

Summit Participant Information

May 2, 2025 Denver, Colorado Tori Bahr, MD MedPeds Complex Care Physician and Section Chief of Pediatrics Gillette Children's Minnesota

Tori Bahr MD, FAAP is an internal medicine and pediatric Complex Care physician and Section Chief of Pediatrics at Gillette Children's where she specializes in the coordination of care for patients with childhood onset medical complexity. She has a special interest in supporting patients and families through their pediatric to adult healthcare transition. Her passion for transition started when she was a PCA for a young woman with muscular dystrophy and was strengthened throughout her training at the University of Minnesota. She is energized by partnering with those struggling through transition and is committed to radically transforming how we care for patients in this important life stage. She is a fierce advocate for universal, yet individualized high-auality, evidence-based, and creative systems-based healthcare transition for young people and their families. She has served as medical advisor for the Transition ECHO program through the Minnesota Medical Association funded by the Copic Medical Foundation. This was the catalyst for a multi-year Minnesota Healthcare Transition Learning Collaborative funded by the Minnesota Department of Health. She hopes her work will inspire others across healthcare to embed transition into the care they provide every day.

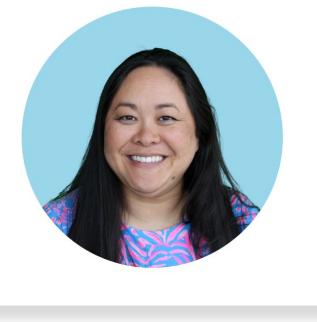


Lisa Bradley Vice President of Philanthropy Visiting Nurse Association (Nebraska)

Lisa Bradley, As Vice President of Philanthropy, Lisa is responsible for fund development and strategic collaborations for VNA/ESN. She oversees grants, individual giving, and events and collaborates on marketing, public relations, and community engagement. She has over 20 years of experience in fundraising and program development at agencies such as Kids Can Community Center, Metropolitan Community College, and the YMCA of Metropolitan Washington (DC).

She received her bachelor's degree in International Relations and Asian American Studies from Mount Holyoke College (MA) and has nonprofit fundraising and leadership certifications from the University of Nebraska. She graduated from NAM's Nonprofit Executive Institute (Class 15) and Impact Silver Spring.

Lisa and her husband grew up in Omaha and have three children, Theo (toy poodle), and Mochi (cat). They recently returned home after living in Europe. Lisa loves to travel anywhere with a beach and good food, coach volleyball, and watch her kids' sports activities.



Kaylanne Chandler, MHA, BSN, RN Director of Care Coordination Children's Hospital Colorado

Kaylanne Chandler serves in the role as the Director of Care Coordination at Children's Hospital Colorado. She has worked in care coordination for over 10 years in healthcare administration roles across the health neighborhood and care continuum, all with a specific focus on under resourced communities. Before joining Children's Colorado, Kaylanne served as the Director of Care Management at Carelon (a diversified business group of Elevance Health, previously known as Anthem) from 2021-2023, where she specialized in Colorado Medicaid managed care contracts and specifically care management strategy and operations. Prior to that, she was the Director of Nursing at the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, a Federally Qualified Health Center with locations across Colorado.

Born and raised in Denver, Colorado, Kaylanne received a double bachelor's degree in nursing and international studies from Baylor University. She holds a Master of Science in Health Services Administration from Regis University.



Kim Curran, DNP, APNP, FNP-BC, SANE-A Co-President Dane County Multi Agency Center (DaneMAC)

Dr. Kimberly Curran, DNP, APNP, FNP-BC, SANE-A is the Co Founder and Co President of Dane County Multi Agency Center (DaneMAC) in Madison, Wisconsin. DaneMAC has been serving survivors of gender based violence since 2021. She has worked within forensic nursing since 2005. She and her co founder envisioned a center that empowers survivors of gender based violence by cultivating community collaboration and improved access to coordinated, streamlined, and innovative support. She has successfully run a mobile forensic nurse exam program at DaneMAC since 2021. Kim successfully helped launch DaneMAC's new innovation, Dane Multi Agency Portal (DaneMAP). She received her Doctorate of Nursing practice at UW-Milwaukee School of nursing; she is a board-certified Nurse Practitioner. Kim is a forensic nurse consultant providing training for the Department of Justice, UW Madison medical school, law enforcement, judges, and others on a wide variety of topics including sexual assault, domestic violence, and strangulation. She is a published author / researcher in peer reviewed journals. Kim helped create the content for UW Milwaukee's Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Training course. She provides expert testimony on sexual assault, trauma response, and strangulation. She has won awards for leadership and nursing. Additionally, Kim works as a family medicine NP for UnityPoint Health Meriter. In this role, she functions as the site lead for the weekend walk in clinic and is the regional representative for all Advanced Practice Prescribers in the Madison Region for UPH.



