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EH: Lead	Minneapolis Health Dept. Lead Testing Task Force	To increase the number of children screened for blood lead poisoning and mitigate environmental risks for lead poisoning.	Pat Schaffner (UCare); Sandy Lien (Medica)
EH: Lead	MN Collaborative Lead Education & Assessment Network (M-CLEAN) [MDH Contact: Dan Symonik]	To provide an opportunity for diverse agencies involved in addressing lead poisoning in MN to share information, form collaborations and learn about current lead issues.	Sandy Lien, Dean Mason (Medica); Laura Green (UCare)
HC: Alcohol	DHS Alcohol & Drug Abuse Division (ADAD) Advisory Committee	Reconvening of an Advisory Committee - connected with the original Model of Care Report development and subsequent Legislative recommendations leading to the commissioning of the Continuum of Care Pilots	Ariel Cohen (BCBS); Nancy Houlton (UCare)
HC: Alcohol; Prescription Drugs	DHS SSAS (State Substance Abuse Strategy) 1. Prevention Messaging Work Group 2. Physician Education Work Group	1. Develop a process that enables prevention messages to be shared and used by state funded prevention programs and other prevention groups. 2. First develop a protocol; and then develop education.	1. Karen Lloyd 2. Dr. Terry Crowson (HP)
HC: Breastfeeding	Metro Breast Feeding Coalition	To promote breastfeeding.	Pat Schaffner (UCare); Dawn Witcher (Medica); Nancy Hoyt Taff (HP)
HC: Chronic Disease	"We Can Prevent Diabetes" (advisory council for the MN Medicaid Incentives for Prevention of Chronic Disease grant)[Part of the "Million Hearts Initiative"]	Work with DHS & MDH on a study testing the effects of incentives on participation and success in diabetes prevention activities for people enrolled in MA. Prevention Incentives: To test and evaluate the effectiveness of a program to provide financial and non-financial incentives to Medicaid beneficiaries of all ages who participate in prevention programs and demonstrate changes in health risk and outcomes, including the adoption of healthy behaviors: tobacco cessation, controlling or reducing weight, lowering cholesterol, lowering blood pressure, and avoiding the onset of diabetes or improving the management of the condition. MN will test giving vs. not giving incentives. They are working with 30 YMCA clinics to assess their diabetes program (case and control groups). ["Million Hearts Initiative" aims to prevent 1 million heart attacks and strokes	Dr. Mike Lynch (UCare); Dr. Michael Crandall (Sanford)

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HC: Chronic Disease	MDH & American Heart Assn. - Statewide Acute Stroke System Development Committee	A statewide council to plan the framework for a statewide acute stroke system. Goal: To develop a system for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Adopting standard protocols for emergency medical services to assess and triage stroke patients.</li> <li>· Identifying hospitals that can treat stroke patients and meet criteria to participate in the system.</li> <li>· Encouraging hospitals to collect and submit data to evaluate system success.</li> <li>· Encouraging hospitals to engage in performance improvement activities.</li> <li>· Coordinating, cooperating, and collaborating to equip, train, and support EMS and hospitals in their efforts to build capacity, knowledge, and the capability to provide the best care possible to stroke patients.</li> </ul>	Heather Clark (P1)
HC: Chronic Disease	MN Cancer Alliance 1. MN Colon Cancer Initiative Advisory Council 2. Health Disparities Task Force 3. MN Cancer Resources Advisory Council 4. Steering Committee 5. MN Colon Cancer Collaborative Roundtable Planning Committee	[www.cancerplanmn.org] A coalition of health organizations, community groups and volunteers that evolved from collaborative efforts to create Cancer Plan MN. The Alliance was formed to support and implement the Plan. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To approve a charter for the group and develop charges for functional work groups around payment, provider recommendations, public marketing and office policies/EHRs.</li> <li>2. Dedicated to reducing the cancer burden in MN.</li> <li>3. Helps guide content for MN Cancer Resources (www.MNCancerResources.org) and examine potential enhancements to the site.</li> </ol>	Warren Larson (Sanford Health); Pat Stieg (BCBS) 1. Jeff Snegosky (UCare) 2. Pat Talbert (MHP) 3. Ann Reiter (Medica); Jody Jackson (HP Research Found) 4. Ken Bence (Medica) 5. Dr. Hoard Epstein (P1); Dr. Brian Rank (HP)
HC: Chronic Disease	MN Diabetes Collaborative [Stratis Health Contact: Mary Beth Dahl]	A partnership of 15 of the state's leading health organizations, is dedicated to providing current, consistent, evidence-based diabetes messages; promoting best diabetes practices; coordinating initiatives; sharing knowledge and expertise; and stretching limited resources to achieve our common goals.	Michelle Dvorak (MHP); Lorraine Cummings (UCare); Barb Post (MHP)
HC: Chronic Disease	MN Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention Steering Committee	To guide, promote and participate in the MN Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention strategic planning process, and champion the MN Heart Disease and Stroke 2004-2010 Prevention Plan implementation.	Janny Brust, vice chair (MCHP); Heather Clark (MCHP sub); Victoria Kasdan, Pat Stieg (BCBS); Dr. Thomas Kottke (HP); Ken Bence (Medica); Dr. Craig Christianson, Carol Berg (UCare)
HC: Eating Habits	Minneapolis Healthy Menus Coalition (convened by the West Metro Medical Society)	Advocate for menu labeling and trans-fats ban in Minneapolis	Alison Rotel, Janelle Waldock (BCBS)

