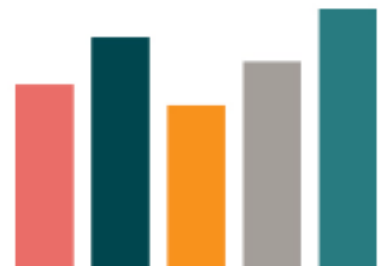


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# MEASUREMENT MINUTE

*Quarterly News from  
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# Community at the Helm: Charting MNCM's Future Together



MNCM's Board of Directors recently gathered for a strategic planning session, informed by community insights and key collaborative partners. The discussion emphasized the importance of strengthening partnerships, leveraging data, and aligning efforts to improve health and health care quality, equity, and value across Minnesota. Discover how this effort will shape MNCM's direction for the next five years.

▶ Read the Full Article (<https://mncm.org/community-at-the-helm-charting-mncms-future-together/>)

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## Six New Board Members Join MNCM Board of Directors, Bringing Fresh Perspectives and Expertise

MN Community Measurement (MNCM) is excited to welcome six new board members who began their terms during the first quarter of 2025, including **Dr. Kevin Gilliam** of NorthPoint, **Mallory Koshiol** of Allina Health, **Shawn Larsen** of Medica, **Tim Miller** of South Country Health Alliance, **Christine Norton** representing consumers, and **Dr. Sean Wherry** of CentraCare. As MNCM finalizes its strategic plan for 2025-2030, these leaders bring invaluable experience and insight to help guide the organization's mission to drive improvements in health care quality, equity, and value through data-driven collaboration. MNCM is thrilled to

welcome these accomplished individuals to the Board of Directors. Their collective expertise will help shape the organization's strategic direction as it continues its work to advance measurement and improvement in Minnesota and beyond.

➤ **Meet Our New Board Members** (<https://mncm.org/meet-our-new-board-members/>)



Kevin Gilliam, MD, Medical Director, NorthPoint



Mallory Koshiol, MPH, Vice President of System Safety, Quality & Experience, Allina Health



Shawn Larsen, RN, Vice President of Quality and Stars, Medica Health



Tim Miller, MD, Medical Director, South Country Health Alliance



Christine Norton



Dr. Sean Wherry, Medical Director, Population Health, Central  
Minnesota Accountable Care Organization (ACO)

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**Thank You, Melissa Pollari, for Your Service on the  
MNCM Board of Directors**



Melissa Pollari

MN Community Measurement (MNCM) sincerely thanks Melissa Pollari of Medica for her dedicated service on the Board of Directors from August 2023 to March 2025. Her leadership and commitment have been instrumental in advancing MNCM's mission. We appreciate her contributions and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

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## **Community Engagement and Events Committee Launches; Co-Chairs and Members Announced**

MNCM is excited to announce the launch of the new Community Engagement and Events Committee (CEEC), a new initiative designed to ensure that the content delivered by MNCM is impactful and programs are designed to enable meaningful engagement among the various

community partners collaborating through MNCM. This year, the committee will focus on informing the development of content for the MNCM Annual Conference, 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, and webinar offerings.

Leading this important effort as co-chairs are **Clarence Jones** of the Hue-MAN Partnership, representing the community and consumer perspective, and **Gregg Simonson** of the HealthPartners Institute, bringing expertise from the research sector. The CEEC will benefit from a diverse group of appointed members, including **Jane Lieberman** of Hennepin Healthcare, **Kristina Muelebrock** of Fairview Health, **Trisha Ruth** of M Health Fairview, **Kelly Tauber** of CentraCare, **Greg Hanley** of UCare and MNCM board chair, and **Liz Cinqueonce**, MNCM president. Applications are still being received, and interested community members can apply to join the CEEC (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MNCMCEECAPP>).

➤ [Apply to Join the CEEC \(https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MNCMCEECAPP\)](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MNCMCEECAPP)

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## New Members Appointed to the Measurement and Reporting Committee

Five new members were appointed to the Measurement and Reporting Committee during first quarter, including: Dr. **Tim Miller** of South Country Health Alliance, **Dr. Laura Pelaez** of Olmsted Medical Center, **Dr. Meetul Shah** of North Memorial, **Dr. Anne Stephen** representing consumers, **Carmen Parrotta** of NorthPoint Health & Wellness, and **Sterling Kowalski** of the Minnesota Department of Human Services. View the full roster of MARC members and other committee information (<https://mncm.org/mncm-services/#measurement-and-reporting>).

