortium in La Crosse, Wis. This partnership between seven education and healthcare organizations works to facilitate collaborative health improvement efforts across sectors, including a Health Improvement Plan for La Crosse County and a grant-funded coalition to reduce binge and underage drinking. The Consortium is also working with the Wisconsin-Minnesota Leadership Collaboration for Community Health Business Partnerships to pilot new partnership models to address the social determinants of obesity.

Thomas Kottke

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Thomas E. Kottke, MD, MSPH, Medical Director for Population Health at HealthPartners, is also a clinical cardiologist in HealthPartners Medical Group, an epidemiologist, and a health services researcher at the HealthPartners Institute for Education and Research in Minneapolis. Current activities include supporting healthy eating and physical activity initiatives for children and their families, improving outcomes for the children in the first 1,000 days of life, and supporting programs that reduce teen pregnancy rates. HealthPartners also participates in the Healthy Homes initiative.

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Jean's universal and futuristic vision to improve people's health, well-being, and quality of life at home, in communities, and anywhere fuels her pioneering and leadership in numerous collaborative activities and initiatives to benefit all. Specializing in creative and innovative solutions for diverse and low/moderate income populations; and achieving justice/equality/equity in housing, community and economic development, education, social services, legal advocacy, and public policies, she's been on a Governor's SubCabinet, numerous boards/presenter at local, state and national levels, and worked on Health in All Policies, Homes for All, Healthy Homes and Communities, HIAs, e-Health, Health Equity, and the HOME bill.

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I work in communications at the Center for Prevention at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota. Our mission is to make healthy choices possible for all Minnesotans. We tackle the leading causes of preventable disease—tobacco use, physical inactivity and unhealthy eating—to increase health equity, transform communities and create a healthier state. I work on communications campaigns like Pulling Together Minnesota, designed to expand the conversation about health and show how our health is shaped by the options we have where we live, work and play.

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Kevin M. Lindsey

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Kevin Lindsey was appointed Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Rights in February 2011. He had previously served as a civil litigation attorney in the Office of the Ramsey County Attorney, and has 20 years of experience in resolving complex legal and public policy questions. Prior to joining Ramsey County, Mr. Lindsey worked for the firm of Halleland, Lewis, Nilan & Johnson in the employment and health law groups; for the firm of Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly, where he practiced civil litigation, primarily representing clients in employment, product liability, contract and health law; and as COO and General Counsel of Axis, Inc., where he was responsible for managing human resources operations, ensuring legal and administrative compliance, and risk management. Lindsey received his J.D. and B.A. from the University of Iowa.

Laura Lipkin

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Laura has worked in and with Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) for over 30 years as health educator, program/development director, executive director, and more. At MNACHC she provides training and technical assistance to Minnesota's 17 FQHCs and is a passionate advocate for them as key providers of care to underserved communities and populations.

Project/challenge: Expand access to services by helping FQHCs develop integrated care across primary medical + behavioral + oral health care and team-based care that engages patients and encourages their involvement in improving their health

Jonette Lucia

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Challenge: Efficiently and directly connecting clients to services across providers and jurisdictions—NWHFSC developed a relationship-based tool that assists agencies

across disciplines to rapidly locate specific client services, connect a client to multiple providers/services through one referral. Member, Hennepin County Chip 2 Task Forces, Community Care Team/Accountable Communities, NW Healthy Communities Partnership. Vision: Engaging communities authentically in creating their health—data sharing to expand efficiencies in connecting clients to multiple services/providers.

Lisa Luokkala

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Lisa Luokkala joined Healthy Duluth 2011. Lisa holds a master's in Advocacy and Political Leadership from the University of Minnesota-Duluth. Under her leadership, Healthy Duluth has leveraged over \$1.25 million for health policy initiatives in Duluth, strengthening the capacity of area nonprofit agencies to address health equity. Keep your eyes peeled, her coalition is launching an innovative pilot called “Bridging Divides: Mobilizing Community Health Issues through Tactical Urbanism and Creative Placemaking” in 2015.

Jan Malcolm

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Jan Malcolm is President, Courage Kenny Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute of Allina Health. CKRI was formed in June, 2013 through the merger of Courage Center and Sister Kenny Rehabilitation Institute. As VP of Public Affairs, Jan also leads Allina's public policy, government relations, and community health functions. Jan was Courage Center's CEO from May 2005 to June 2013, guiding the organization through its strategic repositioning culminating in the creation of the Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute.

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I am the principal investigator on a RWJF grant looking at selecting and testing a framework and measures around culture of health in healthy community efforts where employers are engaged.