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HC: Healthy Start for Children-Adolescents	DHS Low Birth Weight Initiative	To reach consensus on a general model of prenatal care coordination, define essential roles and responsibilities within this model, and select meaningful ways of measuring key processes. The intent will be to mostly focus on information access and communication, and not content of care.	Janny Brust (MCHP); Jeri Peters, Cindy Kallstrom (UCare); Ken Bence (Medica); Patty Graham, Nancy Hoyt Taff (HP); Ashlyn Christianson (BCBS)
HC: Healthy Start for Children-Adolescents	March of Dimes 1. Board of Directors 2. Public Affairs Committee	To improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality.	1. Glenn Andis (Medica); Donna Zimmerman (HP) 2. Cindy Osborn (BCBS)
HC: Healthy Start for Children-Adolescents	Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Advisory Task Force-Family Home Visiting Committee	Provide direction and guidance to the MDH on issues related to the Family Home Visiting Program's expansion and integration of evidence-based home visiting programs in Minnesota's health and early childhood systems.	Carol Berg (UCare)
HC: Healthy Start for Children-Adolescents	MDH Maternal & Child Health Advisory Task Force	To present preconception and interconception care as a continuum approach to health across the lifespan.	Ken Bence (Medica), professional representative; Nancy Holt Taff (HP)
HC: Healthy Start for Children-Adolescents	MDH PRAMS (Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System)	Initiative to reduce infant mortality and low birth weight. A survey of mothers who have recently had a baby, including questions about attitudes and feelings related to pregnancy, prenatal care, and experiences before, during and after pregnancy.	Patty Graham (HP); Ken Bence (Medica); Pat Schaffner (UCare)
HC: Healthy Start for Children-Adolescents	MN Coalition for Targeted Home Visiting (HV)	Cross-sector collaboration whose mission is to secure stable funding statewide for targeted, intensive home visiting. Aim: preserve current state funding, make case for expanded state funding, enhance availability of health plan coverage for HV, position MN for increased federal funding for HV.	Carol Berg (UCare) - health plan representative to attend as agenda indicates
HC: Healthy Start for Children-Adolescents	MN Task Force on Prematurity	Two main goals are: 1) Increase awareness of the unique health and development issues premature infants face through: a) Advocating for access to quality health care; b) Identification, consolidation and dissemination of resources for parents and families; and c) Identifying and providing resources to support the professionals working with premature infants and their families. 2) Identify and support programs and policies that have the potential to reduce the preterm birth rate.	Patty Graham (HP)

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HC: Healthy Start for Children-Adolescents	Twin Cities Healthy Start Collaborative: 1. Executive Committee 2. Maternity Care Management Comm.	To reduce the disparities in infant morbidity and mortality among the Minneapolis and St. Paul African American and American Indian communities.	1. Ken Bence (Medica); Patty Graham (HP) 2. Linda Peterson (Medica); Carol Berg (UCare); Cindy Osborn (BCBS)
HC: Mental Health/Wellbeing	Anoka County Mental Health/Chemical Health Directors' Network.	Meets monthly to discuss issues related to MH/SA service delivery and to find ways to collaborate. Mission: Creating a Network by Improving Integration and Coordination of Services. Priorities include crisis services, treatment, housing, case management, early intervention and prevention, medication management, and transportation. Representation is from DHS, Anoka County and health plans.	Darrin Helt (BCBS); Chuck Heinecke (MBH/Medica); Nancy Houlton (UCare); _____ (HP)
HC: Mental Health/Wellbeing	Carlton County Drug Task Force	Three meeting collaborative including county, tribes, hospital, law enforcement and University	Nancy Houlton (UCare)
HC: Mental Health/Wellbeing	Chisago County Children's Mental Health Collaborative	Quarterly county, provider, school and health plan meeting to collaborate on community mental health concerns.	Nancy Houlton (UCare); ____ (HP)
HC: Mental Health/Wellbeing	National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) - StigmaBusters	A network of dedicated advocates across the country and around the world who seek to fight inaccurate and hurtful representations of mental illness.	Donna Zimmerman (HP)
HC: Oral Health	DHS Dental Services Advisory Committee (DSAC)	Provides clinical guidance to enhance the department's ability to design dental care benefit and coverage policies for MN Health Care Programs.	Ken Bence (Medica)
HC: Physical Activity	MN Complete Streets Coalition	Ad Hoc group to support passage and implementation of statewide complete streets policy. High priority populations: seniors, children, disability community, and veterans (disability rights/benefits).	Vayong Moua (BCBS)
HC: Physical Activity; Eating Habits	MDH Healthy Kids, Healthy MN Steering Committee (Nat'l. Governor's Assn.) [ <i>"Action for Healthy Kids"</i> ]	To improve the nutrition and fitness of our nation's children. Funding to improve community-based chronic disease prevention efforts in the communities of Minneapolis, St. Paul, Rochester and Willmar. Projects are focused on decreasing physical inactivity, poor nutrition, and tobacco use.	
HC: Physical Activity; Eating Habits	Minnesotans for Healthy Kid Coalition	Convened by the American Heart Assn. to work on childhood obesity policy issues, most recently focused on advocating for the PE requirements.	Janelle Waldock, Lin Nelson (BCBS); Robert Freeman (HP)

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HC: Physical Activity; Eating Habits	MN Partnership on Pediatric Obesity Care and Coverage 1. Coverage & Community Services Work Group 2. Communications Work Group	Gain better understanding of: clinics' childhood obesity service packages, what the health plans and other partners need to support these packages, and next steps. 1. Identify/review models & best practices that address childhood obesity; Identify/review models & best practices for community programs; Identify how to best utilize referral data bases for active referral to community resources; Assess current coverage for best practice standards of care and make recommendations regarding any gaps identified. 2. Identify & prioritize barriers for physicians discussing obesity issues with families; Identify/develop messages for physicians that address those barriers; Develop a communication plan for disseminating messages, tools and resources.	Carol Berg, Dr. Michael Lynch, Dr. Russel Kuzel (UCare); Janny Brust, Julie Brunner (MCHP); Caitlin Borgert-Spaniol, Dr. David Griffin, DeDee Varner, Thia Bryan (HP); Dr. David Pautz, Ashlyn Christianson, Dr. Pete Dehnel (BCBS); Heather Clark(P1); Kari Bailey, Ken Bence, Sandy Lien (Medica); Lisa Carlson (Sanford) 1. Carol Berg (UCare); Dr. David Griffin (HP); Ken Bence (Medica) 2. Thia Bryan, DeDee Varner (HP); Kari Bailey (Medica)
HC: Physical Activity; Eating Habits	St. Paul Ramsey County Public Health -- Community Health Services Advisory Committee (CHSAC) & SHIP	Discuss respective efforts related to SHIP in this service area to best coordinate initiatives.	DeDee Varner, Dr. Tom Kotke (HP); Carol Berg (UCare); Ken Bence (Medica)
HC: Physical Activity; Eating Habits; Tobacco & Secondhand Smoke	SHIP (Statewide Health Improvement Projects) --SHIP 3.0	SHIP tackles the top three causes of preventable illness and death in the US: tobacco use, physical activity and poor nutrition. Together, these three factors have been estimated to cause 35% of annual death in the US & drive up health costs. --SHIP 3.0: MDH awarded \$21.2 million in 17 planning grants to 31 counties; 16 implementation grants to 40 counties (24 months); 5 innovation grants to 16 counties In spite of reduced funding and a smaller reach across MN, SHIP strategies remain focused on sustainable, population-based strategies in schools, communities, worksites and health care systems.	Carol Berg (UCare); DeDee Varner (HP); Ken Bence (Medica)
HC: Physical Activity; Obesity; Mental Health /Wellbeing	Chisago County Community Health Assessment and Planning Partnership	(1) Collaborate with community stakeholders on community health needs assessment; and (2) Plan collaborative strategies for community health improvement.	Nancy Hoyt Taff (HP); Dean Mason (Medica); Carol Breg (UCare)

