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of **COMMUNITY HEALTH**

## **2022 BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES**

### **Keynote Speakers**

**Lathran Woodard**, CEO, *South Carolina Primary Health Care Association (SCPHCA)*

#### *Our Roots in Community Health*

Lathran Johnson Woodard is the Chief Executive Officer of the South Carolina Primary Health Care Association, and she has been with the organization more than 34 years. Ms. Woodard is a member of several state and national organizations. She most recently held the position of Chair for the National Association of Community Health Centers and currently serves as the Immediate Past Chair.

Ms. Woodard works to ensure that federally funded community health centers, that provide vital services to medically underserved communities, in the state, are strengthened and have the capacity for growth. Her experience includes community and program development, staff enhancement training, and budget management. Her primary interests are in the areas of the development of integrated local systems of health care and youth self-enhancement. She is a much sought-after trainer in the area(s) of non-profit board development; the health center movement; addressing [implicit] biases in health care; and improving the patient experience.

Ms. Woodard was a 2000 Fellow of the U.S. Public Health Services Primary Care Policy Fellowship; inducted into NACHC's Advocacy Hall of Fame; and included in the official House of Representatives Congressional Records by Majority Whip James E. Clyburn. In 2020, she testified before both the SC Senate Finance and the US Congressional Select Committees regarding COVID-19 testing in rural areas and communities of color and is the recipient of several awards dedicated to her outstanding achievements in the support of vulnerable populations.

**Rachel Honzales-Hanson**, Sr. Vice President for Western Operations, *National Association of Community Health centers (NACHC)*

#### *Our Roots in Community Health*

A life-long resident of Uvalde, Texas, Rachel joined the staff of the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) in January 2020 as the Senior Vice-President for Western Operations and is currently serving as Interim President and CEO. Prior to joining NACHC, she served as CEO of Community Health Development, Inc. (CHDI). Rachel's involvement with CHDI began while serving as one of its founding board members in 1983. In 1984, she accepted the position of Executive Secretary and in 1986, was appointed CEO.

In addition to overseeing CHDI's operations and significant growth, Rachel focused on improving access to affordable, quality health care for people from all walks of life, including those from rural areas, agricultural workers and veterans. Over her 37 years with Health Centers, she served as a board member for the Texas Association of Community Health Centers including being elected to officer positions of Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President, and President. She was also an engaged member of NACHC, having served as chair of various committees, and, in 1996, was elected as Chair of the Board of Directors, with the distinct honor of being the first Hispanic female to serve in that position.

Rachel has been appointed to national advisory committees, including by the Secretary of Health & Human Services in 1999 and the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs in 2008. In 2011, she was named the Geiger Gibson Distinguished Visitor in Community Health Policy at the George Washington University School of Public Health.

Rachel remains committed to the advancement of the "Community Health Center" primary care delivery model. This model espouses the philosophy that every patient is treated respectfully, with a holistic approach, and where the patient is a partner with the health care team in determining their treatment plan.

**D.J. Eagle Bear Vanas, MS, Speaker, Author, and Owner of Native Discovery, Inc.**  
*Calling all Warriors*

D.J. Eagle Bear Vanas is a thought leader, celebrated speaker and best-selling author whose expertise is showing people and organizations how to apply the warrior spirit at work. He is the author of the best-selling book *The Tiny Warrior* which is printed in six countries and the novel *Spirit on the Run*. D.J.'s newest book, *The Warrior Within* is being published by Penguin Random House and will be available summer 2022.

D.J. is an enrolled member of the Ottawa Tribe and a former U.S. Air Force officer. He inspires organizations to strengthen their tribe and practically apply warrior spirit principles to serve at their best, stay resilient and lead with courage. For two decades, he's delivered his dynamic programs in 49 states and overseas to clients such as Walt Disney, NASA, Intel Corporation, the U.S. Army, Subaru, Costco and hundreds of tribal governments and organizations. He's also been invited to speak at The White House - twice.

He holds a B.S. from the U.S. Air Force Academy and an M.S. from University of Southern California and has served on the Board of Directors on the National Board of Certified Counselors. D.J. is the President and owner of Native Discovery Inc. D.J. is featured on the PBS documentary *The Warrior Tradition*, exploring the warrior spirit traditions across Indian Country, which aired nationwide on Veterans Day. He was also the host of his own PBS special *Discovering Your Warrior Spirit* which aired nationally in 2021.