Joan McCusker

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Joan McCusker joined Wilder Foundation in June 2014 and has 25+ years' experience in manufacturing, government contracting and retail. She currently serves as the Vice President of Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer for the Wilder Foundation, a 100-year-old foundation that serves vulnerable citizens, both young and old, of St. Paul. Prior to joining the Wilder Foundation, Ms. McCusker served as CFO at Lawrence Merchandising and held multiple Vice President roles at Alliant Techsystems Inc., including in Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology, and Compliance.

Warren McLean

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I chair the Finance Working Group, which is a committee that was formed from the 40-member cross-sector Minnesota Grocery Access Task Force.

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I work in the Family Health division of St. Paul Ramsey County Public Health. I am currently managing our accreditation by Healthy Families America, an evidence-based home visiting program of Prevent Child Abuse America. We have formed a multi-sector community advisory committee, which I staff. I also help develop, fund and measure Club Mom, a program aimed at lessening isolation and improving health outcomes for African American mothers and their young children, and to measure maternal child health outcomes. I received an M.P.A. degree from the Humphrey School in 2005.

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John Moon joined the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco in 2012 and directs the strategic activities of the field team. He has extensive community development experience in the public and private sectors including work at Living Cities, the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, the CDFI Fund, the City of Seattle, Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle, and Fleetbank. As an investor, he has facilitated and invested in community development transactions ranging from affordable housing projects, small business loans, commercial-real estate, transit development, and others.

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Vayong Moua advocates for a health-equity-in-all-policies approach to ensure structural inequities have structural solutions. Upstream integration of health equity into policymaking decisions and community engagement efforts is a good common strategy.

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Joanne Moze works in evaluation of active living and tobacco program areas and has also provided evaluation services to four of the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) communities. Prior to Blue Cross, Joanne worked on evaluation for the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) and for the Sage Screening Program at the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and at several non-profits throughout the country.

Gretchen Musicant

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Gretchen Musicant heads the Minneapolis Health Department whose mission is “Improve the quality of life

for all people in the city by protecting the environment, preventing disease and injury, promoting healthy behaviors, and creating a city that is a healthy place to live, work and play.” Under her leadership, Minneapolis was recognized in 2012 by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation as one of six communities that are making great strides in their journey toward better health. Her public policy experience includes state-level lobbying and a fellowship with the Humphrey Institute.

Julie Myhre

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Julie Myhre serves as the Division Director for the Office of Statewide Health Improvement Initiatives of the Minnesota Department of Health, which oversees the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) and tobacco prevention and control programs. The SHIP seeks to build the capacity of communities statewide to create health, focusing on the prevention of obesity through promoting physical activity and healthy eating and preventing tobacco use in communities, schools, worksites and health care settings. Challenge: How do we effectively change the narrative around health and health inequities?

Jill Naylor Chamberlain

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I work in the Center for Prevention and support projects that make physical activity a part of daily living. This primarily focuses on walking and biking. I serve as the organizer for the MN Safe Routes to School Network. I am also on the board for the National Alliance for Walking and Biking, a member organization that supports advocacy groups across the country. As our work has become more mainstream, I want to make sure that community advancements do not leave any population behind and intensify inequities.

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Karen Nikolai manages Healthy Community Planning at Hennepin County. Her team integrates health policy and practice into transportation and land use by implementing active living, complete streets, transit planning, health impact assessment (HIA) and

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I am the Senior Health Strategy Consultant serving employer groups in the Commercial Sales Division for Medica. I have 25+ years’ experience in developing well-being strategies that create building blocks toward a sustainable healthy culture foundation. My biggest passion is to create knowledge, motivation and engagement with simple healthy lifestyle messages through true partnerships of all related connections that consist of each unique community. It is vital for our communities to motivate healthy living that not only has an impact today, but 5 years from now as well as 30 years from now! I live by the motto, “My choices make a difference!”

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Mary Rapps is the Program Development Director for Generations Health Care Initiatives, an organization that is developing partnerships and building coalitions around health care access and accountable communities for health. Prior to joining Generations, Mary was the Administrator of a Family Practice Clinic. She is committed to public and private health partnerships and

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Dawn Reckinger oversees evaluation and surveillance systems including planning, data collection and analysis and reporting for the Office of Statewide Health Improvement Initiatives. She is responsible for developing and implementing the evaluation framework for the Minnesota Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP). SHIP funds 38 communities and several tribal nations to create physical and social environments and systems that support active living and healthy eating, and limit commercial tobacco use and exposure to improve the health of all people in Minnesota. Evaluating the impact on health equity is a priority.

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Outreach events are one of the most effective ways to reach any community.