Jessica DaMassa Executive Producer & Host WTF Health – What's the Future, Health?

Jessica DaMassa is a prominent figure in health innovation, best known as the creator and host of "WTF Health – What's the Future, Health?," an interview series that took her to numerous health innovation conferences worldwide. Through this platform, she conducted over 1,000 interviews with key figures in health technology and innovation, earning her the reputation as the 'It girl' of health innovation interviewing.

Throughout her career, Jessica has been a sought-after speaker and moderator at health innovation events around the world, known for her engaging style, insightful questions, and deep industry knowledge. She is co-emcee of Frontiers Health, Europe's predominant digital health conference, hosted CVS Health's own innovation series, "CVS Health Live," and has served as keynote speaker providing analysis and insight on innovation trends for audiences across the healthcare ecosystem. Jessica's contributions have significantly shaped conversations around the future of healthcare and technology.

Jessica began her career at GuideWell and Florida Blue (formerly BlueCross BlueShield of Florida), focusing on initiatives that fostered new partnerships and investment opportunities, contributing to the company's expansion beyond traditional health insurance.

In 2015, Jessica launched her consulting business, offering strategic guidance in business strategy, innovation, and public relations to clients such as GuideWell, healthcare startups, accelerator programs, and a 3D printing company in Australia. She also served as an advisor to SAS, aiding in the expansion of their healthcare business to meet the needs of healthcare disruptors.

In May 2023, Jessica announced the conclusion of "WTF Health" after six years, expressing gratitude to her audience and signaling her readiness to explore new opportunities. For the latest updates on her endeavors, connect with Jessica on LinkedIn. <u>https://www.linkedin.com/in/jessicadamassa/</u>





Randee Dix Population Health Director Stigler Health and Wellness Center

Randee currently serves as the Population Health Director Stigler Health and Wellness Center which is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). As a licensed nurse with a deep-rooted passion for community health, I feel a dedication to improving health equity and outcomes for underserved populations. We are able to serve over 30,000 patients in rural southeast Oklahoma.

In this role at Stigler Health and Wellness we can blend clinical expertise with data-driven strategies to design and implement programs that address chronic disease management, preventative care, and health education. My favorite part of the work is watching real, measurable improvements in patients' lives—especially when it comes to slowing disease progression and enhancing overall wellness.

When not working, I enjoy spending time with my family of 7! We enjoy anything outside, watching sporting events together and enjoying life as it happens.





Fidelity Dominguez Process Improvement Lead, Clinical Effectiveness Children's Hospital Colorado

Fidelity is a registered nurse with over 24 years of experience, specializing in emergency nursing. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Northern Colorado and has been with Children's Hospital Colorado since 2006. In 2019, she joined the Clinical Effectiveness Department as a Process Improvement Lead. Certified as a Lean Six Sigma Green Belt, she applies quality improvement methodologies to lead system-wide clinical improvement projects, including the Transitional Care Management Project.





Cristina Flood Urdangarin, MD, MPH Community Health Outreach Manager St. Mary's Health Clinics

Cristina Flood Urdangarin is a physician trained in Spain, holding a Master's in Community Health from the University of Leeds and a Master's in Public Health from the University of Minnesota. Since 2002, she has been with St. Mary's Health Clinics (SMHC), a nonprofit organization providing free healthcare services to uninsured individuals across six Twin Cities locations. In her role, Cristina develops and coordinates SMHC's Latino health outreach programming, focusing on culturally responsive care and community engagement. Her work includes initiatives like the Ventanilla de Salud public health partnership with the Mexican Consulate, and the "Rethink Your Drink" campaign, addressing health disparities by educating communities about healthier beverage choices and building trust in local tap water safety

Cristina is deeply committed to improving healthcare access for underserved populations and finds her work personally fulfilling. She is married, has five children, and enjoys traveling, hiking, biking, and reading.



