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Message from the ACHE MN President

NICK NEHMAN, FACHE | PRESIDENT

Greetings members,

As we near the end of 2024, ACHE MN has been very busy closing out another successful year. The chapter board recently met for its annual strategic planning retreat, where we reviewed our progress towards annual goals and updated our strategic plan for 2025. This session is always energizing and helps us focus on what needs to be done moving forward to accomplish our mission: *to advance our members and healthcare management excellence.*

I'm proud to share the following highlights of our chapter's accomplishments in 2024:

- **Sponsored 12 in-person educational credits** (the maximum allowable by ACHE)
- **Held our first-ever virtual interactive education event**
- **Expanded partnerships** with local universities, associations, and other ACHE chapters to broaden and enhance our educational offerings and programs
- **Chapter growth:**
 - Total membership increased by 6%
 - 743 current Minnesota members
- **Initiated a formal job shadow program**
- **Recognition by ACHE:** Our Advancement to Fellow program and Local Program Council (LPC) structure were acknowledged as chapter best practices

As we turn the page to 2025, be on the lookout for further information on our strategic plan update and programming for the year as details are finalized.

It has been an honor to serve as your president, and as I hand over leadership to our incoming President, David Voller, FACHE, I am confident that the chapter is in good hands and well-positioned to continue advancing our members and healthcare management excellence.

Best Regards,
Nick



Nick Nehman, FACHE
ACHE MN Chapter President
Director of Operations
Cambridge Medical Center, part of Allina Health



Message From Your ACHE MN Regent

DAVID WALZ, RN, FACHE | REGENT FOR MINNESOTA

Hello ACHE MN,

I hope everyone is having a great winter! I look forward to days getting longer and warmer, but I know we have a way to go. I am excited that we are getting closer to the holiday season which bring me joy, gratitude and reflection over the past year.

Congratulations to our outstanding recipients of the Regent Awards that were awarded at ACHE-MN annual meeting this past November 7th, 2024!

First, let's celebrate Allyssa Stevens, who is receiving the ACHE Early Careerist Award. Allyssa exemplifies excellence as a healthcare leader through her strategic initiatives and daily commitment to excellence. Her past roles, including partnership lead for ACHE-MN and finance chair, showcase her dedication. Notably, she has played a pivotal role in strengthening our relationship with NAHSE by establishing a formal charter for the partnership subgroup. Well done, Allyssa!

Next, we honor Thomas Harris, Jr., the recipient of the ACHE Senior Careerist Award. With 24 years of progressive leadership experience across states, Thomas has made a profound impact in our field. His commitment to professional development is evident in his active participation on the mentoring committee, leading podcasts, and creating innovative job shadowing programs for ACHE-MN members. Through initiatives like his "Lunch with Thomas" series and bi-directional shadowing experiences, he fosters a collaborative and inclusive workplace. Congratulations, Thomas!

Finally, let's recognize Dr. Susan McClernon, who is receiving the ACHE Higher Education Network Award. As Chair of the Northern Local Program Council, Dr. McClernon has led significant achievements while remaining deeply engaged in ACHE-MN. Her exceptional leadership, innovative management, and unwavering dedication to healthcare excellence inspire growth and meaningful change within her organization and community. We are proud to present this award to you, Dr. McClernon!

As I look forward to Spring, I also look forward to **Congress**, so don't forget to sign-up today by visiting <https://congress.ache.org/>! Discover new solutions, hear unique perspectives, and learn how to positively impact health in your community.

ACHE members can take their career to the next level by earning their **FACHE® credential**. FACHE is the gold standard for healthcare management board certification and signals the highest level of service to our profession. Members can visit My ACHE to check their progress.