## Break Out Session Speakers

**Opeyemi (Opy) Adesida**, *Community-University Health Care Center (CUHCC)*

*Reframing Refugee Health Care: How Crisis Can Teach us to Center Health Equity*

Opeyemi (Opy) Adesida is the Mobile Health Program Director at Community University Health Care center (CUHCC) and University of Minnesota's Mobile Health Initiative (MHI). She is a trained public health physician who earned her Bachelors in Medicine from the Lagos State University college of medicine, Nigeria and a Master's in Public health from the University of Minnesota school of public health.

As the Mobile Health director, she has worked with her diverse teams both in the clinic and in the community to promote access to care by hosting several community-based preventive and wellness screenings, COVID vaccination, education and community outreach.

Prior to joining CUHCC, she has served in various operational, and project management leadership roles within the Health and food safety industries for various cities and county public health departments

**Chandra Bouma**, BA, *University of Minnesota Medical School*

*Confidential Teen Visits: A Teen Centered Approach to System Improvements at an FQHC*

Chandra Bouma is a fourth-year medical student at the University of Minnesota Medical School. She completed her undergraduate education at Gustavus Adolphus College, graduating in 2018 with a BA in Biology. Chandra is interested in working with underserved populations and spent a 9 month longitudinal rotation at NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center in her 3rd year of medical school as part of the MetroPAP program to gain more experience with her population of interest. She plans to pursue a career in psychiatry.

**Michael A. Brooks**, DDS, *NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center*

*It Shouldn't Be Like Pulling Teeth: The Importance of Medical-Dental Integration with a Case Study in Promoting the HPV Vaccine in the Oral Health Setting*

Dr. Michael A. Brooks, Jr. began his career at NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center in 2013 shortly after receiving his Doctorate of Dental Surgery Degree from the University of Minnesota, School of Dentistry. Dr. Brooks earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biology at Concordia University, St. Paul in 2008. Following dental school matriculation, Dr. Brooks served on the Dental Professional Management Advisory Council for Delta Dental of Minnesota.

In his current role as Dental Clinic Director, his responsibilities include the department's regulatory compliance, patient safety and satisfaction, financial accountability and implementing best practices in an oral healthcare, while maintaining the cohesiveness of the dental department team.

Dr. Brooks has received multiple awards for his unwavering commitment to community engagement and leadership-- most recently, the Alumni Distinguished Service Award from Concordia University, St. Paul.

When Dr. Brooks is not involved in professional or community activities, he enjoys spending quality time with his wife Jessica and two young daughters, Moriah and Malia.

**Jacob Croonenberghs, BA, Indian Health Board (IHB)**

***Measuring Cultural Identity as a factor in Native American Social Needs***

Jacob Croonenberghs is a Care Coordinator who has worked within rural and urban Native American communities since 2011. He has implemented grants in educational, community center, and healthcare settings. He provides resources for Social Determinants of Health (SDH) needs, health and wellness coaching, and provides referrals to local resources appropriate to the patient's needs.

**Joe Dunn, National Association of Community Health centers (NACHC)**

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A two-time graduate of the George Washington University, Joe has spent the last twenty years in Washington, DC, on Capitol Hill and in various government relations roles. Joe joined NACHC in January 2021 as Senior Vice President for Public Policy and Research from Cigna. Before this, he was in senior positions with three offices on Capitol Hill, with the majority of that time with Senator Chris Murphy from Connecticut.

**Roli Dwivedi, MD, Community-University Health Care Center**

***Reframing Refugee Health care: How Crisis Can Teach us to Center Health Equity***

Dr. Dwivedi is a University of Minnesota associate professor in the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, chief clinical officer and Interim CEO at Community University Health Care Center, and vice chair for community engagement and advocacy. She received her medical training at Vaishampayan Memorial medical school in India and completed residency in family medicine at the University of Minnesota. She was also honored to serve as chief resident in family medicine at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Dwivedi is involved with several leadership and quality committees all across Minnesota and serves as speaker within the executive committee of Minnesota AFP.

