

# Minnesota e-Health Summit 2008: From Vision to Action

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## Faculty Bios

(In order of appearance)

### ***Carolyn M. Clancy, MD, Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality***

Carolyn M. Clancy, M.D., was appointed Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) on February 5, 2003. Prior to her appointment, Dr. Clancy served as AHRQ's Acting Director and Director of the Agency's Center for Outcomes and Effectiveness Research (COER).

Dr. Clancy, who is a general internist and health services researcher, is a graduate of Boston College and the University of Massachusetts Medical School. Following clinical training in internal medicine, Dr. Clancy was a Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania. She also was an assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond before joining AHRQ in 1990.

Dr. Clancy holds an academic appointment at George Washington University School of Medicine (Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Medicine) and serves as Senior Associate Editor, Health Services Research. Dr. Clancy has served on multiple editorial boards (currently *Annals of Family Medicine*, *American Journal of Medical Quality*, and *Medical Care Research and Review*). Dr. Clancy has published widely in peer reviewed journals and has edited or contributed to seven books. She is a member of the Institute of Medicine and was elected a Master of the American College of Physicians in 2004.

Her major research interests include various dimensions of health care quality and patient safety, including women's health, primary care, access to care services, and the impact of financial incentives on physicians' decisions.

Dr. Clancy lives in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, D.C., with her husband, Bill. She enjoys jogging, movies and spending time with her extended family, especially four nieces in Virginia.

### ***Jennifer Lundblad, MBA, PhD, President and CEO, Stratis Health***

Jennifer Lundblad leads Stratis Health, an independent non-profit quality improvement organization based in Bloomington, Minnesota. The organization leads collaboration and innovation in health care quality and patient safety, and serves as a trusted expert in facilitating improvement for people and communities. She has responsibility for developing, supporting, and ensuring the successful implementation of health care quality initiatives, drawing on the staff and resources within Stratis Health and working with many partners and stakeholders outside of the organization.

Dr. Lundblad has an extensive background in leadership, organization development, and program management in both non-profit and educational settings. Her previous experiences include serving as Senior Vice President at Stratis Health, as a Program Director at the University of Minnesota, Program Coordinator at Tufts University in Boston, and in other non-profit management positions.

Dr. Lundblad received a BA in speech communication and economics from Macalester College, an MBA in public and non-profit management from Boston University, and a PhD in Education with a focus on training and organization development from the University of Minnesota. Her dissertation research described "Teamwork and Safety Climates in Small Rural Hospitals," and she has published articles in peer reviewed journals on topics related to health quality and organizational change. Dr. Lundblad is a co-chair of the Minnesota e-Health Initiative Advisory Committee; a member of the Minnesota Cancer Alliance Steering Committee, the Women's Health Leadership Trust, and Minnesota Healthcare Quality Professionals. She was recently elected as a board member to both Minnesota Community Measurement and to the American Health Quality Association. Jennifer is the immediate past president of the Macalester College Alumni Board of Directors, and has been an active community volunteer in a variety of capacities.

### ***Mary Wellik, BSN, MPH, Public Health Director, Olmsted County Public Health Services***

Mary Wellik is Director of Public Health in Olmsted County, Minnesota, and has practiced public health in the community setting, in clinic services and administration. Her practice focused on strengthening community partnerships to improve health status, prevention policy development, and developing children and family services. She is currently Co-chair of the Minnesota e-Health Initiative.

Ms. Wellik has held numerous leadership positions including serving on the local United Way Board Community Impact Task Force; development of the Olmsted County Multicultural Healthcare Alliance; Co-Chair of the Minnesota Health Improvement Partnership; Chair of the Local Public Health Assn. (LPHA) of Minnesota; and, currently, co-chair of the LPHA Legislative Committee. She has been a participant in the national Turning Point Leadership Development Collaborative.

***Alan Abramson, PhD, Senior Vice President, Information Services and Chief Information Officer, HealthPartners***

Alan Abramson joined HealthPartners in 2000 as the senior vice president for information services and chief information officer. In this role, he has responsibility for information services and technology across the HealthPartners enterprise. Dr. Abramson has more than two decades of experience in health care, in both care delivery and managed care organizations. He is active in many state and local initiatives for health care, including the Minnesota HealthCare Connection, Minnesota HIPAA Collaborative, Minnesota e-Health Advisory Committee, and Minnesota Collaborative for e-RX and e-lab clinical data exchange. He is on the National Advisory Board of the Rx2000 Solutions Institute, the National Council of the American Lung Association, and the board of the American Lung Association of the Upper Midwest.