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## Invitation for Public Feedback — Optimal Asthma Control Measure Redesign

As part of the standard measure review cycle, MNMCM's Measurement and Reporting Committee (MARC) reviewed the Optimal Asthma Control measure in June 2024. After this review, MARC noted several issues related to the data collection burden and the measure's usefulness for health care providers. As a result, MARC recommended the establishment of a measure redesign workgroup. The workgroup completed their work at the end of March 2025 and are currently seeking public comment on their recommendations. Access the Proposed Measure Specifications ([https://mncmsecure.org/website/MARC/Public%20Comment/OAC%20Specifications%20Draft\\_PROPOSED.pdf](https://mncmsecure.org/website/MARC/Public%20Comment/OAC%20Specifications%20Draft_PROPOSED.pdf)) and Summary of Recommendations (<https://mncmsecure.org/website/MARC/Public%20Comment/Proposed%20Changes%20for%20Optimal%20Asthma%20Control.pdf>).



**Comments may be submitted at [publiccomment@mncm.org](mailto:publiccomment@mncm.org) (mailto:publiccomment@mncm.org) no later than Thursday, April 17.**

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## CHIRP Facilitated Data Sharing Program Update

The CHIRP Governance Committee made significant strides in first quarter to enhance data exchange between payers and providers. A key focus has been finalizing the Payer to Provider Inbound and Outbound Data Standards (<https://mncmsecure.org/website/CHIRP/00-Combined%20CHIRP%20Policies%20and%20Procedures.pdf>) and ensuring their seamless integration within the PIPE infrastructure. These efforts are essential in advancing the capabilities of CHIRP to support efficient and secure data sharing across the healthcare landscape. The MNMCM team is actively working on the final steps to implement this exchange, including completing legal agreements and finalizing the technical builds necessary for deployment. These foundational elements will enable a smooth and standardized flow of critical health data, fostering improved collaboration between payers and providers.

Additionally, two valuable new resources are now available to enhance program visibility and connectivity among participating medical groups and health plans in navigating and leveraging the benefits of the CHIRP program: the **CHIRP Contact Directory** – A comprehensive listing that allows participants to easily connect with one another; and the **CHIRP Participation Matrix** – A tool that provides clear insight into where each participating organization stands regarding CHIRP and NCQA Data Aggregator Validation involvement. For more information on how to enroll in the CHIRP program or for access to the new resources, please contact us (<https://mncm.org/contact/>).

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# Help Shape the MNCM Annual Conference — Your Input Matters!



**2025 MNCM Annual Conference**  
**Wednesday, September 24, 2025**  
**Minneapolis Marriott Northwest, Brooklyn Park, MN**

Mark your calendars! The **MNCM Annual Conference** is set for **September 24, 2025**, at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest in Brooklyn Park, MN, and we want to hear from you! This conference is designed to support community members working to improve health and health care quality, outcomes, and equity—and your input will help make it as impactful as possible. The **Community Engagement and Events Committee** will meet on **April 17** to review community feedback and begin shaping the educational content. Now is the time to share your ideas about the topics, speakers, and discussions that would be most valuable to your work and the populations you serve. There are **three key ways** to engage and get ready for the event:



**Provide Input on Content** – Share your thoughts on topics and programming that would be most meaningful to you.



**Register Today** (<https://mncm.org/conference2025/>) – Secure your spot at the premier event for health care measurement and improvement.



**Become a Sponsor or Exhibitor** (<https://mncm.org/conference2025sponsor/>) – Join us in making this event possible and demonstrate your commitment to advancing health and health care quality, equity, and value.

Your voice is essential in making the **MNCM Annual Conference** an event that drives real impact. Let's build something great — together!

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# **New Opportunity for Students and Recent Graduates: Volunteer at the MNCM Annual Conference & Attend for Free!**

Are you a student or recent graduate (within the last two years)? MNCM invites you to volunteer at our Annual Conference & 20th Anniversary Celebration and receive complimentary registration! This event offers a full day of educational programming, networking with industry leaders, and a special post-conference celebration. Volunteers will assist with registration, session and speaker support, exhibits, take photos, and provide guest assistance. It's a fantastic opportunity to gain experience, connect with professionals, and contribute to an event focused on improving health and health care quality, equity, and value. **Learn More and Sign Up Today!** (<https://mncm.org/conference-volunteer-opportunity/>)

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## **In Case You Missed It**

As we wrap up the first quarter of 2025, here's a quick recap of the latest community resources released by MN Community Measurement (MNCM). These reports and insights provide valuable data to help improve health care quality, reduce disparities, and drive informed decision-making across Minnesota.