**Renee Edelhauser, Neighborhood HealthSource**

***Reigniting Cancer Screenings Among Safety-Net Populations in Minnesota to Advance Health Equity***

I am Renee Edelhauser, Quality Manager at Neighborhood HealthSource. I graduated with a Master's in Public Health Administration and Policy from the University of Minnesota. I have a

Bachelor of Arts in Communications from the University of Toledo. My background is in cancer clinical trials for both adults and pediatrics.

**Paul Erickson, MD, NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center**

***Confidential Teen Visits: A Teen Centered Approach to System Improvements at an FQHC***

Paul Erickson is a family physician with NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center and Hennepin Health Care. He is board-certified in family medicine, adolescent medicine, hospice and palliative care medicine, and holds a Masters in Public Health in Maternal and Child Health. He served on the American Academy of Pediatrics Sub-Board on Adolescent Medicine for six years. He has worked at Minneapolis North High's School Based Clinic since 1997 and the Northside Teen Clinic in North Minneapolis. Dr. Erickson received his BA degree from Macalester College in St Paul, Minnesota and his MD and MPH degrees from the University of Minnesota. He also completed a fellowship in Adolescent Medicine at the University of Minnesota and a Mini-MBA in Health Care Management from the University of St. Thomas. He lives in Minneapolis with his wife, Ruth. They have four daughters.

**Albert Garcia, Hennepin Health**

***Slowing the Revolving Door Through Resumes, Rides, and Rigatoni: How a Peer Recovery Specialist Decreased Hospitalizations Among People with Substance Use Disorder***

My education is my own lived experience of being homeless, in recovery from addiction/alcoholism and living with mental health (Auditory, visual, sensory Hallucinations). US Department of Justice CIT certified Trainer. Act Youth/Adult homeless team and a FACT Team. Century College - Human services/Chemical Dependency courses. Founder of the Hearing Voices Network MN.

**Mary Hopkins, MPH, Minnesota Department of Health**

***Addressing the Health Impacts of Intimate Partner Violence and Human Trafficking***

Mary Hopkins is the Sexual Violence Prevention Program Director at the Minnesota Department of Health. Mary has over a decade of experience in sexual violence prevention as an advocate, educator, and a systems change advocate. Mary has a Master of Public Health in Community Health Promotion from the University of Minnesota and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies from the University of Kansas.

**Jonathan Kirsch, MD, University of Minnesota Department of Internal Medicine**

***Reframing Refugee Health Care: How Crisis Can Teach us to Center Health Equity***

Dr. Jonathan Kirsch is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Minnesota. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Medical School and completed his residency training at Hennepin County Medical Center in Internal Medicine. His clinical interest is the inpatient care of adults, along with a focus on medical education, program development for underserved populations and global health research. He has worked in Hospital Medicine in Ithaca, NY and at the University of North Carolina where he

was Associate Director of the Hospital Medicine Program. He has also worked in Farmworker Health in New York and North Carolina. He served as a Fulbright Scholar from 2017-2018 in Cali, Colombia. He is a Core Faculty of the Global Health Pathway here at the University of Minnesota and directs the Inter-professional Migrant Health Rotation.

**Amy Koch, Former MN Senate Majority Leader and Political Strategist**  
***2022 Elections Forecast and 2023 Legislative Preview***

Amy Koch is a political strategist at Hylden Advocacy and Law, and a regular commentator on Minnesota local media. She is frequently quoted on WCCO, MPR, the Star Tribune, nationally on the Washington Post and NY Times, internationally appears on Global TV, BBC and TRT World News. She is a regular guest on TPT's Almanac and a cohost for Wrong About Everything podcast, a bipartisan, irreverent look at National and MN Politics.

She is adjunct faculty at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Political Science, teaching a course in Crisis Communications. She's a former Russian linguist for the US Air Force and the National Security Agency, where she was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal for her contributions to the intelligence community. Amy is the mother of Rachel.

Amy was elected to the Minnesota State Senate in 2005 and served until 2013. She became the first woman ever elected in Minnesota as Senate Majority Leader in 2011.

