



*Protecting, maintaining and improving the health of all Minnesotans*

February 4, 2013

Mr. Joshua C. Rubin  
Executive Director  
Joseph H. Kanter Family Foundation  
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Dear Mr. Rubin:

The purpose of this letter is to indicate formal endorsement by the Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota e-Health Initiative of the Learning Health System *Core Values*, as expressed in the document dated July 20, 2012 titled "Core Values Underlying a National-Scale Person-Centered Continuous Learning Health System."

The Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota e-Health Initiative endorse these *Core Values* to express Minnesota's support for the concept of a national-scale Learning Health System with values that are foundational to a successful process that engages consumers, health care providers and public health to advance better health for individuals, families and communities.

This endorsement authorizes the inclusion of the Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota e-Health Initiative's names on a public website that will list all organizations that have endorsed the *Core Values*, as well as in a one-time press release indicating our added support for the effort. Any other use of the names of the Minnesota Department of Health or the Minnesota e-Health Initiative in connection with this endorsement will require specific advance permission.

Although this endorsement does not commit any specific action, resources or participation in any specific activity on the part of the Minnesota Department of Health or the Minnesota e-Health Initiative, we appreciate the Joseph H. Kanter Family Foundation's leadership and look forward to participating with your organization in fostering continuous learning where the lessons from research and each health care experience are systematically captured, assessed, and translated into reliable care and better health for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward P. Ehlinger".

Edward P. Ehlinger, M.D., M.S.P.H.  
Commissioner  
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marty Witrak".

Marty Witrak, PhD, RN  
MN e-Health Advisory Committee Co-Chair  
Dean, School of Nursing  
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bobbie McAdam".

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