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<https://mncm.org/new-report-unveils-trends-in-minnesota-health-care-quality-disparities-and-costs-2/>

## **Health Care in Minnesota: Summary Report on Quality, Disparities, and Cost**

*Released: February 28, 2025*

MNCM's latest **Health Care in Minnesota: Summary Report on Quality, Disparities, and Cost** (<https://mncm.org/new-report-unveils-trends-in-minnesota-health-care-quality-disparities-and-costs-2/>) offers an in-depth look at the state's health care performance in 2023. Covering preventive care, chronic conditions, mental health, and total cost of care, the report provides actionable insights for medical groups, payers, policymakers, and community organizations.

- Access the Full Report ([https://mncmsecure.org/website/Reports/CommunityReports/Summary%20Report/2023MY\\_Summary\\_Report\\_QDC.pdf](https://mncmsecure.org/website/Reports/CommunityReports/Summary%20Report/2023MY_Summary_Report_QDC.pdf))
- Explore Statewide Data (Performance Hub (<https://mncm.org/performancehub/>) | MNHealthScores (<https://mncm.org/mnhealthscores/>))

## New Report Unveils Trends in Minnesota Health Care: Quality, Disparities, and Costs

February 28, 2025

MN Community Measurement (MNCM) has released its latest report, *Health Care in Minnesota: Summary Report on Quality, Disparities, and Costs*, providing a comprehensive analysis of the state's health care performance in 2023. The report highlights trends in health care quality, disparities, and costs, offering valuable and actionable insights for community partners including medical groups, payers, policy makers, public health agencies, researchers, and community-based organizations.

This report complements MNCM's recently launched *Performance Hub*, which provides statewide analyses of health care quality and cost measures through an interactive platform. Data on cost and quality outcomes by specific medical groups and clinics is available on *MNHealthScores*, which allows consumers to compare and make informed choices when accessing care.

The new results come from data reported to MNCM in 2024, covering services received by patients in 2023. The report includes measures across preventive health, chronic conditions, mental health for adults and children/adolescents, total cost of care, and utilization.

Report highlights include:

### Health Care Quality

- Colorectal cancer screening rates for the newly eligible 45–49 age group have improved. While the 2023 rate for all age groups has significantly increased compared to 2022, it remains significantly lower than 2021.
- Childhood immunization continues to show a decrease in statewide rate from year to year. This measure has not shown improvement in rates following the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Significant gaps remain in asthma control and depression care, with thousands of patients needing improved care to meet statewide

(<https://mncm.org/empowered-by-data-boosting-colorectal-cancer-screening-in-minnesota/>)

### Recent Posts

[Community at the Helm: Charting MNCM's Future Together](#)

[Empowered by Data: Boosting Colorectal Cancer Screening in Minnesota](#)

[Join the MNCM Community Engagement and Events Committee](#)

[Celebrating 20 Years of Advancing Healthcare Measurement & Innovation!](#)

[New Report Unveils Trends in Minnesota Health Care: Quality, Disparities, and Costs](#)

### Recent Comments

[Lifelabs on Collaboration Blog | March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month](#)

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## Empowered by Data — Boosting Colorectal Cancer Screening in Minnesota

*Released: March 21, 2025*

With colorectal cancer screening rates rising to 70.4% statewide in 2023, a new **blog post** (<https://mncm.org/empowered-by-data-boosting-colorectal-cancer-screening-in-minnesota/>) by Clinical Measurement Analyst Jess Donovan, MPH, explores the role of data in improving screening efforts. Learn how collaboration and targeted outreach can help sustain this momentum.

**New Infographic | Colorectal Cancer Screening in Minnesota** (<https://mncm.org/empowered-by-data-boosting-colorectal-cancer-screening-in-minnesota/>)

Stay tuned for more updates as we continue working toward a healthier Minnesota!

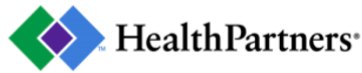
## Ways to Support MNCM

The work MNCM does in the community is possible because of support from community partners like you. Please use the following links to learn more about the ways to engage and support MNCM. Together we can continue innovating and delivering meaning data that empowers health care decision makers and supports their efforts to advance improvements in health, and health care quality, equity, and value.

Health Plan Membership (<https://safe.mncm.org/np/clients/mncm/survey.jsp?surveyId=4&>) | Medical Group Membership (<https://mncm.org/supporting-membership/>) | Mission Supporter Program (<https://mncm.org/mission-supporter-program/>) | Individual Donors (<https://mncm.org/get-involved/#donate>)

*We extend our sincere thanks to our current community partners:*

## Health Plan Members



## Supporting Members and Mission Supporters



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## MN Community Measurement

MNCM is proud to partner with organizations and individuals to advance health care quality and affordability. We do this by empowering decision makers with meaningful data. We welcome your engagement.

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📞 Phone: 612-455-2911 (tel:612-455-2911)

✉ Email: support@mncm.org (<https://mncm.org/contact/#support-form>)

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(<https://www.civitasforhealth.org>)

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