I look forward to communicating with you quarterly through this Regent message and feel free to contact me at any time. My contact information is davidfwalz@gmail.com, dwalz@madeliahealth.org, office phone 507-642-5205, cell phone 320-493-5648, or you can always find my details in the [Regent Directory](#) or my [LinkedIn](#). An extended version of this letter can be found by visiting www.achemn.org/ourregent. Thank you for your support and the opportunity to serve and represent our Chapter/State. Let's make ACHE the best it can be!

Have a blessed holiday season everyone!

Regards,

David F. Walz
Regent for Minnesota
CEO Madelia Health





WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our 30 new members and 7 transfer members! We are thrilled you have decided to join the Minnesota Chapter of ACHE in our commitment to healthcare leadership excellence. We're here to help you achieve your personal best while making healthcare safer, more accessible, and affordable to all.

NAME	ROLE	ORGANIZATION
Andrew S. Abildgaard*	Operations Administrator - Surgical Specialties	Mayo Clinic Health System
Lindsey R. Asher, MBA*	Manager of Operations	Mayo Clinic
Chase Bonin	Student	University of Minnesota
Danielle Buchak	NE Regional Clinical Manager	State of MN
Nicholas Burrup	Student	University of Minnesota
Eva Christensen	Treatment Director	Elite Recovery
Cynthia Clark	SVP, Member Executive Engagement and Strategy	Scottsdale Institute
Thomas DeBoer, PsyD	Director of Clinical Services	AMRTC
Avery J. DeWitt, MHA*	Administrative Fellow	
Meagen Driskill*	VC Nursing	Mayo Clinic
Meg Edgerton	Quality Improvement Consultant, DNP Student	University of Minnesota Physicians
Carter Gustafson	Student	
Dustin Victor Hansen	Student	University of Minnesota
Lacey Hart	Administrator	Mayo Clinic
Matthew A. Hathcock	Operations Manager	Mayo Clinic
Michele M. Hendren	Rehab Director	AMRTC
Natali Jouzi*		
Noah Kiemel	Student	
McKay Knowlton	Student	University of Minnesota
James Lloyd	Physician	HealthPartners
Shannon Lunn	Administrative Manager	University of Minnesota
Brandon Manzke	Revenue Cycle Director	Meeker Memorial Hospital and Clinics
Louis Monette	Manager of Surgical Operations	Allina Health
Isabelle Mrozek	Student	
Heather Nelson, MHA	Administrative Director	University of Minnesota
Mimi Nguyen	Student	
Cayden Owens*	Student	
Manushi Patel	Student	
Sapna Patel	Student	University of Minnesota
Valmik M. Patek	Project Manager	Mayo Clinic
Sean Permann	Unit Coordinator	Mayo Clinic
Daniel Rangel*	Strategic Advisor	TRIMEDX
Sydney Robinson	Student	
Melissa J. Skime, PA-C		Mayo Clinic Health System
David Stoy, MBA	Director of Finance	Horowitz Health
Dominica M. Tallarico, FACHE*	Executive VP, Chief Operating Officer	Allina Health
Amy Tylinski	Student	
Sherry L. Wolf, RN		Mayo Clinic

* Transfer to MN Chapter

New members 10.01.24 thru 12.12.24

Congratulations New Fellows

Join us in celebrating our fellow colleagues and members on their recent award recognition and their continued commitment to the American College of Healthcare Executives.

NEW FELLOWS 2024!

Congratulations on passing the Board of Governor's Exam and receiving your Fellowship Certification! The FACHE credential is the gold standard for board certification in health management. According to ACHE, healthcare leaders who obtain the FACHE credential signify their competency, commitment to service, and recognition as an esteemed leader.



