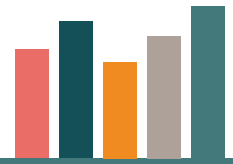


MEASUREMENT MINUTE

News from MN Community Measurement



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March 2023

Letter from MNCM President and CEO Julie Sonier

Greetings,

MNCM's first in-person Annual Conference since 2019 is just over a month away on April 26!

We are excited to re-connect with you in person, and we have a great agenda lined up. Topics that we'll be tackling include addressing social risk factors to improve health outcomes and health equity, a deep dive on social risk factors data collection, making information on cost and quality more actionable for consumers, research studies on the effectiveness of different care coordination models and factors that distinguish medical groups that perform well on diabetes outcomes, new MNCM projects and initiatives, and more.



You can find more information about conference registration, the agenda, and sponsorship [here](#). Make sure to register by Monday, April 3 for a reduced rate.

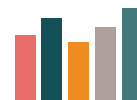
If you're interested in data on social risk factors, you may also want to attend MNCM's [free webinar](#) on March 22. This webinar will summarize the work of a Technical Advisory Group that MNCM convened in 2022 to develop a roadmap for future collection of social risk factors data as part of the clinical data that MNCM collects from health care providers. This will be an opportunity to understand what the roadmap looks like, and a good preview to set up a broader discussion of this topic at the April 26 conference.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and engagement, and I hope to see you in person next month!

Best,



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MNCM Welcomes New Board Members

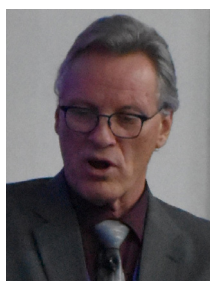
MNCM is pleased to welcome three new members to its Board of Directors in 2023:



Nancy Evans has more than 20 years of experience managing employee benefits for several Minnesota companies and has been with Fortune 200 Eden Prairie-based global company C.H. Robinson for five years. Some of her responsibilities at C.H. Robinson include managing the administration of health and welfare benefits for employees in Canada, Mexico and the U.S., as well as managing and maintaining relationships with the many vendors that provide employee benefits for the company's 17,000+ employees. Additionally, Nancy is also responsible for developing the company's long-range benefits strategy, including analysis, design and budget impacts, and managing the implementation of new benefits and vendors. Nancy serves on the company's Benefits Advisory Committee. A life-long Minnesotan, Nancy lives in the southwest metro.



Anne Katherine "Kate" Hust, MD, MPH, is a primary care physician and leader in the section of General Internal Medicine at Hennepin Healthcare (HCMC) in Minneapolis, MN and also an Assistant Professor of Medicine with the University of Minnesota Medical School. She is currently the Medical Director for Ambulatory Quality for Hennepin Healthcare. Dr. Hust previously served as medical director for the CSC Internal Medicine Clinic (the adult primary care clinic on Hennepin Healthcare's main campus) and the Hennepin Health Access Clinic, a team-based transitional primary care clinic targeting patients previously unsuccessful in traditional primary care models. She continues her clinical practice in both of those clinics. Dr. Hust has been active in the COVID-19 pandemic response at Hennepin Healthcare, supporting clinical and operational work from early COVID-19 testing through vaccines and various ambulatory treatments.



Jim Przybilla has been in the health care industry since 1981 as a clinician and administrator, including the past 35 years in rural health. He has been the Chief Executive Officer of PrimeWest Health since 2001. PrimeWest Health is a Medicaid, MinnesotaCare and Medicare Advantage (dual eligible) County-Based Purchasing health plan serving over 60,000 participants in 24 rural Minnesota counties. Prior to joining PrimeWest, he was executive director of a large network of rural and metro hospitals and clinics in Idaho and Oregon. He also spent 15 years as a rural health systems development program director and consultant, providing health care delivery system technical and training support to over 100 rural health systems in 28 states.

Seeking New Members for Measurement and Reporting Committee (MARC)

MN Community Measurement's Measurement and Reporting Committee (MARC) is seeking applications to fill two positions on the committee:

- Representative from a health plan
- Provider from a specialty medical group

Previous members whose terms have expired may reapply, but we encourage new potential members to apply as well.

MARC Charter

The Measurement and Reporting Committee (MARC) is a committee of the MNMCM Board of Directors with a broad membership of community stakeholders. The purpose of this committee is to recommend measurement priorities and specifications to the Board of Directors and to recommend guiding principles and/or policies for the public reporting of measures by MNMCM. The MARC establishes and oversees measure development activities and workgroup recommendations. MARC members may be asked to serve on a measure development work group.