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HC: Physical Activity; Obesity; Mental Health /Wellbeing	Hennepin County – Community Health Improvement Partnership (CHIP) (1) Steering Committee (2) Action Team: Nutrition, Obesity & Physical Activity (3) Action Team: Social & Emotional Well Being (4) Maternal and Child Health: School Readiness Action Team	(1) Guide and support the CHIP process, ensure coordination across the three action teams, identify strategies to address policy-related issues, track progress towards goals, and help to promote this work across different sectors within the county. (2) Increase regular physical activity and proper nutrition through improvement to the physical environment. (3) Increase community and social connectedness. (4) Increase childhood school readiness.	(1) Ken Bence (Medica); Donna Zimmerman (HP) (2) Thia Bryan (HP); Gina Houman (ParkNic) (3) Quanah Walker (HP); Kari Bailey (Medica) (4) Nancy Hoyt Taff (HP)
HC: Prescription Drugs	DHS Drug Formulary Committee (DFC)	Charged with reviewing and recommending which drugs require authorization. It also reviews drugs for which coverage is optional under federal and state law. (For possible inclusion in the Medicaid fee-for-service formulary.)	Al Heaton (UCare); Dr. Thomas Becker (Medica)
HC: Prescription Drugs	MN Prescription Coalition	Mission: Increase evidence-based use of drugs and medical devices in the MN. Reduce conflicts of interest between MN prescribers and the pharmaceutical industry. Ensure patients have access to quality, appropriate, and affordable medications.	Dr. Craig Christianson, Al Heaton, Ed Sheehy (UCare); Eileen Smith (MCHP); Craig Reno (Medica)
HC: Tobacco & Secondhand Smoke	ClearWay MN – Health Plan Partners Group [Contact: Jennifer Cash] Call It Quits -- Healthy MN Tobacco Quitlines Collaboration	To improve the health of all Minnesotans by reducing tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke through research, action and collaboration.	Cindy Kallstrom (UCare); Michele Adamich, Allison Blaisdell (P1); Amy Johnson (Medica); Jolene Otto, Jane Haws (HP); Chris Tuttle (BCBS); Michelle Coughlin (Medica)
HC: Tobacco & Secondhand Smoke	LAAMPP Institute Advisory Committee (Leadership and Advocacy Institute to Advance Minnesota's Parity for Priority Populations)	To build capacity in the African; African American; Asian American/Pacific Islander; lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT); Chicano/Latino and Native American communities to develop and implement effective tobacco prevention and control programs and policies.	Sarah Senseman, Vayong Moua (BCBS)

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HQ: Access to HC Services	Child & Teen Checkup (C&TC): 1. Regional Groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪Metro Action Group (MAG)</li> <li>○Northeast MN</li> <li>○Northwest MN</li> <li>○Southeast MN</li> <li>○Southwest MN</li> <li>○South Central MN</li> <li>○Central MN</li> </ul>	Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program: A comprehensive child health program provided to children and teens from newborn through the age of 20 who are enrolled in Medical Assistance or MNCare. The purpose is to identify potential health problems or handicapping conditions; provide diagnosis and treatment of those health problems or conditions; and encourage the development of good health habits.	1. Regional Groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪MAG: Jamie Marxhausen (UCare); Ricky Vang (BCBS); Sandy Lien, Patty Trier (Medica); Nancy Hoyt Taff (HP)</li> <li>○NE MN: Dean Mason (Medica); Carol Berg (UCare); Stormy Church (BCBS)</li> <li>○NW MN: Emily Peterson (Medica); Sharon Crawford (UCare); Nissa Robert (BCBS)</li> <li>○SE MN: Laurie Moore (UCare); Jenna Rangel (BCBS)</li> <li>○SW &amp; S Central MN: Carol Berg (UCare); Kim Flom-Brooks (BCBS)</li> <li>○Central MN: Sharon Crawford (UCare); Emi Bennet (HP); Dean Mason, Patty Trier (Medica); Melissa Rankow-Pare (BCBS)</li> </ul>
HQ: Access to HC Services	DHS & MN Board on Aging: Expanded Provider Enrollment & Enhanced Provider Standards for Waiver Services Project: Intensive Provider Enrollment & Provider Standards Work Group	Board and Committees – Governor appointed – statewide planning for services that are funded by the Older Americans Act. Also statewide planning for services to meet the age wave.	Ann Keefe, Sarah Keenan (Medica)

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HQ: Access to HC Services	DHS Case Management Redesign Work Group	Assist the Commissioner to develop a legislative report with specific recommendations and language for proposed legislation for the following: (1) definitions of service and consolidation of standards and rates to the extent appropriate for all types of medical assistance case management services, including targeted case management, and all types of home and community-based waiver case management and case management; (2) recommendation on county of financial responsibility requirements and quality assurance measure for case management; and (3) identification of county administrative functions that may remain entwined in case management service delivery models.	Susan McGeehan (Medica)
HQ: Access to HC Services	DHS Customized Living Work Group	Design and implementation of new rate setting and contracting tool for customized living.	Melody Bialke, Karla Kosel (BCBS)
HQ: Access to HC Services	DHS Development and Implementation Council for Community First Services and Supports (CFSS) and Money Follows the Person	Consult and collaborate with DHS in the redesign of Personal Care Assistance services through the development and implementation of Community First Services and Supports (CFSS).	Susan McGeehan (Medica); Denise Lasker (HP); Esther Versailles-Hester (UCare)
HQ: Access to HC Services	DHS Disabilities Advisory Committee	Provide input on various managed care programs impacting people with disabilities.	Glenn Andis (Medica); Ghita Worcester, Joel Ulland (UCare)
HQ: Access to HC Services	DHS Health Services Advisory Council (HSAC)	Provides leadership designing health care benefit and coverage policies for Minnesota's public health care programs. Focus of is evidence-based coverage policy, in which decisions regarding health care services paid for by public programs are made using the best available research on their effectiveness.	Dr. Andrea Hillerud (BCBS)
HQ: Access to HC Services	DHS Integrated Health Partnerships (IHP)	Demonstration for Medicaid members. Formerly called the Health Care Delivery Systems (HCDS) demonstration, strives to deliver higher quality and lower costs through innovative approaches to care and payment.	Chad Heim (HP)
HQ: Access to HC Services	DHS Moving Home MN Subcommittee	Coordination and implementation of moving Home MN benefit to help transition individuals from an institutional setting to the community.	Emi Bennett (HP)
HQ: Access to HC Services	DHS Special Needs Basic Care (SNBC) Stakeholder Advisory Work Group	Includes disability advocates and stakeholders in the community in addition to health plans.	Pat Higgins (HP)