Dr. Abramson is board chair of the Twin Cities Community Shared Electronic Patient Abstract and chair and past board member of the Managed Care Executive Group. He graduated cum laude from Wheaton College in Illinois, and received a PhD from the University of Minnesota, with a concentration in computer applications and decision science.

***Maureen Ideker, RN, BSN, MBA, Associate Administrator Care Management/Chief Nursing Officer, Rice Memorial Hospital***

For the past 15 years, Ms. Ideker has been involved in collaborative efforts in rural West Central Minnesota to enable the use of e-health technologies. These technologies include telemedicine, telehomecare, telepharmacy, and home monitoring, as well as implementation of the shared electronic health record in hospital, rural clinic, and pharmacy settings.

Ms. Ideker has influenced third party payment for telemedicine as well as rules and standards for its use through involvement and leadership with the Minnesota Telehealth Network, formerly the Fairview University of Minnesota Telehealth Network. She has directed federal and state grants for pioneering these e-health technologies in rural settings.

Currently, Ms. Ideker is the Associate Administrator of Care Management/Chief Nursing Officer at Rice Memorial Hospital in Willmar, MN. Her work experience includes hospital bedside and nurse executive roles with an emphasis on rural Minnesota. She is currently serving as co-chair of the Minnesota Statewide Implementation Plan Workgroup as well as serving on the Minnesota e-Health Advisory Committee.

***Noel Peterson, MD, MS, Physician, Olmsted Medical Center***

Dr. Peterson grew up on an Iowa farm, an Italian adopted by a Swede and Norwegian. (Think about that.) He graduated with a BA in chemistry from Drake University in Des Moines, IA, and briefly began work on a doctorate in physical biochemistry at the University of Minnesota prior to cancellation of all graduate deferments. He joined the U.S. Navy and graduated from the University of Iowa's College of Medicine while on active duty. He completed a residency in urology in San Diego. He retired from the Navy in 1989 and joined Olmsted Medical Group that year. He received a Master's Degree in Administrative Medicine at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1995.

In addition to providing urology services, he was Chief of Staff of Olmsted Community Hospital, Medical Director of Olmsted Medical Center (OMC) from 1994 to 2000 and President/CEO of OMC and Chair of its Board of Governors from 2000 to 2006. During his presidency, OMC implemented its electronic health record. Dr. Peterson is a member of the Minnesota Medical Association (MMA) Board of Trustees and has served as its treasurer. He was a member of the MMA's Healthcare Reform Task Force and Healthy Minnesota: A Partnership for Reform, which contributed to the health care transformation legislation passed this year. His wife Ann is an early childhood special education teacher. Sons David and Paul are in elementary education and business news distribution respectively.

***Peter Schuna, CEO/Administrator, Cerenity Senior Care – Humboldt Campus***

Peter Schuna is the CEO/Administrator of the Cerenity Senior Care Humboldt Campus. The Humboldt Campus is a 14 acre campus with skilled nursing, transitional care, assisted living and independent senior living. Mr. Schuna graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor's Degree in biology and is a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator. Mr. Schuna is a Minnesota e-Health Advisory Board Member. He also serves as chair of the technology committee for Care Providers of Minnesota, and is a member of the American Health Care Association's Technology Committee, the Minnesota Health & Housing Alliance's technology committee, and is a board member of the Catholic Healthcare Association of Minnesota.

***Virginia Greenman, Consumer Representative***

Ms. Greenman worked in health and human services for over 20 years. She has served as the consumer representative on the MN Health Care Commission as well as on the board of directors at the Neighborhood Healthcare Network, the Hamm Clinic and Stratis Health. She also has represented consumers on the American Health Quality Association board which represents the Quality Improvement Organizations and professionals working to improve the quality of health care in communities across America.