Matthew Gonzales, MD, FAAHPM Associate Vice President, CMO & COO Providence Institute for Caring

Matthew Gonzales, M.D., FAAHPM is a board-certified palliative medicine physician and 2017 Cambia Health Foundation Sojourns Scholar. He completed his undergraduate degree at Stanford University. He subsequently worked as a software engineer helping to develop a publicly available database that allows clinicians to tailor treatment for persons infected with HIV. Dr. Gonzales attended the Keck School of Medicine and completed his internal medicine residency and palliative medicine fellowship at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF). Since completing his training, he has held faculty positions at both UCSF and City of Hope. He recently received an Emerging Leader award by the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine and now serves as the chief medical officer for the Institute for Human Caring at Providence.

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Romana Hasnain-Wynia, PhD Professor of Medicine, University of Colorado School of Medicine

Dr. Romana Hasnain-Wynia most recently served as the Chief of Academic Affairs and Public Health and Chief Research Officer at Denver Health. She is professor of medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. She mentors junior and mid-career investigators at Denver Health and the University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus and co-directs the HRSA funded postdoctoral training fellowship in Health Services and Outcomes Research in primary care. Her research activities emphasize generating and using real world evidence in Learning Health Systems. She serves on several national advisory panels and is on the editorial boards of the journals Health Affairs and Health Services Research.





Meredith Hintze Executive Director, Copic Medical Foundation & Director, CSR, Copic



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Ms. Hintze holds a bachelors' degrees in both Spanish and Psychology from the University of Southern California and earned a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Colorado where her graduate thesis was focused on program development and evaluation. In 2019, she received her Certificate in Corporate Social Responsibility from the University of Colorado. After years as a leader in the nonprofit sector, in February 2019, she joined COPIC in a dual role that oversees both the COPIC Medical Foundation and the company's Corporate Social Responsibility programming.

Meredith is active in the community as a member of numerous committees at the Denver Chamber of Commerce, and B:CIVIC. She is an alumna of both the Colorado Chamber of Commerce EXEC's Leadership Program and Leadership Denver ('22) through the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation (DMCLF). She serves on the boards of DMCLF and Colorado Safety Net Collaborative.

Theresa Jizba, DNP, AGACNP-BC, ACHPN Nebraska Hospice and Palliative Care Association

Dr. Jizba is a nurse practitioner specializing in palliative care and is an assistant professor in the graduate nursing program at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. She is also a regional representative for the End-of-Life Nursing Consortium (ELNEC). Her research focuses on integrating and evaluating primary palliative care curricula in health science programs. As the vice-chairperson of the Nebraska Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council, Dr. Jizba played a key role in creating a definition of palliative care for the Nebraska legislature. She actively supports ongoing legislation aimed at defining and promoting advanced care planning. Additionally, Dr. Jizba is an enthusiastic member of the Nebraska Hospice and Palliative Care Association, where she collaborates with an interprofessional healthcare team to advocate for consistency in advance care planning to ensure streamlined communication with emergency medical services and other healthcare teams when caring for patients with serious illnesses.





Kelly Joines Chief Strategy Officer Contexture

Kelly Joines is the Chief Strategy Officer at Contexture - Arizona and Colorado's statewide non-profit Health Information Exchange (HIE). Kelly has been with the HIE since its inception and is responsible for directing HIE and business line strategy, M&A activities, and internal operational improvements.

Prior to joining Contexture (CORHIO in 2009), Kelly was a long time IT and strategic consultant with considerable systems development, implementation, and operations experience across multiple industries, as well as large scale IT project and program management expertise.

Kelly received her Bachelor of Science in Information Systems from the University of Colorado, Boulder, and a dual Master of Arts degree in Organizational Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Global Community Engagement. She is a Copic Medical Foundation board member and current board president of Every Child Pediatrics.

You can most often find her outside backpacking or gardening.



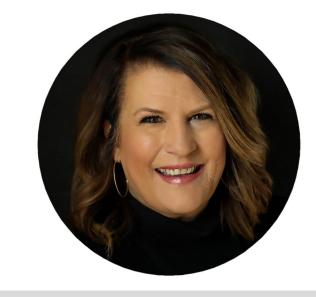
Bethany Lowndes Scientific Director Innovative Design Unit, University of Nebraska Medical Center

Bethany R. Lowndes is an Associate Professor at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in the Department of Neurological Sciences and the Scientific Director of the Innovation Design Unit. She obtained her BS in Biological Systems Engineering and Ph.D. in Engineering. Additionally, Dr. Lowndes received her masters in public health for public practice and completed her post-doctoral fellowship at Mayo Clinic in the Center for the Science of Health Care Delivery with a research emphasis on human factors and ergonomics applications for improve surgical safety and effectiveness. Her research interests include the applications of human factors and ergonomics principles to advance health and safety of patients and clinicians. As a team scientist, she has led and collaborated on projects funded through NIOSH, AHRQ, NIH, and industry. Dr. Lowndes leads participatory design and userengaged research to improve the interactions between healthcare providers, patients, caregivers, technology and the environment in order to advance health across different levels of care.