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HQ: Access to HC Services	DHS Stakeholder Meeting for Customized Living	To participate in the development of a new reimbursement system for Assisted Living Sites	Veronica Schultz (MHP)
HQ: Access to HC Services	ECHO [Emergency and Community Health Outreach] Board of Directors 1. Board 2. Program Committee	Develop and disseminate community health messages regarding safety, emergency preparedness and civic education through various media with a focus on limited English proficiency (LEP) communities.	1. Kari Bailey (Medica); Ann Rogers (UCare) 2. Sandy Lien (Medica); Khadija Sheikh (MHP); Heidi Conrad (HP)
HQ: Access to HC Services	Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI) – Board of Directors	A non-profit organization that brings together diverse groups to transform the health care system so that it delivers patient-centered and value-driven care.	Dr. Beth Averbeck, Dr. Brian Rank (HP)
HQ: Access to HC Services	Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI) Collaborative on Reducing Avoidable Readmissions-Steering Committee	Charged with creating action to support improvements and recommendations for MN stakeholders to reduce avoidable hospital readmissions. It will address care delivery redesign, financial sustainability, communication/education and measurement. It will advise the learning and networking collaboratives. It will charge and formulate subcommittees.	Dr. Terry Crowson (HP); Tracey Armstrong (UCare)
HQ: Access to HC Services	MDH Comprehensive Health Care for Women Across the Lifespan Collaboration Partners Group	Promote the development and implementation of model initiatives that address the health needs of women of different ages, cultures, races and ethnic groups.	Kristina Bloomquist (Medica)
HQ: Access to HC Services	MDH Health Care Home (HCH): Outcomes Technical Committee	To make recommendations of identifying, tracking, evaluating and publicly reporting the outcomes results for certified HCH.	Dan Walczak, Dr. David Pautz (BCBS)
HQ: Access to HC Services	MDH Health Care Homes (HCH)/MN Accountable Health Model Learning Collaborative Advisory Group	Provide input from community members and clinics on the continuation of the HCH learning collaborative activities, and the integration of the MN Accountable Health model needs. [Replaces the HCH Learning Collaborative advisory group.]	Dr. Tamiko Morgan (MHP), Dr. David Griffin (HP)
HQ: Access to HC Services	MDH Home Care Regulatory Planning Group. Subgroups include: 1. Client 2. Business Requirements/Licensing 3. Quality Assurance, Surveys, Investigations/ Complaints, Enforcement	To provide input to MDH process on determining that home care providers meet standards in providing services to their clients. 1. Covers service plan/agreement, Bill of Rights, care plans, case management, client records, evaluation, assessment. 2. Covers provisional license, pre-license, survey, basic/comprehensive/specialty, documentation requirement, reporting requirements, renewals, exemptions, variances. 3. Covers frequency of surveys, fines, removal of license, survey of basic vs. comp/specialty, QA plans, enforcement tools.	1. Susan McGeehan (Medica) 2. Michele Heggstad (Medica) 3. Gary Lavasseur (Medica)

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HQ: Access to HC Services	MDH Multi-Payer Advance Primary Care Practice (MAPCP) Demonstration Grant Work Group	Provides: -Direction and advice in development of the RFP. -Ongoing support, participation and advice in the ongoing implementation of the demonstration project. -Participates and leads other work group initiatives to implement new strategies identified by the work group. -Reviews and advises on policy, evaluation materials, results and does problem solving as needed.	Patsy Riley (BCBS); Julie Devore (HP); Susan McGeehan (Medica)
HQ: Access to HC Services	MDH Peer Grouping Advisory Committee	Provide advice to the Commissioner on topics surrounding the further refinement and implementation of the provider peer grouping system.	Dr. Larry Lee (BCBS); Kristie Ruma (Medica); Susan Knudson (HP)
HQ: Access to HC Services	MDH Provider Peer Group Rapid Response Team	Provide input on significant methodological issues that arise during implementation of provider peer grouping such as: • Approach for specific condition analysis • Methodology for attributing patients to providers • Mechanisms to combine information on resource use and unit prices • Design and weighting of individual quality measures into composite quality score • Treatment of non-users and outlier costs	Chad Heim (HP); Darcee Weber-alternate (P1); Lisa Wagor, Jennifer Furan, Dr. Larry Lee (BCBS); Mike Sjomeling (Medica)
HQ: Access to HC Services	MDH Provider Peer Grouping (PPG) Reliability Work Group	To ensure validity and reliability of results • Best available evidence and research • Establishment of a minimum reliability threshold in collaboration with providers and required users of data	Sean Burns (BCBS); Ange Eberhardt (Medica)
HQ: Access to HC Services	Medicare Carrier Advisory Committee (CAC)	Review and submit comments regarding Local Draft Decisions (LDC) that will be used in the WPS Medicare jurisdictions.	Dr. Thomas von Sternberg (HP)
HQ: Access to HC Services	Metro Refugee Health Task Force	Collaborative convened by MDH and DHS to help network and provide updates to those providing health care services to refugees and immigrants.	Laurie Moore (UCare); Kong Her (MHP); Kari Bailey (Medica); Emi Bennet (HP)
HQ: Access to HC Services	MN Community Health Worker Alliance	A statewide cross-sector collaborative whose charge is to facilitate the standardization of CHW profession and training in MN. Aims to advance the role of CHWs, incorporate CHWs into workforce and identify sustainable funding mechanisms for CHW positions.	Jeri Peters [board], Carol Berg (UCare); Patty Graham (HP)
HQ: Access to HC Services	MN Health Literacy Partnership	To improve the health of Minnesotans through clear communication. The Partnership's goals are: to train health care providers about health literacy; to empower patients to ask for clear communication; and to share health literacy resources.	Karen Kramer, Diane McGuire (HP); Alisha Ellwood (BCBS); Danielle Linneweber (UCare); Patty Trier (Medica)

