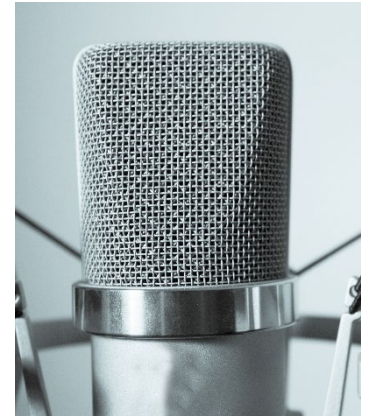


# Reception Room

- **Good evening!** The meeting will start shortly.
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# Mahnomen Health Center Public Hearing

Transition to Rural Emergency Hospital  
April 30, 2024

PROTECTING, MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF ALL MINNESOTANS

Your moderator for today's hearing:



**Stacy Sjogren (Show-gren)**  
Management Analysis  
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- **To opt out of the presentation, please exit now.**

6:05 p.m. – Introductions

6:10 p.m. – Welcome from MDH Health Regulation Division Director

6:15 p.m. – Overview

6:20 p.m. – Mahnomen Health Center presentation

6:50 p.m. – Public comments and questions

7:20 p.m. – Mahnomen Health Center closing remarks

7:25 p.m. – Conclusion

7:30 p.m. – Public hearing ends (subject to change)

# Introductions



**Maria King,**  
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**Dale Kruger,**  
MBA, LNHA  
CEO  
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**Lori Guenther,**  
MAcc  
CFO  
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# Public Hearing Overview

- **The Minnesota Department of Health serves as a neutral host** to ensure there is public discussion and engagement for any proposed closure, reduction of services or relocation of services for a hospital or hospital campus as outlined in [Minnesota Statutes Sec. 144.555](#).
- This statute gives MDH the authority to host the meeting to ensure the public has an opportunity to hear about the hospital's decision and to have their feedback heard. **MDH does not have the authority to change, delay, or prevent the proposed changes, closures or relocations.**
- The facilitator for this hearing is contracted from Minnesota Management and Budget and is **not** part of MDH.



# Mahnomen Health Center Presentation

**Mahnomen Health Center will provide information on its transition to Rural Emergency Hospital.**

- **An explanation by the hospital's representatives of the reasons for transitioning to Rural Emergency Hospital at Mahnomen Health Center.**
- **A description of the actions that Mahnomen Health Center will take to ensure that residents in the hospital's service area have continued access to the health services being modified.**



# Mahnomen Health Representatives



Dale Kruger, MBA, LNHA  
CEO

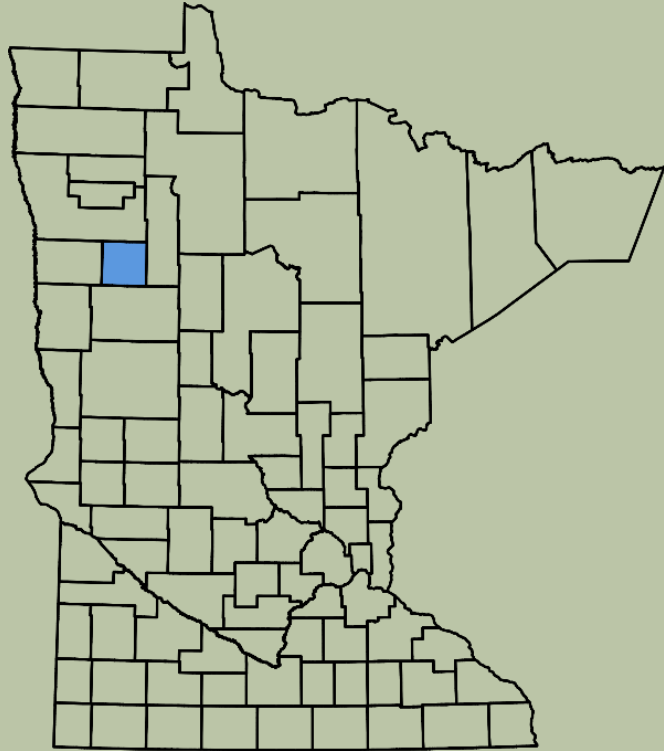


Lori Guenther, MAcc  
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# Today's Agenda

- Who We Are and How We Serve the Community
- Challenges in Rural Healthcare
- Change to Service Offerings and CMS Designation
- Commitment to Community