**Brooke Thorson, MSW,
LICSW, FACHE**



Jennifer Walter, FACHE



**Susan Ricker, LICSW,
FACHE**



**Kevin Blake, MHA,
FACHE**



**Tracy Hendrickx, MBA,
FACHE**



**Mary McClernon, MSW,
LCSW, FACHE**

2024 BY THE NUMBERS YEAR IN REVIEW

12 In-Person Credit Hours
16 Qualifying Credit Hours
1.5 Virtual Interactive Credit Hours
27 Networking Event Hours
26 Total Events
879 Total Event Attendees
130 Total New Members

2,525 LinkedIn Followers
69 LinkedIn Posts
2 Podcast Episodes
4 Members Featured
6 Chapter Committees
19 Board Members
6 New Fellows

The collage features various event posters such as:

- New Year Leadership Workshop** (Jan 16, 2024) featuring Mary Ellen Wells and Eric Klavetter.
- Current State of Health Disparities in Sleep** (Feb 1, 2024) featuring Major Allison Brager, PhD.
- Join our FELLOW ADVANCEMENT INFORMATION SESSION** (Apr 18, 2024).
- Career Development Networking** (Apr 26, 2024).
- FELLOW ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM Virtual Lunch & Learn Sessions** (May 30, 2024).
- NETWORKING & PANEL DISCUSSION: Supporting LGBTQ+ Youth Mental Health** (May 30, 2024).
- NETWORKING & ADVANCEMENT INFORMATION SESSION** (June 17, 2024).
- Distinguished Visiting Professor** (June 17, 2024).
- 2024 Minnesota Hospital Association ANNUAL MEETING** (Sept 18-20, 2024).
- Wednesday, September 18, 2024: Improving the Health Status of Your Community**.
- The American College of Healthcare Executives Minnesota Chapter cordially invites you to join MN Student Healthcare Leadership - Virtual Back to School Kickoff** (Sept 24th).
- BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE Challenges, Strategies, Solutions and Meeting Community Needs** (Oct 2, 2024).
- Creating Connections: New Minnesota Healthcare Leaders** (Oct 10, 2024).
- HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS: Virtual Student Networking Event** (Oct 23, 2024).
- TRUST: Navigating Career Transitions: Strategies for Advancement** (Oct 24, 2024).
- ACHE MN 2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE: A Path Forward: Navigating Healthcare Debt, Embracing Innovations, and Fostering Adaptive Leadership** (Nov 7, 2024).
- PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING EVENT** (Nov 12, 2024).
- MANAGING FOR MORALE: Effective Management Techniques to Retain Your Staff** (Dec 4, 2024).
- Innovation in the Face of Healthcare Delivery Changes** (Dec 5, 2024).

Thank you for a wonderful year full of education and networking events!

ACHE MN 2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Recap



EXPERT
PANELS

TIMELY
TOPICS

NATIONAL
KEYNOTES

NETWORKING

The **ACHE MN 2024 Annual Conference** brought together healthcare leaders, administrators, and innovators from across the state to discuss the pressing challenges and transformative opportunities shaping the healthcare industry today. Kicking off the conference with a touching story, we heard from a patient who was impacted by the financial burden of healthcare costs from breast cancer treatment. Her story served as a powerful testimony to the human side of healthcare, highlighting the emotional and financial challenges faced by patients and their families. It reminded us all of the importance of addressing not only the quality of care but also the affordability and accessibility of healthcare services. Her experience set the tone for the conference, emphasizing the need for innovative solutions to ensure that healthcare remains compassionate, equitable, and accessible to all.

We then heard a dynamic keynote from **Noam Levey**, Senior Correspondent with Kaiser Family Foundation Health News, who addressed the critical issue of medical debt and shared insights on what policymakers and state leaders across the country are doing to confront this growing crisis. Leaders were challenged to think about their role in solving the healthcare debt crisis, with a strong message that each of us can make a meaningful difference.

This conversation continued as our esteemed panelists discussed how health systems and policymakers are **navigating healthcare debt and affordability**. The panel emphasized the need to differentiate between cost, price, reimbursement, and value. Through real-world examples, the audience gained practical insights into transformative practices that they could take with them to address these challenges in their own organizations.