**Brian McDaniel, Stand Up Comic, Political Pundit, Lawyer, Hylden Advocacy and Law**  
***2022 Elections Forecast and 2023 Legislative Preview***

Brian McDaniel is an stand up comedian, political pundit, attorney, and Minnesota governmental relations professional with over 20 years experience working both inside and outside of the Minnesota State Capitol.

Brian has served as the Director of Government Relations for the Minnesota Department of Employment & Economic Development, Legislative Director to the Speaker of the MN House, Director of Fiscal Policy for the Minnesota Business Partnership and Committee Administrator for the MN House Committee on Commerce, Jobs & Economic Development.

Additionally, McDaniel spent 5 years as an appointed member of the Metropolitan Council, was elected by his peers to serve on the Board of the Minnesota Governmental Relations Council, teaches American Government at Concordia University-Saint Paul, and makes frequent television & radio appearances as a political analyst.

Brian holds a J.D. from William Mitchell College of Law as well as a B.A. in Political Science from Minnesota State University.

**Javier Morillo, Labor Activist, Progressive Leader, Crisis Communications Professional**

## ***2022 Elections Forecast and 2023 Legislative Preview***

Javier Morillo is a labor leader, advocate, podcaster, political commentator and stage storyteller based in Minnesota. He advises and consults in labor and philanthropy and is a research fellow with the Center for Innovation in Worker Organization at Rutgers University. He served for fourteen years as president of SEIU Local 26, a property services union that doubled its size to 8,000 members under his leadership. He has been a central figure in forging innovative community-labor partnerships in Minnesota and has translated that experience to his consulting work with national and state-based organizations and campaigns. His work as a storyteller has been featured on National Public Radio's "The Moth Radio Hour," and his recent work on police unions, written in the aftermath of the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, has been influential nationally and noted in *The New Yorker* and National Public Radio's Planet Money. He is the creator and co-host of the bipartisan podcast, *Wrong About Everything*, which covers Minnesota and national politics

**Jennifer A, Oliphant**, EdD, *Healthy Youth Development-Prevention Research Center, University of Minnesota*

### ***It Shouldn't Be Like Pulling Teeth: The Importance of Medical-Dental Integration with a Case Study in Promoting the HPV Vaccine in the Oral Health Setting***

Dr. Oliphant holds a Master of Public Health in community health education from the University of Minnesota and a doctorate degree from the University of Saint Thomas in educational leadership. She speaks locally and nationally about youth development, peer education, pregnancy prevention and oral health. Her background includes experiences as a health educator and adjunct instructor in health for community health educators, health teachers, and epidemiologists in training. Dr. Oliphant is a research associate for the Healthy Youth Development-Prevention Research Center at the University of Minnesota in the School of Medicine, Division of Adolescent Health and Medicine.

**Alyssa Palmer**, *Southside Community Health Services*

### ***Meet Them Where They Are At***

Alyssa joined Southside as their first Director of Quality in 2017. Alyssa facilitates the Quality Assurance board committee and leads various other clinical quality committees and initiatives. She has led Southside through great change and has driven the organization to the top 10% in clinical quality of federally qualified community health centers nationwide through a continuous improvement philosophy for the last 3 consecutive years.

Alyssa joined Southside from private practice and says that when she interviewed five years ago, she was desperate for a change that allowed her to contribute to the community in a more meaningful way. She says that she loves that Southside allows her to learn and grow through fostering a culture of psychological safety, teamwork, and positive relationships. She is challenged and learns daily from this, personally and professionally. She thinks about her own healthcare experiences and those of her loved ones that have required an

astronomical amount of self-advocacy for mediocre results; and works to develop a high-quality care model that supports individuals on their healthcare journey with inclusion and empathy.

She strongly feels that compassion, connection and purpose for patients and staff are the foundations to delivering exceptional care. She says that her favorite part of her job is being part of leading an organization whose mission is to support people in living happy, productive lives by providing the high-quality care we all deserve regardless of our backgrounds.

**Rahshana Price-Isuk, MD, NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center**

***Reigniting Cancer Screenings Among Safety-Net Populations in Minnesota to Advance Health Equity***

Dr. Rahshana Price-Isuk-Board Certified Family Physician, a native of MPLS, MN who completed her Medical School Training at University of Maryland and Residency at the U of MN Family Medicine Broadway Clinic and North Memorial Hospital. She has worked her entire training and career working in inner city community health centers. Her passion is to serve people of all races, cultures, and ethnicities and educate and empower them to own their health and well-being.