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HQ: Access to HC Services	MN Social Service Directors Regional meetings	Statewide meetings in 11 regions. Monthly – quarterly meetings of social service director. Will meet with them as needed – topics vary.	Melody Bialke (BCBS); Carol Berg (UCare)
HQ: Access to HC Services	MNsure Health Industry Advisory Committee	Provide appropriate and relevant advice and counsel on MNsure's duties and operations and other related issues for the benefit of the Board.	Ken Bence (Medica); Dave Dziuk (HP); Ghita Worcester (UCare)
HQ: Access to HC Services	Multilingual Health Resource Exchange	Collaborative of private and public health providers who pool resources to consolidate helpful cross-cultural communication tools, resources and materials in multiple languages in one web-based clearinghouse for easy access by providers serving limited English proficiency (LEP) patients.	Carol Berg (UCare); Alisha Elwood (BCBS); Alicia Stauffer (HP)
HQ: Access to HC Services	Portico Healthnet Board of Directors	Reduce the number of people without coverage for health care services.	Julie Brunner (MCHP)
HQ: Access to HC Services	Stearns County Refugee Health Task Force	Collaborate with DHS to address refugee health issues in central MN.	Sharon Crawford (UCare); Dean Mason (Medica); Ashlyn Christianson (BCBS)
HQ: Access to HC Services; Quality of Care	DHS & MN Board on Aging; State Quality Commission	Focus on home and community-based services: quality measures and outcomes.	Jeri Peters (UCare)
HQ: Access to MH Care Services	Children's Mental Health Partnership	Coordinate children's mental health service continuum.	Chuck Heinecke; Cary Zahrbock (MBH/Medica); Nancy Houlton (UCare)
HQ: Access to MH Care Services	DHS Autism Benefit Work Group	Discuss the expansion of autism services being recommended by the legislature and Governor and identify activities that DHS/Council can work on together.	Louise Clyde (BCBS); Cary Zahrbock, Jennifer Garber (OptumHealth/Medica); Janny Brust (MCHP); Karen Lloyd (HP); Karen Berg-Moberg (MHP); Nancy Houlton (UCare)
HQ: Access to MH Care Services	DHS Behavioral Health Home (BHH) Model Advisory Group	Assist DHS in its planning, implementation and evaluation of the "health home" project.	Karen Lloyd (HP); Cary Zahrbock (MBH/Medica); Nancy Houlton (UCare)
HQ: Access to MH Care Services	DHS Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health Services (CABHS)	10-person stakeholder planning committee to advise on redesign of CABHS.	Nancy Houlton (UCare)

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HQ: Access to MH Care Services	DHS Legislative Report Work Group on cost-based rates for Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), Intensive Residential Treatment Services (IRTS), and Residential Crisis Services (RCS)	Assist in preparing a report to the legislature (due 2/1/15). Report requires the following: *Assessment of current methodology for IRTS, adult crises, and ACT; *Assessment of alternate payment structures consistent with the intent and direction of the federal centers for Medicare and Medicaid services which could provide adequate reimbursement to sustain community-based mental health services regardless of geographic location; *Stakeholder involvement in the development of the report; and *Inclusion of concerns regarding payment rates for other services needing further analysis.	Darrin Helt (BCBS); Nancy Houlton (UCare)
HQ: Access to MH Care Services	DHS Mental Health & Substance Abuse Treatments Services (MHSATS) Stakeholder Planning Committee	Advise MHSATS planning as it proceeds	Nancy Houlton (UCare)
HQ: Access to MH Care Services	DHS Mental Services Improvement Work Group	Continue the work of the MN Mental Health Action Group (MMHAG) to improve Minnesota's Mental Health System.	Nancy Houlton (UCare)
HQ: Access to MH Care Services	DHS Targeted Case Management Reform	Meetings to discuss targeted case management reform.	Cary Zahrbock (Medica); Lynn Price (BCBS)
HQ: Access to MH Care Services	DHS Transition and Compliance Plan Development Process Advisory Group	Work with DHS on the implementation of CMS's Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) final rule issued January 16, 2014 that will impact waiver, 1915k & 1915i (CFSS and potentially the new autism benefit) services.	Susan McGeehan (Medica)

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HQ: Access to MH Care Services	DHS/NAMI Offenders With Mental Illness Who Are Arrested or Subject to Arrest Work Group	<p>Work group will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Consider the special needs of these offenders and determine how best to provide for these needs;</li> <li>*Consider the efficacy of a facility that would serve as a central point for accepting, assessing, and addressing the needs of offenders with mental illness brought in by law enforcement as an alternative to arrest or following arrest;</li> <li>*Establish criteria to determine which offenders may be admitted to the facility;</li> <li>*May consider how similar facilities could function in outstate areas;</li> <li>*Examine what other states have done in this area to determine what programs have been successful and use those programs as models in developing the program in MN; and</li> <li>*May also study and make recommendations on other ways to improve the process for addressing and assisting these offenders.</li> </ul>	Nancy Houlton (UCare); Darrin Helt (BCBS)
HQ: Access to MH Care Services	Eastside Mental Health Roundtable -- Reducing Stigma Work Group	Seeks to educate the public regarding mental health issues and needs.	Dr. Karen Lloyd, DeDee Varner, Donna Zimmerman (HP)
HQ: Access to MH Care Services	Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI): Depression & SBIRT (Screening; Brief Intervention; Referral for Treatment)	A project to change the way in which depression care is delivered and paid for. An early intervention proven to reduce risky alcohol and drug use. The model consists of Screening to identify people at risk for developing substance use disorders; Brief Intervention to raise awareness of risks and consequences, motivate for change, and help set healthier goals; and Referral to Treatment to aid access to treatment and coordinate service for people with high risk and/or dependence.	Dr. Michael Trangle, Dr. Leif Solberg, Deb Curran, Dr. Karen Lloyd (HP)
HQ: Access to MH Care Services	Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI): Reducing Avoidable Mental Health Readmissions	Share research, information on strategies. Implement pilot projects.	Nancy Houlton (UCare); Dr. Michael Trangle (HP)
HQ: Access to MH Care Services	Mental Health Crisis Alliance (MHCA) [f/k/a EMACS]	Coalition of mental health leaders and providers working to transform the crisis service system for adults in the eastern metropolitan area of Mpls.-St. Paul, MN. The goal of the Alliance is to ensure that adults experiencing mental health crises receive timely, high quality integrated services in the least restrictive setting—regardless of ability to pay or county of residence.	Cary Zahrbock (MBH/Medica); Nancy Houlton (UCare); Darrin Helt (BCBS); Dr. Michael Trange (HP)