The day then shifted to a topic front of mind for many leaders—**embracing innovation**. We explored new models of care and cutting-edge technologies designed to address the financial drivers of healthcare costs, price, reimbursement, and value. A resounding theme emerged: innovation is essential to creating a sustainable and equitable healthcare system.

The day concluded with an insightful conversation on **fostering adaptive leadership**. Speakers discussed the importance of leading through change, staying agile in the face of uncertainty, and empowering teams to drive organizational success in a rapidly evolving healthcare landscape.

This conference was truly a call to action, inspiring healthcare leaders to embrace change, tackle complex issues, and work collaboratively to build a more equitable healthcare system for all.

A special thank you to ACHE MN Chapter President **Nick Nehman**, FACHE, for guiding us through this impactful day. We also extend our gratitude to our moderators, panelists, sponsors, and all attendees for their participation and contributions to the overall success of the event.

Congratulations Award Recipients

REGENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations Allyssa, Thomas, and Dr. McClernon for being nominated and selected to receive the 2024 Regent Awards. The *Early Careerist* award is given to a member who has demonstrated strong leadership and contributions towards helping ACHE MN achieve its objectives. The *Senior Careerist* award is given to a fellow of ACHE and leader who has made a significant and lasting impact in healthcare. The *Higher Education Network* award recognizes graduate and undergraduate programs that demonstrate excellence in preparing students in healthcare leadership through professional development, mentorship, and innovative activities.

These three stellar members exemplify leadership, dedication, and excellence in advancing healthcare.



Allyssa Stevens
Early Careerist



Thomas Harris, Jr. FACHE
Senior-Careerist



Dr. Susan McClernon
Higher Education Network

HEALTHPARTNERS PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Congratulations Jenny Kratochvil on being awarded the 2024 HealthPartners President's Award! The award recognizes employees who have performed above and beyond their normal work responsibilities and who have used the HealthPartners mission and vision to provide outstanding service to its members, patients, colleagues, and co-workers.



Jenny Kratochvil
HealthPartners
President's Award

FUTURE MEMBER FEATURES:

If you are interested in being featured in an upcoming Member Feature please contact us, or if you would like to nominate a colleague who you think should be featured, please reach out via email at contact@achemn.org and we will reach out to schedule an in-person or virtual interview.

MEMBERS ON THE MOVE:

Any members interested in improving your visibility and building your professional brand? Have you started a new job? Have you been promoted? Have you recently been published? Let us know so we can feature your great work and accomplishments. All you have to do is email us at contact@achemn.org and we will reach out for the details.

MEMBERS SEEKING NEW OPPORTUNITIES:

Members seeking new opportunities, we want to support your efforts in finding the next step in your healthcare leadership journey. Check out the [Career Resource Center](#) as well as the [Job Center](#) or visit ache.org to gain access to open healthcare management positions.

Don't Miss This!

1. SOUTHERN MN LPC FACHE STUDY GROUP:

The ACHE Southern Minnesota Local Program Council (LPC) is pleased to offer another call for interest to join a study group and prepare for the ACHE board certification exam. We offered this through the LPC for the first time last year and completed our third cohort in Q2 2024. We're excited to share that we have a 100% pass rate for those who have taken the exam since completing the study group.

This will be a 10-week program beginning in January, with a late March completion. Any member interested in becoming board certified in healthcare management and a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE) is invited to join. The goal of the program is to guide and support participants through the Fellow advancement process from application through taking the Board of Governors exam, within 4-6 weeks after completing the course in January. This course will be provided at no cost, which includes access to the eBooks, flashcards, and sample test question preparation materials.

Participation Requirements:

- Meet all criteria to sit for the Board of Governors exam as of March 31, 2025
- Prepare and co-present the learning objectives for one of the ten Knowledge Management Areas (estimated 60 to 90 - minute total prep time)
- Attend all sessions "live" or watch the recording, if unable to attend
- Complete and submit the ACHE Fellow application no later than March 31, 2025
- Apply and take the Board of Governors exam no later than June 30, 2025

Get Signed Up:

Any members interested can reach out to this year's study group leaders Julie Hobbs (Hobbs.Julie@mayo.edu) or Jennifer Miller (Miller.Jennifer2@mayo.edu) to learn more or get registered. The schedule of topics and presenters will be sent to all registrants, as well as templates for the study outline and presentation once registration closes.