***Jim Lyons, Administrator, Hutchinson Medical Center***

Mr. Lyons is the Administrator of the Hutchinson Medical Center, a physician-owned clinic in central Minnesota. He has been in that position for 11 years, during which time the clinic has more than doubled in size. Prior to moving to Hutchinson, Jim was a health care consultant with the Schenck Health Services Division of Schenck and Associates of Appleton, WI. Jim traveled throughout northeastern Wisconsin and the upper peninsula of Michigan advising clinics, hospitals, and nursing homes. This work included managing a 10-physician primary care clinic on an interim basis. His main areas of focus were clinic operations, accounts receivable management, payer contract negotiations, and strategic planning. Mr. Lyons also worked in the finance and contracting department of Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park. He has a Bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in accounting and management and is a Certified Public Accountant.

***Mark Roisen, Executive Director, Lac qui Parle Health Network***

Mark Roisen has been the executive director of the LqPHN, a hospital service cooperative serving Dawson, Madison, and Appleton Critical Access Hospitals since its inception in 1998. Prior to that time, he was on the Board of Directors at Johnson Memorial Health Services in Dawson, MN, volunteered as a first responder, and operated his family's farm near Dawson, where he still lives. Mr. Roisen earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Minnesota with a double major in journalism and applied economics, emphasizing community resource development.

***Mike Flicker, MBA, Administrator, Lakeview Medical Clinic***

Mike Flicker has over 20 years experience in the health care field as a practice administrator and practice consultant. He also worked as a contract manager for one of Minnesota's health plans. Mr. Flicker was a member of the first class to graduate from the St. Thomas MBA in Medical Group Management program. His specific focus in health care is to build teams that can cross the boundaries of geography between communities, specialties between providers, and communication between patients and physicians.

***James Welters, MD, Chief Medical Officer and EMR Director, Northwest Family Physicians***

James M. Welters, MD, graduated from the Brown University Program in Medicine and completed a residency in Family Medicine at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Since 1991 he has practiced with Northwest Family Physicians in suburban Minneapolis, where he is currently Chief Medical Officer and EMR Director. In the latter role he directed the clinic's implementation of an electronic medical record system beginning in 2004.

***Karen Zeleznak, MS, MPH, Public Health Administrator, Bloomington Division of Public Health***

Ms. Zeleznak has worked in Public Health in Minnesota for the past 26 years and since 1999 has served as the Public Health Administrator for the City of Bloomington - smoke-free since 2004! For the past year she has served as co-chair of the Population Health/Public Health Information Network workgroup of the e-Health Advisory Committee. Karen is also a member of the steering committee for the Minnesota Public Health Collaborative for Quality Improvement, Minnesota's MLC-3 project.

***Christopher Lamer, PharmaD, BCPS, NCPS, CDE***

CDR Christopher Lamer is a Commissioned Officer in the United States Public Health Service and has worked in the Indian Health Service since 1998. CDR Lamer is a pharmacist and works as a clinical informaticist for the national Office of Information Technology and Health Education. CDR Lamer is highly involved the development of clinical programs, quality metrics, and support of RPMS applications.

***Susan L. Gentilli, MBA, RHIA, CPHQ, Director of Quality Measurement and Improvement, HealthPartners***

Susan Gentilli has a BA in health information administration from the College of St. Scholastica and a Master's degree in business administration from the University of St. Thomas. She has over 25 years of management experience in clinical quality improvement and health information management and has worked in both acute hospital and managed care settings. She is currently the Director of Quality Measurement and Improvement for HealthPartners, a 700,000 member managed care organization in Minneapolis. In her current position, she is responsible for health plan quality improvement, patient safety, clinical performance measurement, NCQA accreditation and regulatory compliance.

***Peter Elkin, MD, Professor of Medicine, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine***

Dr. Peter L. Elkin is a Professor of Medicine at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Union College and a Degree in Medicine from New York Medical College. He completed an internal medicine residency at the Lahey Clinic and a NIH/NLM-sponsored fellowship in Medical Informatics at Harvard Medical School and the Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Elkin has been working in biomedical informatics since 1981 and has been actively researching health data representation since 1987.