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HQ: Access to MH Care Services	Mental Health Supervision Work Group		Cary Zahrbock (OptumHealth)
HQ: Access to MH Care Services	MN Assn. of County Social Service Administrators (MACSSA)/MCHP Mental Health Work Group	County/health plan work group meeting focusing on mental health issues.	Darrin Helt (BCBS); Janny Brust (MCHP); Nancy Houlton (UCare); Nancy Hoyt Taff (HP); Cary Zahrbock (Medica)
HQ: Access to MH Care Services	MN Kids' Database (Best Practice)	Collaborative project involving a number of school-based mental health providers in MN. A web-based data tracking system has been developed to support partners, by reducing their need for individual data management systems.	Karen Lloyd (HP)
HQ: Access to MH Care Services	MN Psychiatric Society – Children & Adolescent Care Package		Karen Lloyd (HP)
HQ: Access to MH Care Services	Region 3 Adult Mental Health Initiative	Meetings quarterly to discuss MH/SA service delivery and find ways to collaborate. Tribes, St. Louis, Koochiching, Itasca, Carlton, Lake and Cook counties and providers.	Nancy Houlton (UCare)
HQ: Access to MH Care Services	Region 5+ Adult Mental Health Initiative	Meetings every other month to discuss MH/SA service delivery and find ways to collaborate. Crow Wing, Cass, Aitkin, Todd, Wadena, Morrison counties, providers and consumers.	Nancy Houlton (UCare)
HQ: Access to MH Care Services	ReThink Mental Health	Greater Fargo/Morehead Community Health needs Assessment Collaborative	Darrin Helt(BCBS); Nancy Houlton (UCare)
HQ: Collaboration	Hmong Health Care Professional Coalition	Partnership of Hmong health care professionals working in both public and private sectors that provide Hmong-specific health education in the community and educate providers about caring for Hmong patients.	Beatriz Martinez (UCare); Emily Peterson, Stacy Rogers (Medica); Khadija Sheikh (MHP)
HQ: Collaboration	Prepaid Medical Assistance Program (PMAP) County meetings	Several counties continue to maintain informational groups that meet on PMAP issues.	Nissa Roberts [NW], Stormy Church [NE], Melissa Rankow-Pare [Central], Ricky Vang [Metro], Jenna Rangel [SE], Kim Flom-Brooks [SW] (BCBS); Carol Berg, Laurie Moore, Sharon Crawford (UCare); Sandy Lien (Medica)

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HQ: Collaboration	Public Health Directors/Health Plans Regional Groups: 1. Prairie Regional Health Alliance (Redwood Falls) 2. Metro LPHA/Health Plans	To promote an exchange of information that allows public and private sectors to identify areas of mutual interest; to problem solve; and to focus the collective efforts of the public and private sectors on a few, high-priority health problems in a community.	1. Carol Berg (UCare); Kim Flom-Brooks (BCBS) 3. Ken Bence (Medica); Carol Berg (UCare); DeDee Varner, Nancy Hoyt Taff (HP); Janny Brust (MCHP); Ashlyn Christianson (BCBS)
HQ: Collaboration; Chronic Disease	MDH Healthy MN 2020 Partnership (HM2020) & 3 strategy teams: 1. Narratives Strategy Team 2. Health in All Policies 3. Chronic Disease	The charge of the Healthy MN 2020 Partnership (HM2020) is to provide expertise, input and feedback to the Commissioner of MDH on several statewide projects, including: the SHIP, including the strategic plan and legislative reports; an assessment of major health issues for the state; a HM2020 plan that reflects the findings of the state health assessment. As part of this effort the partnership will provide input and make recommendations for state health improvement priorities; and issues and ideas for future work. 1. Identify and promote narratives that emphasize health generating factors and the opportunity to be healthy. 2. Explore research and develop strategies for promoting and advocating for health in all policies, paying particular attention to the policies that affect the people and communities who experience the greatest health disparities. 3. Guide implementation of the chronic disease framework to reduce duplication of effort, and seek collaboration and synergy among various chronic disease initiatives.	Janny Brust (MCHP); Carol Berg-alternate (UCare) 1. Carol Berg (UCare); Kari Bailey (Medica) 2. Janny Brust (MCHP) 3. Ken Bence (Medica)

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HQ: Infrastructure	Administrative Uniformity Committee (AUC) 1. Acknowledgements Technical Advisory Group (TAG) 2. Legislative TAG 3. Eligibility TAG 4. Executive Committee 5. Operations Committee 6. Claims Data Definition TAG 7. Medical Code TAG 8. 2-Digit Program TAG 9. EOB Remit Tag 10. HPID/OEID TAG 11. Prescription Drug Prior Auth TAG	To develop agreement among MN payers and providers on standardized administrative processes when implementation of the processes will reduce administrative costs.	1. Shelagh Kalland, Doug Fangmeier (BCBS); Susan Sentieri (MHP) 2. Kathryn Kmit (MCHP); Shelagh Kalland (BCBS); Marilyn Eelkema (HP); Paige Hinz (Medica) 3. Ed Stroot (P1); Mary Hall (Medica); Susan Sentieri (MHP); Tim Lopez (BCBS) 4. Shelagh Kalland, Maggie Elander (BCBS), Paige Hinz (Medica) 6. Shelagh Kalland, Maggie Elander (BCBS), Deb Sorg, Denise Lasker (HP), Paige Hinz (Medica), Barb Johnston (MHP), Eileen Smith (MCHP), Ed Stroot (P1), Marilee Moritz (UCare) 7. Susan Sentieri (MHP); Shelagh Kalland, Cathy Brock (BCBS) 8. Diane Larson-Crandall (MHP); Shelagh Kalland, Faith Bauer (BCBS) 9. Shelagh Kalland, Diane Hagen (BCBS) 10. Maggie Elander, Doug Fangmeier (BCBS) 11. Shelagh Kalland (BCBS)
HQ: Infrastructure	MDH All-Payer Claims Database (APCD) Work Group	Work with MDH to address questions surrounding APCD in order to prepare a report to the legislature, which is due February 2015.	Dr. Larry Lee (BCBS); Susan Knudson (HP)
HQ: Infrastructure	MDH Community Health Information Collaborative (CHIC)	Focus is to initiate projects that promote health information exchange across care settings and to share costs and best practices across the membership. Provides clinical health exchange services as MN designated Health Information Organization (HIO). Lead organization operating Shared Services for improving electronic interoperability among MN providers.	Alan Abramson, Board Chair; Andrew Nelson, Bd Member (HP)
HQ: Infrastructure	MDH Medical Education and Research Costs (MERC) Committee	Examine the financing of medical education and research in Minnesota's changing health care market.	Dr. Terry Crowson (HP)