2. CENTRAL MN LPC:

Exciting news!

The Central Minnesota LMC is back in action! For those members who are in this region, please stay tuned! We are planning several networking and educational events, along with partnerships with other organizations to deliver the highest quality programming. If you have any interest in participating in the development plans, please send an email to Mary Ellen Wells at mwells@meekermemorial.org.



Outgoing Board Members

Thank You!

BIDDING FAREWELL TO OUR OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

Thank you for your commitment to the ACHE MN Board and its mission to be the preeminent society for healthcare leaders. Your contributions have left an indelible mark, and the positive impact of your work will resonate long into the future. We are grateful for your leadership and the unique perspective you brought to the board. Your passion for healthcare excellence has inspired us all and has been instrumental in shaping the direction of our organization.



Adam Resnick, MMA
Membership & Advancement Chair



Michelle Majerus, FACHE
Central MN LPC Chair



Katie Kummer, FACHE
Immediate Past President



Our events are made possible by the incredible dedication of our members and volunteers, whose passion and commitment drive everything we do. Here are a few snapshots of fun and memorable moments from recent events!



NORTHERN LPC BEHAVIORAL

HEALTH PANEL

Featured: Amanda Bartnick, Nathan Meyer, Shannon Pitre, CSS MHA Class of 2025.

SOUTHERN MN LPC

NETWORKING EVENT

Featured: Southern LPC members smiling for the camera after a great networking event.



INNOVATION IN THE FACE OF

HEALTHCARE DELIVERY CHANGES

Featured: Brandi Sillerud, Darin Willardsen, Kristen Herrmann, & Wade Swenson as outstanding panelists





We connected with member, Hallie Vonk, to learn about her unique opportunity to launch a career in healthcare administration, her involvement with our Minnesota chapter on the Communications Committee, and more.



Hallie Vonk, MHA
Administrative Fellow
HealthPartners

BACKGROUND:

Q: Tell us about your current role and what it entails.

A: I am an Administrative Fellow with HealthPartners, and I like to describe my role as a mix of learning, leading, and problem-solving. As a fellow, I have the unique opportunity to get a macro-level, strategic view of the organization—insights that many professionals may not encounter until much later in their careers. Through exposure to executive leadership and governance, my role serves as an accelerant to learn how decisions are made at the highest level. My role often involves collaborating with leaders on strategic initiatives, improving workflows, and addressing challenges in areas like quality improvement, patient safety, and operational efficiency. It's a dynamic and rewarding experience that allows me to contribute meaningfully while continuously learning about the complexities of healthcare leadership.

Q: Tell us about your journey into healthcare administration.

A: My journey into healthcare administration started with childhood memories of playing doctor. My siblings and I would line up our stuffed animals and care for them like real patients, inspired by an innate desire to help others. This curiosity led me to explore the health sciences, initially envisioning a career in clinical care. However, through a variety of experiences, I discovered that my true calling was in healthcare administration. I was drawn to the unique opportunity to blend service and leadership—contributing to patient care on a larger scale by improving systems, supporting teams, and driving meaningful change in healthcare delivery. After earning my Master of Healthcare Administration from the University of Iowa in May, I feel energized and ready to embark on this exciting journey, knowing it's only the beginning.

Q: What have you enjoyed most about the roles you have held?