**Erianna Reyelts, BA, Children's Dental Services**

***Improving Dental Access to Underserved and Rural Minnesotans via a "Comprehensive Hub" Model***

With a decade of experience implementing public health dental programs for diverse communities across Minnesota, Ms. Reyelts has provided leadership on over 50 grant projects targeting services for rural Minnesotans. Hailing from Duluth, Ms. Reyelts is instrumental in partner relationship crucial to the development of CDS' Duluth Dental Hub.

**Heather Rhodes, Hennepin Healthcare**

***Slowing the Revolving Door Through Resumes, Rides, and Rigatoni: How a Peer Recovery Specialist Decreased Hospitalizations Among People with Substance Use Disorder***

Heather Rhodes graduated from the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy and completed her PGY1 in Pharmacy Practice and PGY2 in Critical Care at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. Her background is in clinical pharmacy and outcomes research and she has board certifications in Pharmacotherapy, Critical Care and Added Qualifications in Infectious Diseases.

Heather is currently a Performance Improvement Consultant within the Hennepin Healthcare Clinical Quality Improvement group where her work focuses on transitions of care and readmission prevention.

**Meggie Royer, Violence Free Minnesota**

***Addressing the Health Impacts of Intimate Partner Violence and Human Trafficking***

Meggie Royer is the Youth and Prevention Program Manager at Violence Free Minnesota, where she focuses on improving the public health response to domestic violence and overseeing the statewide Youth Advisory Board on youth relationship violence. Her previous work includes providing education and outreach services in the community through a domestic violence shelter program and providing domestic violence services as a hospital-based advocate. She is currently a Master of Social Work student at the University of Michigan.

**Pilar Sanchez, RN, Southside Community Health Services**

***Meet Them Where They Are At***

Pilar joined Southside as an RN in 2016. In her time in community health, she has taken on additional roles such as nurse lead and vaccine manager. In her current role, Pilar has been serving as Southside's first Chronic Condition Care Manager on the Quality team since 2021. As an educator at heart, Pilar facilitates the Chronic Condition Care Program with a focus on diabetes and hypertension through fostering relationships with patients, colleagues, and community partners built on trust and collaboration. Pilar teaches diabetes and nutrition classes and acts as a liaison between Southside and the many organizations that support the community, particularly in chronic condition care management. Pilar loves a holistic approach to care and enjoys helping patients navigate the system to reduce fear. She appreciates that patients can get help with insurance, affordable medication, and culturally and linguistically competent care at Southside. She is grateful for the opportunity to witness patients' "a-ha" moments as they embark on their journey of managing a chronic condition and feels great pride in being able to arm people with the tools and resources they need to achieve a better quality of life based on a foundation of good health.

**Wendy St. Peter, PharmD, University of Minnesota**

***Addressing Medication-Related Disparities in Persons with Kidney Disease: New Non-Race Based Equations to Assess Kidney Function and Promote Health Equity***

Dr. Wendy St. Peter is a Professor in the College of Pharmacy, University of Minnesota. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center, where she also completed a fellowship in adult medicine. She was a clinical pharmacy practitioner at Hennepin County Medical Center serving patients on dialysis or with chronic kidney disease (CKD). Her career has been focused on improving medication management and drug safety in these patients. She conducts health outcomes research and an investigator with the United States Renal Data System. She has served on several national technical expert panels for medication-related safety and quality measurement and served on the Board of Directors of the Kidney Health Initiative. She was a member of the American Society of Nephrology-National Kidney Foundation Joint Taskforce on eGFR and Race and is currently leading a national initiative to Advance Kidney Health through Optimal Medication Management.

**Marie Minhhein Tran, Minnesota Department of Health**

***Reigniting Cancer Screenings Among Safety-net Populations in Minnesota to Advance Health Equity***

Marie is the Systems Change Coordinator at the MN Department of Health, Cancer Control and Sage Programs. Marie works with community health centers and other partners to improve systems processes that will lead to increase in cancer screening rates for breast, cervical and colorectal cancers in all populations. She strongly believes when aligning resources with all partners we can do the works of advancing health equity. It is an honor to introduce and highlight the partner clinics and their works. Marie will serve as co-moderator along side with Megan from the American Cancer Society for this session.