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HQ: Infrastructure	MDH MN State Innovation Model (SIM) Grant 1. Community Advisory Task Force 2. Multi-payer Alignment Task Force	To help transform the system for delivering and paying for health care; integrating medical, public health, and human service system; and rethinking the definition and measurement of health. 1. To provide strategic leadership and to guide decision-making as we work to advance (a) community and patient engagement, (b) integration across the continuum of care, and (c) population health improvement. 2. Assist in the development and implementation of strategies to build alignment across payers and to initiate joint efforts in MN for: (a) Identification of barriers to alignment of Accountable Care Organization (ACO) payment methods and integration of services across the continuum of care, and strategies to address barriers; (b) Development of common performance measures on cost, quality and patient experience for ACOs; (c) Standardization of content and format of data analytics feeds and support to providers, and; (d) Alignment of approaches to risk adjustment, attribution or assignment, financial models and ACO contract requirements	1. TBD 2. Charles Abrahamson (HP); Garrett Black (BCBS); Christine Reiten (Medica); Beth Monsrud (UCare)
HQ: Infrastructure	MN e-Health Advisory Committee (MDH) 1. MN Health Information Exchange (HIE) Work Group	Accelerate the use of health information technology to improve healthcare quality, increase patient safety, reduce healthcare costs and enable individuals and communities to make the best possible health decisions. 1. Lead work group in coordinating development of statewide policy recommendations related to HIE into an integrated statewide approach across the five critical domains: governance, technical infrastructure, legal & policy issues, finance, and business & technical operations.	Alan Abramson (HP); Bobbie McAdam (Medica) 1. Alan Abramson (HP)
HQ: Public Health Training	MDH State Community Health Services Advisory Committee (SCHSAC): Community Health Services (CHS) Conference Planning Committee	To select a theme, topic and format for the annual Community Health Conference and assist staff in hosting the conference.	Ken Bence (Medica)
HQ: Public Health Training	MN Public Health Association (MPHA) Governing Council	Statewide association of public health professionals.	Carol Berg (UCare), past president; Janny Brust (MCHP), leadership committee; Ken Bence (Medica), communications committee
HQ: Quality of Care	DHS Care Coordination/Regional Quality Work Group		Sarah Keenan (Medica); Karla Kosel (BCBS)
HQ: Quality of Care	DHS Health Services Advisory Committee (HSAC)	Identify collaborative opportunities for improvement in quality and efficiency, particularly focused on the vulnerable populations DHS serves.	Andrea Hillerud (BCBS); Dr. Mike Lynch (UCare)

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HQ: Quality of Care	DHS Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBCS) Partners Panel [sponsored by Continuing Care Administration of DHS]	The Panel will support continuous improvement in the HCBS system by providing a communication link among the system's stakeholders and by supporting specific initiatives. Expected outcomes of the Panel are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Common, system-wide understanding of the opportunities and constraints that shape the MN HCBS system.</li> <li>• Consistent access to information regarding DHS policy, strategy, and activities regarding HCBS.</li> <li>• Continuous improvement in performance of the HCBS system and its various components across the state.</li> <li>• Successful completion of HCBS-related projects and initiatives.</li> </ul>	Susan McGeehan (Medica)
HQ: Quality of Care	DHS Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Expert Panel	Assist DHS in developing the State Long-Term Care Profile of long-term support services to person of all ages and disabilities, with the goal of assessing, measuring and further improving the balance toward home and community-based services and consumer choice.	Rich Pierson (UCare)
HQ: Quality of Care	DHS/MDH Race, Ethnicity and Language (REL) Data Access Work Group	Continue discussing issues related to race, ethnicity and language data collection, access and analysis and recommend improvements in the data collection process that would allow better identification of health disparities by population.	Ken Bence (Medica)
HQ: Quality of Care	Health Care Home (HCH) Payment Methodology Steering Committee	Advise MDH and DHS on creation and implementation of the care coordination payments to certified primary care health care homes required by Minnesota's 2008 health reform law.	Dr. David Pautz (BCBS)
HQ: Quality of Care	Hispanic Health Network	The Hispanic Health Network promotes the health and well-being of Latinos in MN by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Providing a meeting place for health and human services providers to network and share information</li> <li>- Providing technical assistance to providers who want to increase their cultural competency</li> <li>- Promoting dialogue and collaboration among organizations</li> <li>- Promoting research</li> <li>- Providing information to policy makers who create or shape legislation that impacts Latinos</li> </ul>	Beatriz Martinez (UCare)
HQ: Quality of Care	Hue-MAN Partnership Project	A collaborative of south Minneapolis non-profits with a focus on the health and wellness of men living in urban communities - primarily men of color. They exist to promote current programs and services designed to address health, safety, and behavioral health issues, available for young and older men to educate the community on those resources.	Felecia Boone (MHP); Del Gates (UCare); Abdikadir Ibrahim (BCBS)

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HQ: Quality of Care	Interpreting Stakeholder Group	Cross-sector collaborative whose mission is to improve the quality and delivery of interpreter services in MN and to promote the professionalization of the interpreting industry.	Carol Berg (UCare); Sydney VanDyke (HP); Larissa Hanson (ParkNic)
HQ: Quality of Care	MDH Advisory Group on Administrative Expenses	Making "recommendations on the development of consistent guidelines and reporting requirements, including development of a reporting template for HMOs and county-based purchasing plans that participate in publicly funded programs." Report due to Legislature by 2/15/2012.	Mary Quist (Medica); alternate: Beth Monsrud (UCare)
HQ: Quality of Care	MDH Health Care Homes (HCH) 1. Certification Committee 2. Performance Measurement Work Group	1. Advise and make recommendations to the Commissioner of Health on: (1) acceptance of health care home application certifications, (2) acceptance of health care home applicant variances, remedial plans or first step appeals, and (3) effectiveness of the health care homes certification processes. 2. Recommend a decision-making process for measuring health care home improvement in the areas of patient health, patient experience and cost-effectiveness and to recommend measures to the Commissioners of Health and Human Services for HCH.	1. TBD 2. Lisa Akers, Leif Solberg (HP); Cindi Slack, Mark Wheeler (Sanford)
HQ: Quality of Care	MDH Minority and Multicultural Health Advisory Committee & Eliminating Health Disparities Advisory Committee	Strengthen the health and wellness of racial/ethnic, cultural and tribal populations in MN by engaging diverse populations in health systems, mutual learning and actions essential for achieving health parity and optimal wellness. Raise awareness about health disparities in the legislature and media, and they provide support for the Eliminating Health Disparities Initiative.	Janny Brust (MCHP)
HQ: Quality of Care	MN Asian American Health Coalition	Promoting and ensuring the health and well-being of Asian/Americans in MN.	May Seng Cha (UCare)

