

CHSAC Member Descriptions 2022

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.

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.

John Larkin

John worked for most his career as a researcher with the federal government in the area of shelf-stable and extended shelf-life foods, with particular interest in the regulatory science of canned foods. Prior to retirement, John worked in academia and as a consultant identifying mitigation strategies addressing threats to the food supply from terrorists and validation of food processing systems to prevent foodborne hazards. John has an interest in food safety and reducing our dependence on non-renewable resources and their impact on public 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.

Donna Oda

Donna Oda has experience in county contracting and starting small business organizations. Education is one of her passions, starting in early education to family partnership coordinating with families that require support. She is an alumnus of CEP, a lobbying and training internship to participate at the capitol. She is a resident of the historical Rondo neighborhood and has in-depth knowledge of its history and contributions to the State of Minnesota. Paradigm Shifts is her organization that provides consulting, public speaking, and training to those in the community.

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.

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.

Mark Traynor

Mark is a retired health plan CEO, longtime attorney, and aspiring social studies teacher. He has spent much of his career seeking to expand access to health care and supporting services to those individuals and families who experience barriers to health and well-being. Committed to serving the community, Mark has served on several nonprofit boards. He is a lifelong resident of Ramsey County.

Sophia Vuelo

Sophia is a District Court Judge in Ramsey County. She currently handles civil commitment and Rule 20 matters, along with all matters related to juvenile delinquency. Judge Vuelo is dedicated to improving the lives of those who live in Ramsey County and the State of Minnesota. She brings a unique perspective to the committee as a jurist, lifelong member of the community, and immigrant/refugee background. She has served on various boards, including the Hmong American Partnership, Community Collaborative Law Initiative, and Asian Women United, Inc. Judge Vuelo is passionate about helping young people reach their full potential.