Dr. Elkin is currently on the executive committee of ASTM E31. He is the primary author of the American National Standards Institute's (ANSI) national standard on Quality Indicators for Controlled Health Vocabularies ASTM E2087, which has been approved by ISO TC 215 as a Technical Specification (TS17117). He chairs the OASIS International Healthcare Continuum and is a co-chair of Health and Human Service's HITSP Technical Committee on Biosurveillance. Dr. Elkin is a fellow of the American College of Physicians and the American College of Medical Informatics.

Dr. Elkin chairs the International Medical Informatics Associations Working Group on Human Factors Engineering for Health Informatics. Dr. Elkin was elected chair of the American Health Information Community's Transition Group. He was awarded the Mayo Department of Medicine's Laureate Award for 2005 and is the index recipient of the Homer R. Warner award for outstanding contribution to the field of medical informatics.

***Mike Ubl, Director of e-Health and IT Strategy, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota***

Mike Ubl has been with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota over 35 years. In that time, he has served in a variety of technical and management positions. Mr. Ubl is currently responsible for implementation of federal regulations associated with HIPAA, as well as e-health and IT strategic direction for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota.

In addition, he is serving as the interim Executive Director for the MN Health Information Exchange (MN HIE), a coalition of health care organizations and state government with a commitment to sharing clinical and administrative information in a cost effective manner.

Mr. Ubl is an active member of the Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange (WEDI), serving on the Executive Committee of the Board and as Chair-elect. He also is on the Board of Commissioners of the Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology (CCHIT). Mike is a member of the IT Policy Advisory Group of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association and is co-chair of the Minnesota e-Health Initiative Standards Work Group.

***Cheryl Stephens, MT(ASCP), MBA, Executive Director, Community Health Information Collaborative***

Community Health Information Collaborative (CHIC) is led by its Executive Director, Cheryl Stephens. Ms. Stephens has over twenty-seven years of senior level health care administration experience with an emphasis on expanding rural capacity. Much of her time has been devoted to the development of new health care networks in the areas of health information exchange, emergency preparedness and managed care.

As CEO of a health maintenance organization, administrator of a private multi-physician practice, member of the administrative team of large and small hospitals, and working in the clinical laboratory environment, she has experienced health care from all vantage points.

Cheryl has a BS in Medical Technology, an MBA, and is currently a doctoral candidate in business administration. Her dissertation topic is in the area of public/private partnerships in health care.

***Frank Lawatsch, Chief Executive Officer, Swift County – Benson Hospital***

Frank Lawatsch is Chief Executive Officer at Swift County-Benson Hospital (SCBH) in Benson, MN. SCBH is a 31-licensed bed Critical Access Hospital with a service area of approximately 9,000 persons in rural, western Minnesota. Under Mr. Lawatsch's leadership SCBH has converted its hospital data processing system to a shared cooperative system. Prior to working at SCBH, Mr. Lawatsch worked for 20 years as CEO at United Health District in Blue Earth, Minnesota.

***Joanne Sunquist, RN, MS, Chief Information Officer, Hennepin County Medical Center***

Joanne Sunquist is the Chief Information Officer at Hennepin County Medical Center (HCMC) in Minneapolis. She is responsible for information technology, telecom, bioelectronics, health information management, and the electronic health record program.

Prior to working at HCMC, Joanne worked at Allina Health System in various senior information services management positions. Joanne also spent eight years in health information technology consulting and eleven years in critical care nursing and patient care management positions.

Joanne holds a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from the College of St. Benedict and a Master's Degree in Nursing Administration from the University of Minnesota. She is active in numerous professional organizations including the Minnesota e-Health Advisory Committee, and is a current Board member and Chair-Elect of the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME).

***Bonnie Westra, PhD, RN, Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota School of Nursing***

Bonnie Westra is an Assistant Professor at the University of Minnesota School of Nursing and is responsible for the development and coordination of nursing informatics graduate program, as well as co-director for the International Classification of Nursing Practice (ICNP) Research and Development Center. Formerly, she was a vice-president of a software company which developed an electronic health record for home care, hospice, and public health. She is on the Board of Directors of the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) and on the executive committee of AMIA's Nursing Informatics Working Group. She represents nursing on the Minnesota eHealth Advisory Committee and co-chairs the Communication, Education, and Collaboration Workgroup.

