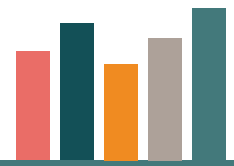


# MEASUREMENT MINUTE

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## Letter from MNCM President and CEO Julie Sonier

After a long, cold winter it's uplifting to see and experience signs of spring — warmer temperatures, more hours of daylight, and the promise of new growth. Along with the change of seasons, it is also a relief to be past the worst of the omicron wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This spring, I hope you make time to attend MNCM's Annual Conference, which will take place virtually on April 27. It's an opportunity to step back from the immediacy of our daily work to focus together on the big picture our common goals: advancing health outcomes for all Minnesotans. I always come away from this event inspired and energized, and I hope you do too.

This year's agenda has exciting content on several important and timely topics:

- Leveraging the power of data to identify and address social risk factors
- Understanding how health care organizations are partnering with entities like Second Harvest Heartland to address food insecurity
- Hearing from MNCM and medical groups about the transition to MNCM's new PIPE data infrastructure
- Gaining timely insights into how COVID-19 has affected health care cost and utilization
- Addressing quality gaps created by COVID-19
- Hearing about the future of health care quality measurement from both a national and state perspective



Please join us on April 27! For more information and to register for the conference, please see below.

Best,



## Measurement and Reporting Update

MNCM's Measurement and Reporting Committee (MARC) recently reviewed and approved the charters for two projects related to strategic priorities set forth by the Board of Directors. The Measure Review and Prioritization (MRP) subcommittee is tasked with evaluating MNCM's current processes and developing recommendations to revise and modernize the way MNCM approaches its measurement work. Specifically, the Measure Review and Prioritization process will establish how MNCM sets short and long-term priorities for measures to be used in MN, evaluates the measure set for appropriate balance of measures, incorporates a health equity lens, and considers distinctions for measure use.

As part of the strategic priority to prioritize health equity by embedding in all areas of work, a Social Risk Factor Technical Advisory Group (SRF TAG) will be convening this spring to explore the technical aspects of incorporating social risk factor data (e.g., housing instability, food insecurity, transportation, etc.) into the data collection process. The SRF TAG is tasked with developing a roadmap outlining the necessary steps for the incorporation of SRF data elements by 2025.

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## MNCM 2022 Annual Conference Three Weeks Away

Wednesday, April 27

9:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

MNCM's Annual Conference is rapidly approaching. Have you registered yet? The conference will feature eight different sessions, each with insightful information detailing many facets of health care measurement. From sessions about Leveraging Data to Tackle Health Disparities to Addressing Food Insecurity Through Community Partnerships, this year's event will have information for everyone.

[Register to Attend](#) | [View Complete Agenda](#) | [View Speakers](#) | [Complete Conference Information](#)

### Featured Session

#### Future of Measurement: National Landscape

*Presented by Michelle Schreiber, CMS, Deputy Director, Center for Clinical Standards and Quality; Director, Quality Measures and Value Based Incentives Group, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services*

The national landscape in quality measurement continues to evolve, with major entities like the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) and others making shifts to emphasize outcomes over processes of care, consolidate the number of measures used, and address health equity through selection of measures and by collecting data to better understand health disparities. This session will feature Dr. Michelle Schreiber, Deputy Director of the Center for Clinical Standards and Quality for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Group Director for the Quality Measurement and Value-Based Incentives Group at CMS. Dr. Schreiber will speak about CMS priorities for measurement and how they fit into its broader vision of improving health care nationwide.



## MNCM Announces New Mission Supporter Program

MNCM recently announced a new Mission Supporter Program for companies that support MNCM's mission and want to demonstrate support and commitment to improving health care quality, equity, and affordability in our community. This program is designed for those who are not directly involved with the services MNCM provides, but still support the efforts of our organization and those who will benefit from those efforts.

Supporters will have access to several benefits at two distinct levels. These benefits include recognition through our newsletter, on our website and on social media. Exclusive benefits are also offered to our gold level supporters. [View Mission Supporter Program Details](#). For more information, or to join this program, please reach out to Joe Flannigan at [flannigan@mncm.org](mailto:flannigan@mncm.org).

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## MNCM Welcomes New Board Members

MNCM is pleased to welcome two new members to its Board of Directors in 2022:



**Caroline Carlin, PhD**, is a research investigator and adjunct faculty at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Carlin's primary appointment is in the Department of Family Medicine, where she focuses on organization of the health care system and how it impacts patients, quality of care, and resource use. Dr. Carlin's research leverages her knowledge of the

health care and insurance industries, and a thorough understanding of econometrics.



**Craig Helmstetter, PhD**, is managing partner of the APM Research Lab at American Public Media. Craig leads the research lab, directs the overall agenda and develops new projects, and provides hands-on analysis and reporting. Craig joined American Public Media from Wilder Research. His 16 years there included helping to establish and then lead the Minnesota Compass initiative.

## In Case You Missed It

### Recent Reports Released by MNMCM

#### *Health Care Quality Report: Results for Care Delivered in 2020*

This report is a comprehensive summary that includes statewide and medical group performance on measures for preventive care, care for chronic conditions like diabetes and heart disease, depression care, and other measures.



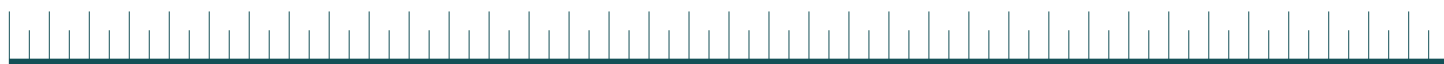
### MNCM Webinar Archive

Since the last issue of Measurement Minute, one new webinar has been posted to the MNMCM archive:

#### **Using MNMCM Health Care Data as a Resource for Improving Health and Equitable Outcome**

Data provided by MN Community Measurement can provide valuable insight into the quality of health care, cost, and disparities. This webinar walked through the resources available from MNMCM, types of reports published by MNMCM, and how the data can be used to inform strategies for improving health and health outcomes.

[View the Webinar](#) | [View the Slides](#)



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