Marilee Malcom, RN Executive Director Nebraska Hospice and Palliative Care Association

Marilee Malcom, RN is the Executive Director of the Nebraska Hospice and Palliative Care Association and a passionate advocate for patient-centered, end-of-life care. With a strong foundation in nursing education, Marilee has dedicated her career to ensuring that individuals facing serious illness are treated with dignity, compassion, and respect. Her clinical experience fuels her commitment to honoring patient wishes through meaningful advance care planning and promoting systems that reduce fragmentation in healthcare. Marilee is a tireless voice for improving access to high-quality hospice and palliative care across Nebraska and beyond.





Sophia Meharena, DO, FAAP, Board Chair, Copic Medical Foundation, Pediatrician & Director of Clinical Outcomes, Every Child Pediatrics

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Sophia Meharena is a primary care pediatrician at Every Child Pediatrics in Aurora, Colorado where she lives out her work dream serving diverse patients and families with limited resources in an integrated healthcare setting. Her passions include patient and family empowerment and education, healthy living and lifestyles, access to care and pipeline and mentorship work.

A recognized leader, Sophia has sat on a variety of boards and is currently the chairperson of the COPIC Medical Foundation Board of Directors. She is also the founder of the Indian Ridge Learning Community - a parent lead school-based effort to provide family centered community building workshops around Social and Emotional Health and Development. Born in Texas to Immigrant parents from Ethiopia and Eritrea, Sophia lived all over the US and traveled the world before settling in Colorado with her life partner and soul mate. They are the proud parents of 3 amazing children who keep them smiling and busy. She is happiest when she is exploring with her family, doing service & helping others, playing games & building community, or just hanging out listening to music & making (and eating) good food.



Meghan Mendick Senior Healthcare Data Scientist Nebraska Medicine, Innovation Design Unit

She holds a Bachelor of Science in Biotechnology from the University of Nebraska Omaha, where she developed a strong foundation in biological sciences and laboratory techniques. This was further enriched by a Master of Science in Cancer Research at the University of Nebraska Omaha, where she honed her skills in experimental design, data analysis, and scientific research. Recognizing the importance of integrating business acumen with scientific expertise, she pursued an MBA from the University of Omaha, which equipped her with strategic thinking, financial analysis, and management skills. This unique combination of qualifications has enabled her to excel in various roles, including Analytics Senior Developer, Informatics Project Manager, and Applications Senior Analyst. Currently, as a Senior Healthcare Data Scientist, she leverages advanced analytical techniques and data visualization to extract actionable insights from complex datasets. Through collaboration with cross-functional teams to develop innovative solutions that drive data-driven decision-making and improve patient outcomes, she is committed to continuous learning and staying at the forefront of technological advancements in data science and healthcare.



Spencer Merchant VP Strategy – Consumer Experience UHC (United Healthcare)

Spencer is a VP with United Healthcare leading a team focused on the strategy for supporting UHC's pediatric and adult members with complex and special health care needs, specifically supporting families to navigate the insurance and health care system. UHC's pediatric Special Needs Initiative has provided 1:1 UHC support to over 250,000 families and the adult program is available to over 3 million members.

Spencer received his MBA from the University of Minnesota. Spencer is also the dad of four children, one of whom has special health care needs. He brings his personal and professional experience to Family Voices of Minnesota on the Board of Directors as well as a member of his local school district's Special Needs Advisory Council.





Sarah Meirose Senior Manager, Public Affairs Copic

Sarah Meirose is the Senior Manager of Public Affairs for the Copic family of companies where she manages the government and public affairs activities in Copic's regional markets. She brings experience in regional government affairs from various industries, as well as a political finance background. Sarah's primary focus is building and maintaining relationships among healthcare partners, the business community, and at the state legislatures across Copic's target markets. Her efforts aim to facilitate successful collaboration on legislative initiatives as well as projects aimed at improving healthcare delivery and patient safety. She enjoys regional affairs because each piece of legislation presents unique policy problem, an opportunity to identify the best path forward, and requires relationships to solve. Sarah's internal role at Copic consists of legislative tracking and analysis, campaign finance compliance, legislative communications, external affairs, and furthering Copic's commitment to ensuring access to safe, quality medical care.



