

CHSAC Member Descriptions 2021

Jennifer Arnold

Jennifer wants to improve the services that are offered to those who are living and working in Ramsey County; to apply her knowledge and skills as a pharmacist working in the community setting to improve the health and well-being of all individuals. She is the mother of a child with special needs. She is interested in law school possibly in the near future, and is a volunteer for NAMI Minnesota.

Manoj Doss

Dr. Doss is a board-certified physician and urban planner with expertise in population and environmental health. His history of service began as an AmeriCorps*VISTA in Delaware and as a volunteer with the City of Middletown's (DE) Economic Restructuring Committee. He now serves as a physician at HealthPartners and as the medical director at the Institute for Integrative Therapies, a trauma-informed behavioral health clinic he co-founded in Saint Paul. Dr. Doss also sometimes works as an environmental health consultant contributing to health impact assessments and reviewing environmental impact analyses. Main areas of interest include spatial analytics, health prevention, and the built environment's impact on human health.

Hannah Fairman

With a background in nonprofit, government, and academic settings, Hannah is committed to building connections between various stakeholders to drive positive change. She currently leads communications and public engagement for a global nonprofit trade association focused on leveraging health technology to improve healthcare outcomes. As a newer resident of Ramsey County, she wants to help the county better understand and respond to the needs of the community.

Hanna Getachew-Kreusser

Hanna has over 20 years of experience in managing social services and directing programs in the Non-Profit sector. She has worked in diverse programs providing health and social services across the life span. She has had several years of experience managing programs geared towards serving those who are in crisis due to various life changes including health and stability, homelessness, domestic violence, grief and loss. Her passion, personality, training and experience make her an effective leader for directing work around the social determinants of health. She currently serves as the Director of Programs at Face to Face Health and Counseling in Saint Paul. She is interested in working towards getting to the root cause of health and wellness issues more than putting on band aids. Hanna describes her current passion as involving a focus on participating in policy change conversations with policy makers to bring changes to the lives of people impacted.

Brady Johnson

Brady is a longtime Saint Paul resident, spouse of an SPPS schoolteacher, and strong advocate of local government. His professional experience as a healthcare consultant provides a unique perspective on the issue. He is currently employed by Optum, part of UnitedHealth Group, in an Economics Consulting role. His passion is studying how economic and healthcare data are intertwined, and how the data can be used to better understand the healthcare problems faced by our patients/members/neighbors. Brady will work fiercely towards advocating that everyone receive a fair and honest voice, particularly when it comes to a human right such as healthcare.

Georgie Kinsman

Georgie is a Master's of Public Health student at Saint Catherine University. She has worked in community health at St. Mary's health clinics and currently works at the Minnesota Department of Health. Georgie was born and raised in Saint Paul and is knowledgeable about the different communities that live in the twin cities. She has experience working specifically with the Hispanic and Hmong immigrant communities. Georgie is interested in reducing health disparities and addressing systemic equity issues.

Tom Kottke

Tom practices cardiology with HealthPartners Medical Group and serves as Medical Director for Population Health at HealthPartners health plan. He focuses his efforts on creating physical and social environments that support and enable healthy lifestyles for all residents of St. Paul Ramsey County and other communities.

Hongyi Lan

As an educator, Hongyi has worked in several educational institutions both in China and the United States. In the past five years, she has been focused on promoting wellness and active living. She teaches Tai Chi and Qi Gong Adult Wellness Programs. She enjoys working with people and making positive changes in their lives. Hongyi offers a fresh perspective on important public services for all Ramsey County residents. She has worked hard to understand her community and promote positive political campaigns. Hongyi holds a PhD in Comparative and International Education from University of Minnesota.

Ayah Mohammed

What began with helping her parents navigate the complex healthcare system as new immigrants in the U.S ended up shaping Ayah's understanding of how race and ethnicity complicates and intersects with health and the healthcare system. This understanding was the catalyst that inspired her passion for public health. Ayah is dedicated to improving the health of the community. She has focused on serving underserved and underprivileged populations, such as minorities, immigrants, refugees, and homeless individuals. Ayah completed her undergraduate education at the University of Minnesota where she studied Public Health, Global Studies and Arabic. She is an African Lay Health Advisor in her community and a member of MDH's Institutional Racism Cohort and the Violence Prevention Action Team. She is employed at Family Tree Clinic as a Community Engagement Liaison. Ayah has immersed herself into the communities which she serves in order to intimately understand their needs and the barriers they face that negatively impact their health.

Erica Morris

Erica is a resident of Saint Paul who is interested in her community and surrounding neighborhoods. For the past several years she has worked in social services. She has been called upon to problem solve, re-imagine programs, serve and lead. She is invested in the community as a resident and works with families in the community as a family advocate. She has worked in various case management roles and learned about what is important to and for residents regarding their health and wellbeing and how they envision living in their neighborhoods. She visits the parks regularly. Erica volunteers in the Saint Paul for the Organization of Liberians, based in Minneapolis. She is a business owner in the community and is looking forward to serving individuals and families through her company, Door 2 Door Transport, LLC.

David Muhovich

David is a long-time St. Paul resident who wants to more actively connect with the positive work done in public health in his own community. He teaches Community Health Nursing and Cultural Diversity at Bethel University.

Steven Nelson

Steven has ten years of experience working with Breaking Free. He raised a son with multiple disorders from age 8 to 18. Steve has been serving as a Foster Parent for six years while studying addiction counseling. He has a strong voice and a passion to help people. Steve hopes to help on a higher level to enrich the lives of people of color with a positive lifestyle.

Sarah Osman

Sarah is a registered nurse at Hennepin County Medical Center and long-time Saint Paul resident. She is passionate about health promotion, education and prevention. She is also interested in the socioeconomic and public health issues affecting low-income, minority, and immigrant/refugee populations.

Regina Rippel

Regina worked for the MN AIDS project for 15 years as case and program manager. After receiving her nursing degree, she went on to work in a long-term facility. She is currently working at an assisted living facility and also does a lot of wellness events as a private contractor.

Kerri-Elizabeth Sawyer

Kerri-Elizabeth is a Research Scientist with the State of Minnesota. She works to improve the performance of Minnesota's state and local public health system. Kerri-Elizabeth joined the Committee in 2008.

Rajaram Swaminathan

Rajaram is very interested in learning about community health. With all the pandemic challenges, there is a great opportunity to contribute to and learn about the community. Rajaram works as a Senior Delivery Manager at Best Buy, and has had several opportunities to contribute to the working community. He mentors and focuses on peer's lifestyles. Rajaram lives in Shoreview.

Pa Vang

Pa is an LPN, and wishes to serve on this committee in order to use her experiences to make a positive impact for the community. Pa is a member of the Hmong Health Care Professional Coalition, Community Dental Care Board, Headwater Foundation for Justice, Planned Parenthood and Hmong Community Advisory Council.

Carol Thunstrom

Carol has over 25 years of nursing experience, including 10 years with the Hennepin County Homeless Project working as a PHN where she focused on pregnant women, children and families. Equally important was her work to reach the homeless who sleep outside, assisting with medical care and housing. She currently works for HealthPartners in nurse triage. Her MSN degree with FNP focus along with her ANCC certifications in the topics of Ambulatory Care nursing, Psychiatric nursing and Holistic nursing provide her a well-rounded view of her patient base. Her passion is public health and her goal is to use her knowledge and experience to work toward improving overall public health issues within Ramsey County.