***Marty Witrak, PhD, RN, CS, Dean, School of Nursing/Executive Director, Center for Healthcare Innovation, The College of St. Scholastica***

Marty Witrak, PhD, is Dean of the School of Nursing and Executive Director of the Center for Healthcare Innovation at The College of St. Scholastica. She holds a PhD from Syracuse University, a Master of Science degree from the University of Minnesota, and a Bachelor of Science degree from St. Olaf College.

The Center for Healthcare Innovation is an outreach initiative whose mission is to lead in the positive transformation of the nation's health care through education, community partnerships, policy formulation, and applied research. As executive director of the Center, Dr. Witrak develops and oversees external operations; secures funding; explores business opportunities and establishes corporate partnerships. The School of Nursing provides multiple programs to produce the future nursing workforce at the registered nurse, advanced practice, and doctoral level.

Dr. Witrak has provided multiple presentations on health care technology, and currently is a member of the national Rural HIT Network, the TIGER initiative, and the Minnesota e-Health Communications, Education, and Collaboration Work Group.

***Ray Gensinger, Jr., MD, Chief Medical Information Officer, Fairview Health Services***

Ray Gensinger, Jr, MD, is the Chief Medical Information Officer for Fairview Health Services, an integrated delivery network, in Minnesota. Dr. Gensinger is a general internist and holds an appointment as an Assistant Professor in Medicine at the University of Minnesota. He also is an Associate of the American College of Physicians and a Fellow and Certified Professional of the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society. As the CMIO for Fairview, Dr. Gensinger is responsible for the clinical information technology strategy for the company. He has held similar roles at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis. In his role, Dr. Gensinger chairs the information technology steering committee as well as provides oversight for all other clinical information acquisitions and decisions that are made at Fairview. He is the Chair of the Minnesota Epic Users Group and serves on the Minnesota e-Health Initiative Advisory Committee.

He is a Past President for the Minnesota Chapter of Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society and has served as a Director for the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society 2004-07. Dr. Gensinger has authored or presented on over 30 different health care information systems related topics and recently received a Healthcare Informatics Innovator Award in September 2006.

***Timothy Arnold, MD, Chief of Staff, Riverwood Healthcare Center, Aitkin, MN***

Dr. Arnold grew up in North Branch Minnesota and studied biology and philosophy at St. John's University. He attended the University of Minnesota-Duluth and the University of Minnesota Medical School and completed RPAP in Cambridge Minnesota. He completed residency training at the Duluth Family Practice Center and accepted a position at Riverwood Healthcare Center in 2001. He has been a Senior Medical Advisor for LSS Data Systems for three years. His wife is a pediatric speech language pathologist at St. Mary's Duluth Clinic and they have an energetic 5 ½ year-old daughter named Emma and a 2 year-old son, Will.

***Paul Kleeberg, MD, FAACP, Medical Director, Clinical Decision Support, HealthEast Care System***

Paul Kleeberg, MD, FAACP, is Medical Director of Clinical Decision Support for HealthEast Care System. He is responsible for designing point of care clinical decision support interventions and resources for HealthEast's inpatient electronic health record (EHR) to support patient safety and quality improvement. Dr. Kleeberg has over 10 years experience implementing EHRs and clinical decision support tools in both the ambulatory and in-patient environments. Dr. Kleeberg received a medical degree from Stanford University School of Medicine in Stanford, California, and completed a residency in family medicine at the University of Minnesota Methodist Hospital Program in Saint Louis Park, Minnesota. He is board certified in family medicine, is a fellow in the American Academy of Family Physicians, and has practiced family medicine for 13 years. Dr. Kleeberg is also the incoming chair of the Patient Safety and Quality Outcomes Steering Committee for the Healthcare Information Management and Systems Society (HIMSS). He is a member of several working groups within the American Medical Informatics Association and serves on the Minnesota eHealth Advisory Committee.

***Bobbie McAdam, Director, e-Business, Medica***

Bobbie McAdam is the Director of eBusiness at Medica where her responsibilities encompass health information exchange. She has been a member of the eHealth Advisory Committee since 2005 and was a co-chair of the standards work group for 2007-2008. She holds a degree in medical record administration and has practical experience in health information management in the hospital setting.