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At Burness, we provide digital communications support through the use of technology, social media, video, and storytelling. As a part of this conference, we will be documenting the connection between community development and health and producing a video for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

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Patrick Seeb is executive director of Saint Paul Riverfront Corporation, with 20 years of experience in placemaking. Prior to his career in city-building, Seeb was a health care professional. He is interested in the intersection between population health and urban design. The Saint Paul Riverfront Corporation is developing a Healthy Cities Studio, a program aimed at municipal leaders interested in learning about and applying design practices to improve population health in their communities. The Studio's content and process is still under development.

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Joel Spoonheim is the Director of Health Promotion for HealthPartners. The Health Promotion Department creates and deploys web and telephonic solutions that support customers' employees and their families living with greater well-being. Joel is passionate about community and organization transformation, having worked for healthcare companies, city planning and development departments, and non-profits directing major initiatives that require engaging diverse stakeholders and complex problem solving. Previously, he worked as the founding staff member for the Blue Zones Project.

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Libby Starling is the Manager of Regional Policy and Research for the Metropolitan Council. In this role, she is the project manager for Thrive MSP 2040 (the Metropolitan Council's 30-year regional plan), the Choice, Place and Opportunity assessment, and the

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Melissa Vaughn is currently the Employee Wellness Manager for The Schwan Food Company. In 2012 and 2013, The Company was recognized by the *Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal* as one of the Healthiest Employers as well as winning a Silver Health at Work Award sponsored by ComPsych Guidance Resources. Schwan's is involved with bringing wellness beyond the workplace into the community and most recently working to improve community health within Marshall, Minn., and the surrounding locations (Marshall 56258).

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Anne Walaszek is an enrolled member of White Earth Band of Ojibwe. She holds a Master of Public Health degree in Maternal and Child Health and Bachelor of Science degree in Child Psychology from the University of Minnesota. At the American Indian Cancer Foundation, Anne coordinates an initiative addressing clinical systems improvement by partnering with Indian Health Service, Tribal and Urban clinics across the Northern Plains to improve cancer screening. She also supports Healthy Native Foods efforts promoting cancer prevention within Minnesota American Indian communities.

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I manage the Southwest LRT Community Works program, which is a multi-jurisdictional partnership formed to maximize opportunities to enhance the public benefits of transit investments (the Southwest LRT project) through strategic, coordinated public and private investments “beyond the rails” that will support economic development, creation of accessible jobs and housing, more efficient uses of land, and creation of healthy, safe and walkable neighborhoods served by public transit.

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Jay Walljasper is a writer, editor and consultant about how to make our communities healthier and happier. Walljasper writes frequently for LISC Twin Cities, and is also editor of *Commons* magazine, a Senior Fellow at Project for Public Spaces, and a Senior Fellow at Augsburg College's Sabo Center for Citizenship and Learning. He is author of the *Great Neighborhood Book* and *All That We Share: A Field Guide to the Commons*. He was editor of *Utne Reader* for 15 years and a contributing editor at *National Geographic Traveler*. For more on his vision for communities visit: www.JayWalljasper.com.

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Kerry is a Health Educator at McLeod County Public Health and one of the Statewide Health Improvement Program Coordinators for Meeker-McLeod-Sibley CHS. She is working with her local Community Leadership Team (CLT) on strategies addressing prevention and wellness in the communities. As a SHIP Coordinator, she is working on Employee Worksite Wellness with local workplaces and healthy eating in the community. She is also the Accreditation Coordinator for MMS CHS. The CHS and the CLT is trying to implement Performance Management and RBA into the work they are doing.

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Maureen Warren has 20+ years in affordable housing and human services; experience includes senior leadership at U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Fannie Mae, The Amherst Wilder Foundation and LSS of Minnesota. Affordable housing must be linked with access to healthy food, community supports, recreation opportunities and both physical and mental health care services to thrive. She has worked to link supportive services to projects funded with Low Income Housing Tax Credits and HUD subsidies. She chairs the board of the Twin Cities Family Housing Fund and is a board member of Mercy Housing Loan Fund.

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In December 2007, Stella Whitney-West was appointed CEO of NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center, a federally qualified health center that serves over 25,000 residents in North Minneapolis and Hennepin County with comprehensive medical, dental, and behavioral health care. Prior to her appointment, she served as the COO for NorthPoint's Human Services. Her background includes over two decades of experience working with governance and policy boards of nonprofit organizations

as well as extensive senior management experience in the Twin Cities nonprofit community. She has an M.B.A. from the University of St. Thomas and a B.S. in biology from the University of Minnesota. Ms. Whitney-West serves on the Twin Cities LISC Advisory Board and as a member of the board of directors for Stratis Health and Urban Home Works. She is currently Board President for the Minnesota Association of Community Health Centers (MNACHC).

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