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MARC Member Commitment

- **Meeting Frequency:** Four meetings per year – March, June, September and December
- **Attendance/Participation Requirements:** Members are required to attend/participate in at least 75% of the meetings. Meetings are typically conducted virtually.
- **Member Term Length:** Committee member terms are two years in length, staggered to ensure continuity. After the initial term, committee members have the option to renew for two additional terms. At the end of the third term, committee members may reapply for appointment.

How to Apply

To apply for one of these positions, please fill out the application through the following link by close of business on Friday, March 31: [MARC Member Application](#)

Applications will be reviewed by MARC co-chairs and the Chair of the MNCM Board of Directors in mid-April 2023. Applicants will be notified of their decision at that time.

If you have any questions, please contact Jess Donovan at donovan@mncm.org.

Benchmarking Tool Released for MNCM Medical Group Members

MNCM recently released an updated version of its Medical Group Benchmarking Tool, which is provided as a benefit to medical groups that are Supporting Members of MNCM. The updated tool is available as part of a new Data Visualization Portal that provides a single location to access specific reports available to each MNCM Supporting Member.

The medical group benchmarking tool provides easy access to comparisons of quality measures to peer organizations, as well as by insurance type and race/ethnicity. Data can be sorted and filtered by measure and by medical group/clinic site. Data in the tool will also be updated as the data used for specific measures becomes available throughout the year. This means reports will be updated multiple times each year, instead of annually.

Each member medical group now has access to this tool. A webinar was hosted in January to provide an overview of the tool. This session was available to everyone to show how the new tool works and what it can offer medical groups. [View an archive of the session.](#)

If you have any questions about the tool, please contact support@mncm.org. If you are interested in becoming a member of MNCM, please reach out to Joe Flannigan at flannigan@mncm.org.

MNCM Data Validation

MNCM is currently validating data from the 2022 Measurement Year submission cycle. The validation team may contact your organization to confirm your data or to request an audit. We are excited to report results that include more PIPE submitters than ever before.

New MNCM Project: Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) Seeking Pilot Participants

In collaboration with the Park Nicollet International Diabetes Center, MNCM is engaging in an 18-month project to pilot the potential incorporation of data from patient-wearable continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) devices into quality

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measurement. Goals of the project include determining the best metrics for use, feasibility of data collection from EHR and cloud-based downloads, and correlation with HbA1c. We are seeking volunteer pilot participants from medical groups who have patients utilizing and reporting CGM values. Medical groups selected for the pilot will receive a stipend for their participation. If you are interested in participating, please contact Collette Cole at cole@mncm.org or 612-454-4815.

MNCM 2023 Annual Conference Next Month

Registration for this year's conference has launched and we're happy to see that we're outpacing last year's attendance numbers. We hope you will join us to learn from the insightful sessions, network with your colleagues, and visit with industry-leading exhibitors.

Featured Topics:

- Addressing Social Risk Factors to Improve Health Outcomes and Health Equity
- Common Health Information Reporting Partnership
- Making Information on Cost and Quality More Actionable for Consumers
- Deep Dive on Social Risk Factors Data Collection
- Minnesota Care Coordination Effectiveness Study: Collaborating to Identify and Spread What Works
- Minnesota Diabetes and Chronic Kidney Disease Care Improvement Initiative
- Modernizing Diabetes Quality Measurement: Incorporating Patient-Generated Data from Continuous Glucose Monitoring
- Transitioning to MNCM's PIPE Data Infrastructure: Where are We Now, and Where are We Going?
- Achieving Optimal Diabetes Outcomes: What Distinguishes High Performing Medical Groups?

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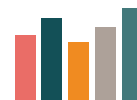


Current Exhibitors

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- American Cancer Society
- AstraZeneca
- Dexcom, Inc.
- Exact Sciences Corporation
- GeneSight - Myriad Genetics
- GSK/Veeva Digital Events
- Lilly
- Mayo Clinic
- Medica
- Merck Vaccines
- Minnesota Association of County Health Plans
- MN Chamber of Commerce
- Novartis
- Novo Nordisk
- Open Arms of Minnesota
- Sanofi Vaccines
- Thermofisher Scientific
- UCare

To secure your sponsorship, please register as a sponsor online. If you have questions, please contact Joe Flannigan at 612-454-4829 or flannigan@mncm.org.

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Upcoming Webinar on Social Risk Factors Data Collection

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 | Noon

Collection and use of data on social risk factors to improve health outcomes and health equity is currently a high priority in Minnesota and nationally, and the landscape is evolving rapidly. In 2022, MN Community Measurement convened a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to develop a roadmap for future collection of social risk factors data. The TAG's main goals were to find a way of collecting information on social risk factors that 1) accommodates providers' use of multiple approaches and tools, 2) avoids creating additional burden for providers, and 3) will be robust and adaptable as national approaches and expectations evolve. This webinar on March 22 will summarize the TAG's work and recommended a roadmap for MNCM to begin collecting social risk factors data by 2025.