**Erin Westfall, DO, Mayo Health System**

***It Shouldn't Be Like Pulling Teeth: The Importance of Medical-Dental Integration with a Case Study in Promoting the HPV Vaccine in the Oral Health Setting***

Dr. Erin Westfall graduated from the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed her residency with the University of Minnesota Family Medicine and Community Health Program in Mankato. She is currently the Associate Program Director and the Director of Osteopathic Education for the Mayo Clinic Family Medicine Residency program in Mankato. She is passionate about community engagement and health equity and leads the community health curriculum for the residency program. She has spearheaded several community partnership efforts. Within her own clinic at MCHS Mankato-Eastridge, she is developing a medical-dental integration clinic to address oral health disparities through partnership with the Minnesota State University College of Allied Health and Nursing Dental Hygiene. The integrated clinic provides primarily preventive dental services while leveraging the power of interprofessional education; working within care teams that include medical students and residents, pharmacy students, and dental hygiene students.

**Rochelle Westlund, JD, Minnesota Association of Community Health Centers (MNACHC)**  
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Rochelle holds a BA in Economics and Environmental Studies from Hamline University and a JD from William Mitchell College of Law. Rochelle's previous experience includes advocating for Hennepin County and the Association of Minnesota Counties for local public health funding, on issues relating to the social determinants of health, and access to health care. Rochelle has extensive policy experience having worked nearly a decade on health and human services issues at the state legislature. She has a unique combination of working not only with public policy but also working directly with low-income communities in community non-profits. As MNACHC's Director of Public Policy, Rochelle creates and maintains relationships at both state and federal levels to advocate for health equity and greater opportunities for our membership.

**Megan Whittet, MPH, American Cancer Society**

***Reigniting Cancer Screenings Among Safety-net Populations in Minnesota to Advance Health Equity***

Megan will serve as a co-moderator for the session. Megan is the Cancer Support Strategic Partnerships Manager in the North Region for the American Cancer Society and has several years of dissemination, presentation, and facilitation experience. Megan is currently facilitating the MN Colorectal Cancer ECHO project for the American Cancer Society and would be honored to moderate this session along with Marie Tran from the Minnesota Department of Health.

**Nancy Franke Wilson, MS, Minnesota oral health Coalition**  
***It Shouldn't Be Like Pulling Teeth: The Importance of Medical-Dental Integration with a Case Study in Promoting the HPV Vaccine in the Oral Health Setting***

Nancy currently serves as the Executive Director of the Minnesota Oral Health Coalition or MOHC. The MOHC is a statewide, non-profit organization aimed at supporting the Minnesota State Oral Health Plan and increasing awareness, education, and access for superior oral health.

She has been an independent consultant in the areas of public policy, communications and organizational development with government and non-profit organizations for over twenty years. While Nancy's favorite work is in the areas of public health and public safety, her professional reach has included everything from statewide expansions of an early childhood library to human rights commission strategic planning.

Nancy holds a Master of Science in Health Science & Public Administration, and a certificate in Social Marketing from the City University of New York's Graduate School of Public Health. She has served on numerous boards including the Minnesota Board of Rural Health, Mothers' Against Drunk Driving and has served on the Planning Commission for the City of Plymouth. She is a prolific public speaker and trainer, having been a trainer/facilitator for the US Department of Transportation's Traffic Safety Institute for several years.

The MOHC membership is open to all individuals who hold a vision of optimal oral health for all Minnesotans.

**Sarah Wovcha, JD, MPH, Children's Dental Services**  
***Improving Dental Access to Underserved and Rural Minnesotans via a "Comprehensive Hub" Model***

Sarah Wovcha is the Executive Director of Children's Dental Services in Minneapolis, Minnesota's largest provider of school and Head Start-based dental care serving over 37,000 children annually. She holds a law degree from the University of Minnesota and a master's degree from the Harvard School of Public Health. Under Ms. Wovcha's tenure Children's Dental Services has expanded services across Greater Minnesota and is currently renovating a new clinic in Duluth to serve as a comprehensive oral health hub for patients in Northern MN.