A: Although my career is just beginning, I've been fortunate to hold a variety of clinical and administrative roles during my undergraduate and graduate studies. Balancing work and school gave me the invaluable opportunity to apply classroom knowledge to real-world scenarios, which deepened my understanding and reinforced my passion for healthcare. What I've enjoyed most across all these roles is the opportunity to learn every single day. Each experience has shaped who I am and taught me lessons that I carry forward. Embracing a mindset of lifelong learning has been incredibly rewarding—whether I'm mastering a technical skill, gaining insights into how teams function, or simply getting to know my coworkers better. Staying curious, actively listening, and striving for continuous improvement has not only made my work fulfilling but also brought immense joy to my professional journey thus far.

Q: What advice were you offered that has led to this career or opportunities that you have pursued?

A: One piece of advice that has profoundly influenced my career path is, *"Stay open to every opportunity and be willing to step out of your comfort zone."* This mindset has allowed me to embrace new experiences, seek out challenges, and continuously expand my skill set. I've learned that being adaptable and curious opens doors you might not initially envision for yourself. Additionally, mentors have encouraged me to build strong relationships, as connecting with others often leads to unexpected opportunities and invaluable guidance. This combination of openness, adaptability, and relationship-building has been instrumental in guiding me.

CONNECTION TO ACHE:**Q: Why did you decide to join ACHE MN?**

A: I joined ACHE during my MHA program and quickly realized the incredible opportunities the organization provides. Some of my most cherished graduate school memories come from attending ACHE Congress with my cohort, where we had the chance to network, hear inspiring keynote speakers, and learn from accomplished leaders across the healthcare industry. Those experiences left a lasting impression on me, and upon graduation, I knew I wanted to remain connected to ACHE. Joining ACHE MN felt like the perfect graduation gift to myself—a meaningful investment in my career development and a way to stay engaged with a community of professionals committed to advancing healthcare leadership.

Q: What do you gain most from your ACHE membership/participation?

A: What I gain most from my ACHE membership is access to a supportive community of healthcare leaders who share a commitment to continuous learning and professional growth. Through networking events, educational opportunities, and leadership development programs, I've been able to expand my knowledge, gain new perspectives, and build meaningful relationships.

MENTORSHIP**Q. Did you have a mentor that played a role in navigating your career? What stands out as some important lessons your mentor taught you?**

A. One of the key benefits of pursuing an MHA is that I immediately gained access to a network of alumni mentors who have been invaluable in guiding my career. I also consider myself extremely fortunate to have developed strong relationships with several leaders whom I turn to for advice when facing key decisions. It can be challenging early in your career to navigate the many potential paths, but my mentors have helped me stay focused by encouraging me to align my long-term goals with the opportunities that arise. One important lesson they've taught me is the value of being adaptable and open to new experiences, even when they might not perfectly align with a preconceived plan. They also emphasized the importance of building relationships and seeking diverse perspectives, which has not only enriched my personal growth but also provided a broader understanding of leadership in healthcare.

PERSONAL:**Q: What are some of your hobbies?**

A: Reading, hiking, boating, running, wakesurfing, taking my English Cream Golden Retriever puppy for walks, spending time with friends and family, and watching sports

Q: Name something on your “bucket list”

A: One thing on my bucket list is to travel through Europe and experience its rich history, culture, and diverse landscapes. I've always wanted to visit iconic landmarks like the Eiffel Tower, the Colosseum, and the canals of Venice, but I also look forward to exploring lesser-known gems, trying authentic cuisine, and immersing myself in local traditions.

Q: What makes you the person you are?

A: Summarizing who I am in a couple of sentences is no small feat! I would describe myself as a curious learner, always eager to explore new ideas and experiences. Whether it's reading about topics that spark my interest, trying out a new recipe in the kitchen, or asking thoughtful questions to deepen my understanding, I am constantly seeking growth.

Our **Member Feature** aims to highlight individual members and their diverse backgrounds, as well as celebrate the amazing work you do. Please share your story today or nominate a colleague who you think should be featured. Email us at contact@achemn.org



PODCAST

The ACHE MN Communications Committee is excited to revitalize the podcast in 2025, with plans to bring you episodes more regularly and consistently. Stay tuned for fresh insights and engaging discussions as we work to make this podcast a key resource for our chapter members and Minnesota healthcare leaders.