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HQ: Quality of Care	MN Community Measurement (MNCM): 1. Board of Directors 2. Measurement and Reporting Committee (MARC) 3. Robert Wood Johnson: Aligning Forces for Quality (AF4Q) 4. Board Development Committee 5. Finance Committee 6. Executive Committee 7. Total Cost of Care (TCOC)	Mission: To improve health by publicly reporting health care information.	1. Julie Brunner, Pam Houg (MCHP); Nancy Nelson (BCBS); Dr. Beth Averbeck (HP); Dr. Howard Epstein (P1) 2. Sue Knudson (HP); Dr. Larry Lee (BCBS); Dr. Dan Trajano (Medica); Dr. Howard Epstein (P1); Dan Walczak, (UCare) 3. Janny Brust (MCHP); Donna Zimmerman (HP) 4. Julie Brunner (MCHP) 5. Ghita Worcester (UCare); Pam Houg (MCHP); Nancy Nelson (BCBS) 6. Dr. Beth Averbeck (HP); Nancy Nelson (BCBS) 7. Janny Brust (MCHP); Dr. Howard Epstein (P1)
HQ: Quality of Care	MN Diabetes & Heart Health Collaborative (MN-DC)	The team is acting on behalf of the MN-DC, a partnership of 20 of the state's leading health organizations working to keep people informed about diabetes and heart health.	Lorraine Cummings (UCare) [MDH, HealthEast, Stratis Health]
HQ: Quality of Care	MN Medical Assn. (MMA) 1. Quality Health Care Committee 2. Opioid Task Force	1. Recommends policies on quality and safety issues to the MMA Board of Trustees and helps achieve the MMA goal of being the champion of health care quality improvement in MN. 2. Physician-Only task force to study the issue of prescription opioid addiction, abuse and diversion in MN. <a href="http://www.mnmed.org/About-the-MMA/MMA-Committees-amp-Task-Force/Prescription-Opioid-Task-Force">http://www.mnmed.org/About-the-MMA/MMA-Committees-amp-Task-Force/Prescription-Opioid-Task-Force</a>	1. Dr. Thomas Marr (HP); Dr. Andrea Hillerud (BCBS) 2. Dr. Tom Von Sternberg, Beth Averbeck (HP); Dr. Howard Epstein (P1)
HQ: Quality of Care	Stratis Health -- Board of Directors	Oversee operations of MN's Medicare Quality Improvement Organization.	Beth Monsrud (UCare)

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HQ: Quality of Care	Stratis Performance Improvement Projects (PIP) 1. Reducing Non-urgent Emergency Department Use (2012-2015) 2. Readmissions/Improving Transitions of Care (2012-2015) 3. Spirometry Testing for COPD (2012-2015) 4. Chlamydia Screening in Women (2013-2015) 5. PMAP/MnCare (DHS 2015-2017) 6. SNBC (DHS)	Collaborative for planning and implementation of PIPs focused on improving prevention in the government programs population. Access and identify opportunities in PIP collaborative process. ( <a href="http://www.stratishealth.org/providers/healthplanpips.html">http://www.stratishealth.org/providers/healthplanpips.html</a> ) 5. Eliminating racial disparities in Antidepressant Medication Management - Continuation Phase (AMM) 6. Behavioral Health Measure: Follow-up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness (FUH) 7-day and 30-day measures	Sally Irrgang (Medica); Jeff Snegosky (UCare) 1. Alisha Ellwood (BCBS); (HP); (Medica); (UCare) 2. Lorraine Cummings (UCare); Lisa Benrud (BCBS); Barb Post (MHP); (Medica) 3. Anne Wolf (HP); (BCBS); (Medica) 4. Anisa Esse (Medica); Margaret Crawford (BCBS); (HP); (UCare) 5. (BCBS); (HP); (Medica); (MHP); (UCare) 6. (Medica); (UCare)
HQ: Quality of Care	Success in Regulatory Quality	Collaborative of the quality improvement staff of MN health plans to share successful strategies to improve the health of members.	Greg Hanley (UCare); Sally Irrgang (Medica)
HQ: Quality of Care	Twin Cities Medical Society & Foundation: Honoring Choices Minnesota ® (Advisory Council)	An effort to encourage families and communities to have discussions regarding end-of-life care choices. <a href="http://www.honoringchoices.org/about/">http://www.honoringchoices.org/about/</a>	Dr. Tom von Sternberg, Mary lou Irvine (HP); Dr. Howard Epstein (P1)
ID: Immunizations	H1N1 1. Metro Clinic Coordination Work Group (MCCW)	The Council and its members are participating on various committees and work groups, including the "nurse line"; reimbursement and business continuity. 1. Works to coordinate responses to public health concerns across all counties in the metro area.	1. Donna Bloomquist (HP)
ID: Immunizations	MDH Immunization Program Advisory Group	Advise the MDH Immunization Program in assessing, planning, implementing and evaluating adult immunization activities related to pharmacies. Goal: Identify steps MDH can take to better communicate and collaborate with pharmacists.	Peter Marshall (HP)
ID: Immunizations	MDH MN Immunization Advisory Practices Committee (MIPAC) 1. Adolescent Vaccination Subgroup 2. Provider Education	Advise the commissioner of health and assist MDH in reducing and eliminating vaccine-preventable diseases across the lifespan through a comprehensive statewide immunization program.	Patty Graham, Dr. James Nordin (HP) 1. Pat Schaffner (UCare); Dr. James Nordin (HP); David Coffee (Medica); Anne Wolf (HP) 2. Patty Graham (HP)
ID: Immunizations	MN Coalition for Adult Immunizations (MCAI) [VA Contact: Mari Drake]	To increase adult vaccination rates via public education, provider education and resources, improved policies, and research.	Barbara Post (MHP); Jamie Marxhausen (UCare)

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ID: Sexually Transmitted Infections	MDH MN Chlamydia Partnership (MCP)	Raise awareness across the state about the epidemic of chlamydia in MN among young people ages 15-25 years of age and to develop a plan of action for addressing the epidemic.	Patty Graham (HP)
ID: Tuberculosis	MDH TB Advisory Committee	To prevent and control TB infection and disease in MN by providing statewide leadership in: planning, implementing and evaluating TB prevention and control activities; communicating and disseminating information about TB; developing a TB elimination plan; and advocating for TB prevention and control activities in MN.	Thomas Michels (HP)