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Matthew W. Bergeron, J.D., is an attorney and a member of the Larkin Hoffman government relations group. In his legislative practice Matthew advises a variety of clients through the process of developing, drafting, and promoting their legislative agendas and supports their ongoing cultivation of relationships with legislators, agency staff and the governor's office. Outside of the Capitol, Matthew's legal practice centers on representing Medicaid providers, including community clinics, behavioral health and disability services providers, and long-term care facilities, on issues related to licensing, reimbursement, and regulatory compliance. Prior to joining Larkin Hoffman, Matthew served as committee staff for multiple high-profile committees in the Minnesota House of Representatives, including as Committee Administrator of the House Health and Human Services Policy Committee.



Jane Neubauer, Special Project Consultant, is the owner and operator of Independent Contract Services of Fergus Falls, LLC. Jane has worked as an independent Special Project Consultant for the past 22 years. Jane's professional focus for the past 18 years has included work with state-wide, regional, and individual community-based organizations and coalitions to address gaps and barriers to effective service delivery models. Jane has served in multiple roles for local, regional, and statewide dental service coordination projects since 2008. Jane specializes in community organizing by bringing key stakeholders together to identify gaps, and then works with communities to develop effective strategies and work plans to address their identified needs. Jane believes that an essential component for each unique project includes building upon, rather than duplicating organizational efforts, to maximize limited resources.

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Mark Jones is the Executive Director of the Minnesota Rural Health Association. His career in health care began nearly thirty years ago as a paramedic in a rural community. Mark has a great deal of EMS, Critical Access Hospital, and rural health advocacy experience. As a resident of a rural Minnesota community, Mark has a very personal interest in the future of rural health care. He is dedicated to seeing that all rural Minnesotans have access to healthcare and healthy living.



Emily Becker is a Community Partnerships Manager for M Health Fairview out of the Community Advancement/Community Engagement Department. Emily's role exists to build, maintain, and strengthen local community partnerships and community engagement opportunities within M Health Fairview's hospital service areas. Emily works closely with rural communities, specifically those surrounding M Health Fairview's Northland Medical Center in Princeton, MN and Lakes Medical Center in Wyoming, MN. Emily has a passion for community development work and has worked for 10+ years in this space.

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Kris Clementson is a RN and Operations Director for the Wyoming Primary Care/IM/Peds, Chisago and North Branch Clinics at M Health Fairview. Kris has had the opportunity to work many positions over the last 32+ years for the same organization, starting with Rush City. Kris' first role was in the building of which she was born. Rural communities have a place in her heart, and she strives to do what she can to be sure that they are represented and have access to care that they need.

Beth Nelson has over 40 years of experience in human service programming that has directly and indirectly touched the lives of low-income Minnesotans. She strives to make improvements in service delivery with a goal that these improvements make a positive difference in people's lives. Positions held have included, Retired Senior Volunteer Program Director, Area Agency on Aging – Agency Director, DHS positions: Long Term Care Ombudsman, State of Minnesota Long Term Care Policy Analyst, Director of the Seniors Agenda for Independent Living and 25 years at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota, most recently serving as their Medicaid Director.

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