***Chris Sonnenschein, PharmD, Senior Project Manager – Information Technology, Avera Health***

Chris Sonnenschein, PharmD, graduated from South Dakota State University (SDSU) College of Pharmacy in 1999. Upon graduation, Dr. Sonnenschein served as pharmacy manager at Lewis Southwest in Sioux Falls, SD, for four years. In addition to retail responsibilities, he also provided long term care consulting as well as served as preceptor for a variety of clerkships for the SDSU College of Pharmacy. Dr. Sonnenschein worked for CIGNA Tel-Drug for five years, holding the positions of production pharmacist supervisor as well as pharmacist in charge. Currently, Dr. Sonnenschein is a senior project manager in the information technology department of Avera Health in Sioux Falls, SD, where he manages a grant project examining whether, in rural ambulatory care settings, the use of an electronic prescribing system with clinical decision support increases medication compliance and adherence, and improves health outcomes among the hypertensive population.

Additionally, Dr. Sonnenschein is active in the South Dakota Pharmacist Association. He is currently an officer serving on the board of directors as president elect. Dr. Sonnenschein is available at 605-322-4690 or [chris.sonnenschein@avera.org](mailto:chris.sonnenschein@avera.org).

***Kevin Larsen, MD, FACP, Chief Medical Informatics Officer, Hennepin County Medical Center***

Kevin L. Larsen, MD, is Associate Medical Director for Informatics/Chief Medical Information Officer (CMIO) and Associate Program Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis, MN. He is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Minnesota and a physician leader in the electronic health record at Hennepin County Medical Center. Dr. Larsen graduated from the University of Minnesota Medical School and was a resident and chief medical resident at Hennepin County Medical Center. He subsequently became a hospitalist at Hennepin County Medical Center on the cardiology teaching service. In this position he received teacher of the year recognition by the internal medicine residents in 2002 and twice was voted teacher of the year by the transitional residents. His research includes inpatient glycemic control, education on medical procedures, and health literacy in immigrant populations. He is Medical Director for the Center for Urban Health, a hospital, community collaboration to eliminate health disparities. He has given workshops at a number of Society of General Internal Medicine (SGIM) regional and national meetings, national APDIM, and local ACP meetings, many involving immigrant health, health literacy, and international medical education. In 2007 he was presented with an International Health Award for his work with the OSDJ Healthcare Initiatives in Jamaica in collaboration with the Medical Association of Jamaica, the Ministry of Health, the Faculty of Medical Sciences, the Organization of Strategic Development in Jamaica, and the International Leadership Institute.

***Laurie Beyer-Kropuenske, JD, Director, Department of Administration, IPAD, State of Minnesota***

Laurie Beyer-Kropuenske is currently the Director of the Information Policy Analysis Division (IPAD) of the Minnesota Department of Administration. IPAD provides consultation to the State of Minnesota on state and federal information policy and privacy laws including HIPAA, FERPA, MN Medical Records Act and the MN Government Data Practices Act. Ms. Beyer-Kropuenske has co-chaired a number of working groups for Minnesota's Health Information Security and Privacy project including the work group which developed Minnesota's universal consent form for release of health information.

***Gerald "Jud" E. DeLoss, JD, Attorney, Gray Plant Mooty***

Gerald DeLoss is a principal at Gray Plant Mooty and member of both the Health Law and Nonprofit Organizations Practice Group where he focuses his practice on representing medical providers in Health Information Technology, HIPAA, Fraud and Abuse, Transactions, and Regulatory Compliance.

Mr. DeLoss is Vice Chair of the Health Information & Technology Practice Group of the American Health Lawyers Association. He is also a member of the Minnesota, North Dakota, Maine, and South Carolina Bar Associations.

***Miaja Cassidy, JD, Associate General Counsel, Medica***

Miaja Cassidy is an attorney at Medica specializing in the areas of Privacy, Security, Compliance and Public Policy. She has been practicing law for 15 years. The last 12 years have been devoted all or in part to health law.

Ms. Cassidy participated in the Minnesota Privacy and Security Project (MPSP) which focused on breaking down the legal and administrative barriers to the development, implementation and functioning of health information exchanges. Working members of MPSP included constituents from regulators, providers, care systems, MMA, MHA, health plans, regulators and more. Ms. Cassidy also leads the Privacy Work Group for the MN Health Information Exchange. Members of MN HIE include providers, payors and regulators.