We are excited to close out 2024 with a timely, dynamic conversation on the future of artificial intelligence in healthcare. We are most appreciative to Sarah Harper for leading the ACHE MN podcasts. Tune in to hear:

- ☀️ Why “healthcare should be running towards AI”
- ☀️ How health systems can work synergistically across their network of hospitals to bring innovation into care regardless of community size
- ☀️ What scalability looks like and why it’s important moving forward



The Future of AI in Healthcare

In this episode, we explore the emerging presence of artificial intelligence in healthcare. Listen as host, **Sarah Harper**, discusses with **Dr. Chris Hasse**, Chief Administrator Officer for Mayo Clinic Health System, how health systems will need to continue to innovate to deliver care and how artificial intelligence can help improve the care of the patients even in the rural healthcare space.

 [click here to listen](#)

If you would like to be featured on the podcast or have topics that you would like us to cover, please email contact@achemn.org. We would value any ideas for speakers or topics that you would like to share or have us feature in an upcoming episode

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ACHE MN MEMBERS PRESENTING AT CONGRESS

Be sure to check out our ACHE MN members presenting at Congress. Here is a list of those presenting:

* Denotes ACHE MN member

Building a Future-Ready Board: Keeping Trustees Informed and Focused Through Education and Development

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025 | 3:15 - 4:15 PM CT



Keith Wysocki

Manager
Veralon Partners Inc



Amy L. Hart, FACHE *

CEO
Cuyuna Regional Medical
Center

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The Future of Healthcare: Automating the Way to Prevention and Wellness

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025 | 3:15 - 4:15 PM CT



Julie A. Hobbs, PT, DPT, PhD, FACHE *

Administrator
Mayo Clinic



Angie Horejsi *

Operations Manager
Mayo Clinic



Rachel Pringnitz *

Vice Chair of Administration Operations
Mayo Clinic



Kathleen Madden, CRC

Administrative Chair
Mayo Clinic Health System



Maggie Shalagan

Program Manager, Clinical Operations
Mayo Clinic



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Beyond Recovery: Thriving as a Health System Into the 2030s and Beyond

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025 | 9:00 - 10:30 AM CT



Craig E. Deao
Managing Director
Huron



Kenneth C. Loder, II
Managing Director
Huron Consulting Group



Dominica Tallarico, FACHE ✳
Executive Vice President/COO
Allina Health

National speakers include . . .



Brené Brown, PhD
Research Professor and *New York Times* Bestselling Author



Ozan Varol, JD
Rocket Scientist turned Professor, No. 1 Bestselling Author, and Expert on Innovation and Creativity



Doris Kearns Goodwin, PhD
Presidential Historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning Author



Michael Sorrell, EdD
Visionary Leader, Institutional Change Agent, President of Paul Quinn College



Ginny Clarke
Former Director, Executive Recruiting, Google



Paul Zikopoulos
Future Trends Expert, VP of Technology Group Skills Vitality & Enablement IRM



Cheryl Pegus, MD
Managing Director
Morgan Health Ventures



Lisa Goldstein
Managing Director
Kaufman Hall



THANK YOU COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to all of our committee members for your time, talent, and contributions. ACHE MN relies on our volunteers to help create meaningful connections and experiences for our members.

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- Dave Walz

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- Josh Howell
- Leah Voigt Potter
- Abel Ebane

Finance & Audit Committee

- **Allyssa Stevens, Chair**
- Lars Johnson

Local Program Councils

Minnesota as a state is structured as one chapter led by the ACHE MN Board of Directors that serves as the governing body. To engage existing and attract new members across our geographically dispersed state, the chapter has formed local program councils (LPC) to conduct education and networking events in densely populated areas.

- Northern LPC
- Southern LPC
- Central LPC

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