Presenters

- A. Katherine Hust, MD, MPH, Medical Director, Ambulatory Quality, Medical Director, CSC Internal Medicine Clinic, Assistant Professor of Medicine, University of Minnesota Medical School
- Julie Sonier, MPA, President and CEO, MN Community Measurement
- Collette Cole, RN, BSN, CPHQ, Clinical Measure Developer, MN Community Measurement

[Register for webinar](#)

Just Released: MNCM 2022 Annual Report



MNCM is pleased to announce the release of its **2022 Annual Report**. This year's report highlights progress on several initiatives that MNCM focused on during 2022 to support improvements in health care quality, equity, and affordability.

MNCM is grateful for ongoing support and engagement from our community partners, including health plans, health care providers, state agencies, employers, researchers, and consumers. Each of these perspectives is critically important to MNCM's ongoing work as an objective, trusted source of relevant and actionable information to drive health care improvement.

In Case You Missed It

Recent Reports Released by MNCM

Minnesota Health Care Quality Report Part 2: Clinical Quality Measures Reported by Payers

Results for care delivered in 2021

This report provides information on statewide and medical group performance on quality measures that MNCM aggregates from health plans.

[View Report](#)

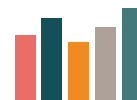
Minnesota Health Care Quality Report Part 3: Top Performing Medical Groups Across All Quality Measures

Results for care delivered in 2021

This report combines data from part 2 of the quality report with clinical quality measures published by MNCM in Fall 2022 to identify top performing medical groups, defined as those with statistically better than average performance on at least half of the measures that were applicable to them.

[View Report](#)

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Health Care Cost & Utilization in 2021

This report highlights health care cost trends and drivers of cost growth in the region and includes data that consumers can use to compare costs of different providers.

[View Report](#)

[View all past Reports](#)

Recent Webinars

Health Care Quality in Minnesota: A Webinar Series

February 9, 2023

As the health care system continues to recover from the impacts of COVID-19 on care delivery, quality measurement provides valuable insights into a variety of health topics that continue to have opportunities for improvement across Minnesota.

In this third installment of MNCM's Health Care Quality webinar series, MNCM will provide an overview of the *Minnesota Health Care Quality Report Part 2: Clinical Quality Measures Reported by Payers*, which includes quality indicators for preventive care like cancer screening and immunizations, and for care of acute and chronic conditions.

Accompaniments to this webinar are MNCM's *Minnesota Health Care Quality Report Part 2: Clinical Quality Measures Reported by Payers* and *Minnesota Health Care Quality Report Part 3: Top Performing Medical Groups Across All Quality Measures*

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

Health Care Quality in Minnesota: Cost & Utilization

March 1, 2023

As the health care system continues to recover from the impacts of COVID-19 on care delivery, quality measurement provides valuable insights into a variety of health topics that continue to have opportunities for improvement across Minnesota. In this installment of MNCM's Health Care Quality webinar series, MNCM will provide an overview of the *Minnesota Health Care Cost & Utilization in 2021 Report*.

The report, *Health Care Cost & Utilization in 2021*, is based on data for about 1.3 million people with private health insurance and nearly \$10 billion in health care spending in 2021. Detailed information for 104 medical groups is available via updated *medical group profile pages* and MNCM's interactive *Dynamic Tables* tool that allows filtering and sorting of data on total cost, relative prices, and utilization.

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

Did you know?

MNCM keeps an archive of past events, including recordings, slides, and any handouts — on its website. Visit the *Past Events and Webinars* section of the MNCM website to view past sessions.



Thank you to current Mission Supporters

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For more information, or to join this program, please reach out to Joe Flannigan at flannigan@mncm.org.



Ways to Support MNCM

MNCM values engagement by its members, employers, and industry partners to support MNCM's mission. Below are several options to support MNCM and engage with us.

Supporting Membership (for Medical Groups and Advocacy Organizations)

Supporting membership is a great way to show your support and commitment to improving the quality and affordability of health care in our community through collaboration with other stakeholders. It also supports MNCM's efforts to make quality measurement easier so clinic staff can spend more time on improvement activities. Annual membership dues are designed to be affordable and for medical groups are based on the number of providers reported by the medical group through annual registration for data submission.

[View details about supporting membership](#)

Mission Supporter Program (for Industry Partners)

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.