Gary Rucker Assistant Fire Chief - EMS Operations, Covington (Kentucky) Fire Department

With 29 years of dedicated service in the Northern Kentucky area, Gary Rucker is a highly experienced Firefighter and Paramedic. For the past 21 years, Gary has been a vital member of the Covington Fire Department, currently holding the position of Assistant Fire Chief in charge of EMS Operations. His extensive experience and leadership have been instrumental in ensuring the safety and well-being of the community.





Rachel Sattler Co-Founder and Co-President DaneMAC

Rachel E. Sattler is a Wisconsin-based civil rights attorney and, unexpectedly, a social entrepreneur. As the Senior Managing Attorney at LOTUS Legal Clinic, she oversees a team of impact litigation attorneys who provide free legal representation to survivors of sexual violence and human trafficking. Rachel is also the founder of a non-profit, DaneMAC, and a tech start-up OurMAP, LLC: both of which develop solutions that make it easier for survivors to connect with local post-assault support. Prior to her current work, she served as a sensitive crimes prosecutor for ten years before starting the Crime Victims' Rights Project, Wisconsin's first network of attorneys specializing in victims' rights law. For her professional contributions, Rachel has been recognized as a 2018 Legal Innovator of the Year, 2021 40 Under 40 Leader, 2022 Wisconsin Innovation Award finalist and 2023 St. Olaf College Alumni Achievement Award winner. She has published several articles on victims' rights issues, developed consequential legal precedent, and teaches other attorneys, judges, law students, law enforcement, medical professionals, and advocates. Rachel earned her B.A. in English from St. Olaf College and her J.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School. She is also a proud AmeriCorps VISTA alum.



Ralph Scorpio Development Officer St. Mary's Health Clinics

Ralph Scorpio recently joined St. Mary's Health Clinics (SMHC) as its Development Officer. Previously, he served as Executive Director of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Ministries Foundation. Prior to joining the St. Mary's Health Clinics staff and starting its own development office, Ralph raised funds for SMHC as a part of his responsibilities at the Ministries Foundation.



Danielle Stiner Battalion Chief of EMS Florence (Kentucky) Fire/EMS

Danielle embraces new opportunities to aid in her personal and professional growth. After receiving her MPT from The College of Mount St. Joseph, she found her true calling in pre-hospital emergency care as a paramedic. Danielle received her paramedic certification from the University of Cincinnati in 2008 and worked at a local fire department for many years providing advanced life support for patients. As a former EMS Coordinator for St. Elizabeth Healthcare, she found passion in teaching continuing education to pre-hospital providers, serving as a liaison between all local EMS agencies and St. Elizabeth Healthcare, and providing community outreach programs to the citizens of Northern Kentucky. She continued her own professional growth, completing an MBA from Thomas More University as well as achieving her Registered Nurse license and Community Paramedic Advanced Paramedic license. Danielle is the current Battalion Chief of EMS for Florence Fire/EMS. A Northern Kentucky native, she is often found attempting do-it-yourself projects as she updates her home. Danielle enjoys spending free time with her husband (John) and stepson (Alex).





Dala Wallace, RN Visiting Nurse Association (Nebraska)

Dala Wallace, RN is a highly experienced Registered Nurse (RN) with an extensive 43-year career, including 23 years at the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA). Her expertise lies in caring for older adults, particularly those with Alzheimer's and dementia. Throughout her career, she has held various roles, including Case Manager and Rehabilitation Nurse in Home Care and Hospice Care. In these roles, she worked closely with therapists—physical, occupational, and speech—to provide coordinated care, with a particular focus on fall prevention in the home.





Mandy Young Manager, Care Coordination St. Elizabeth Physicians

Mandy has been a Registered Respiratory Therapist for 16 years and has been in healthcare management for 6 years. She manages a multi-disciplinary team of Dietitians, Respiratory Therapists, & Referral Coordinators. Her associates collaborate with the Care Management team to provide holistic team-based care. Over the past 6 years in her management role Mandy has had several accomplishments which include the development & implementation of a transportation assistance program that successfully promotes access to care and the creation of a firstof-its-kind Ambulatory Respiratory Care Protocol that allows her associates to practice at the top of their licensure.

In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her husband of 27 years, three children, and seven grandchildren.

