

2023-2024 CIMRO Board of Directors

Mary Belford, M.D. graduated from the University of Illinois, Chicago in 1989 and has been licensed in Illinois since 1994. Dr. Belford is board certified in psychiatry and neurology, and currently has active staff privileges at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee, Illinois. Since 2019, Dr. Belford has been the Program Director of Riverside Medical Center Psychiatry Residency. She is a member of the American Psychiatric Association and Illinois State Medical Society. She previously was a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. Dr. Belford was elected to the CIMRO Board of Directors in March 1999 and has served as Board Vice Chair since 2023 and on the Nominating Committee as Chair since 2001. As part of the CIMRO Enterprise, Dr. Belford was elected to the Great Plains Quality Innovation Network Board of Directors in 2021 and serves as Vice-Chair. She also served as Vice Chair on the CIMRO of Nebraska Board of Directors from 2017-2021.

Dan Holdhusen, BS has held several senior leadership roles in his 28 years of service with TheEvangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society (Society), the nation's largest non-for-profit provider of care, housing and services for seniors and others in need. He served as CFO for ten years, then as a Senior Vice President with responsibility for a variety of national initiatives. His latest role with the Society was as its national Director of Government Relations. Mr. Holdhusen's earlier career included 15 years at Missouri River Energy Services where he served as CEO with management of the consumer-owned electric utility company. His top skills include strategic planning, project management and leadership, and he holds a Business Administration degree from Northern State University in South Dakota. Mr. Holdhusen is retired. He is currently serving his second term on the Great Plains QIN Board of Directors and has served on the Finance and Compliance Committee since May 2020 and the CIMRO Board of Directors and Finance Committee since 2022.

Ronald L. Johnson, M.D., F.A.A.F.P. graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, is board certified in family practice and a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. He has active staff privileges at Illini Community Hospital and Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL and is a Past President of Medical Staff at Illini Community Hospital, Pittsfield, Illinois. He was Chief Consultant at the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services Office of Inspector General from 2010-2013 with clinical oversight of staff reviewers and medical consultants focused on quality and fraud detection. He was a member of the Board of Directors for the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians from 1993 to 2002, serving as Board Chair twice and President, Speaker, and Treasurer. In 2015 Dr. Johnson was elected to the Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS) Board of Trustees and served two terms. On August 20, 2023, he was reappointed as Chair of the ISMS CME Accreditation Committee. He was appointed to the State of Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) Medical Licensing Board and served two terms as Board Chair. In 2012 he was appointed to the (IDFPR) Medical Disciplinary Board and served as Vice Chair and Chair. Dr. Johnson's contributions and commitment to advancing community-based continuing medical education programs was acknowledged by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) with the 2014 Rutledge W. Howard, MD Award. Dr. Johnson has been a CIMRO member and physician reviewer since 1986; member of CIMRO Board of Directors from 1990-1993 and re-elected in 1996 to present; elected as the Board's Vice Chair in 2007; and, elected as Board Chair in 2023. As part of the CIMRO Enterprise, he was appointed as a Corporate Representative to the CIMRO of Nebraska Board of Directors in 2007, served as Vice Chair from 2012-2015, and then Board Chair from 2015-2021. Additionally, Dr. Johnson was elected to the Great Plains Quality Innovation Network Organizational Board and elected as the Chair in January 2014. He served on the Great Plains QIN Board from 2014-2021. Most recently, Dr. Johnson was awarded the 2023 Rural Physician Lifetime of Service Award.



Deborah K. McDermott, M.D. graduated from the St. Louis University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri in 1978 and has been licensed in Illinois since 1981. Dr. McDermott is board eligible in internal medicine with membership staff privileges at Memorial Hospital in Belleville, Illinois. She is Past President of the medical staffs at Belleville Memorial and St. Elizabeth's Hospitals. She is a member of the American Medical Association and the Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS) serving as Chair on the Council on Medical Service. Dr. McDermott is Past President and current Board member of St. Clair County Medical Society. She has been active in peer review both within the facilities she practices and with external utilization review organizations. Dr. McDermott has been a CIMRO member since 1988, physician reviewer since 1989, and was elected to its Board of Directors in 2001. She was appointed to the Board's Nominating Committee in 2006 and the Finance Committee in 2017, and in 2019 elected as the Board Secretary-Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair.

Kristin B. Rodriguez, MS graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from UC Berkely in 2006 and a Master of Science degree in Healthcare Informatics from University of San Diego in 2018. Kristin currently serves as the Chief Operating Officer of Health Plan Alliance. She previously served as the Director of Marketing and Corporate Communications for the Gorman Health Group and Executive Director for RISE. Kristin is a mission driven healthcare executive with a track record of launching successful products and transforming organizations to solve problems, bring people together, and create lasting value. A high-energy, hands-on leader who has deep experience in change management and has led teams through the disruption of leadership changes and the uncertainty of operationalizing strategic plans and mission-derived aspirations. She possesses a breadth of diverse execution management and value delivery through collaborative problem solving grounded in the customer experience, high quality execution, and superior level of accountability in taking calculated risks, including the following domains: financial stability, workforce development, advocacy, operational effectiveness, performance improvement, and behavioral health integration. Kristin has served on CIMRO's Board and Finance Committee since 2023.

Phillip M. Rowell II, MJ is an information technology executive with a passion for healthcare currently serving as a Chief Analytics Officer with Health Catalyst's Technology Enabled Managed Services Division. He is an innovative, outcomes-focused and patient centered senior leader with nearly twenty years of experience in health information technology, population health management, and analytic design. Prior to joining Health Catalyst, Mr. Rowell served as the Vice President of Health Outcomes for Carle, the Director of Technology Consulting with PricewaterhouseCoopers Australia, and he also held positions at Cerner Corporation and Avanade, Inc. He obtained his Bachelor of Business Administration, Economics and Master of Jurisprudence, Health Law degrees from Loyola University. Mr. Rowell is a member of AMA, AMGA, and Pacific Health Information Network and co-founder of Willow Grove International, LLC.

Yashail Vora, MD, MSc, FRCSC is board certified in neurological surgery and since 2008 has served as attending neurosurgeon with Kaiser Permanente in Oregon and southwest Washington. Dr. Vora completed medical school, obtained a Master of Science degree, and completed his neurosurgery residency at the University of Alberta where he received many honors and awards during medical school. Additionally, he completed a neurosurgical oncology fellowship at MD Anderson Cancer Center. Prior to joining Kaiser Permanente, Dr. Vora served as the attending neurosurgeon at the VA Medical Center of Nebraska and Iowa and Assistant Professor of Neurosurgery at Creighton University School of Medicine. Dr. Vora has been a CIMRO physician reviewer since 2004 and for Healthcare Quality Strategies, Inc. since 2012. He has authored numerous publications and scientific presentations, and has been invited faculty at several institutions. Dr. Vora is a member of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons.