# Mahnomen Health



- 501(c)3 non-profit operating under a Joint Powers agreement between Mahnomen County and the City of Mahnomen
- Service area covers all of Mahnomen County and portions of Norman County
- Employs 110 individuals

## Annually

- 3,500 Emergency Department Visits
- 475 Ambulance Runs
- 35,500 Outpatient Encounters
- 92.11% Occupancy Rate in SNF

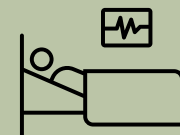
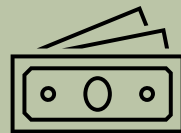


# Critical Access Hospital to Rural Emergency Hospital

- ✓ Emergency Department Services
- ✓ Observation care
- ✓ Outpatient Nursing Services
- ✓ EMS (ambulance)
- ✓ Laboratory
- ✓ X-Ray
- ✓ CT Scan
- ✓ MRI
- ✓ Dexascan
- ✓ Nuclear Medicine
- ✓ Mammography
- ✓ Physical Therapy
- ✓ Occupational Therapy
- ✓ Speech Therapy
- ✗ Inpatient
- ✗ Swing Bed

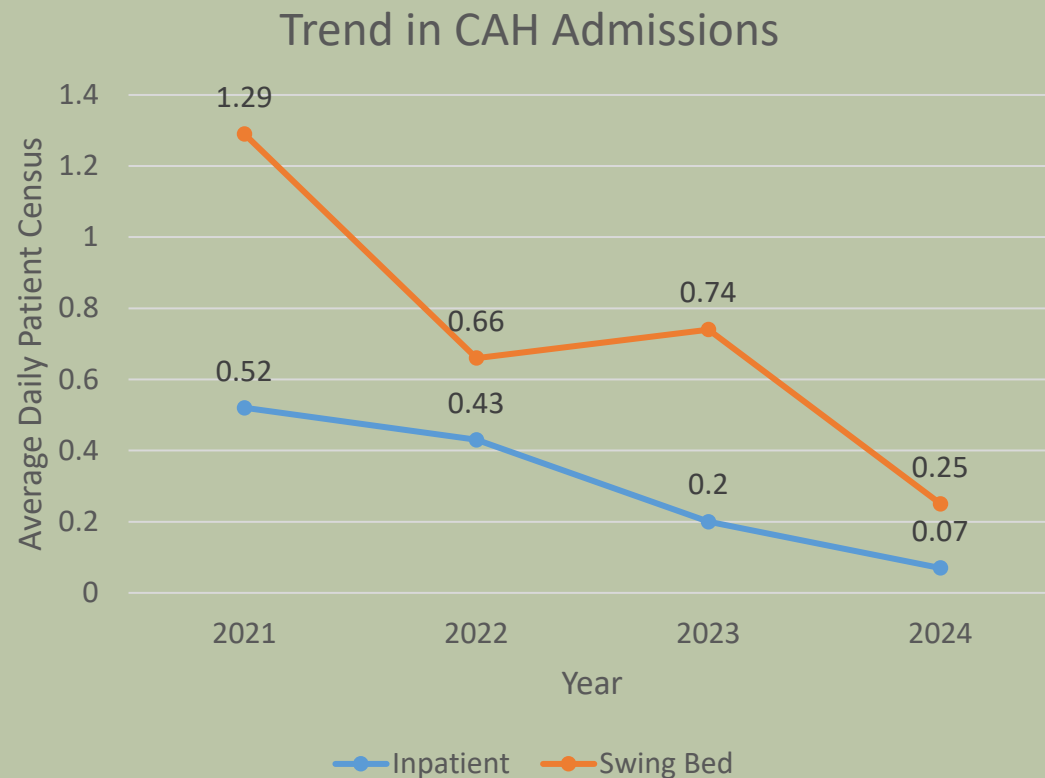
# Challenges for Critical Access Hospitals in rural communities

- Increasingly, patients are not meeting medical necessity requirements for inpatient level of care
- Costs to provide care are high and reimbursements for inpatient and swing bed services are very low when utilization of inpatient and swing bed stays are low
- Many surgeries are now done on an outpatient basis making it difficult for patients to achieve a necessary 3-day qualifying stay to be eligible for Swing Bed services



# Why we are changing

Mahnomen Health's inpatient and swing bed average daily census have been dramatically decreasing.



# Commitment to Keeping Healthcare Local

We remain committed to keeping healthcare local in Mahnomen County and the White Earth Nation.

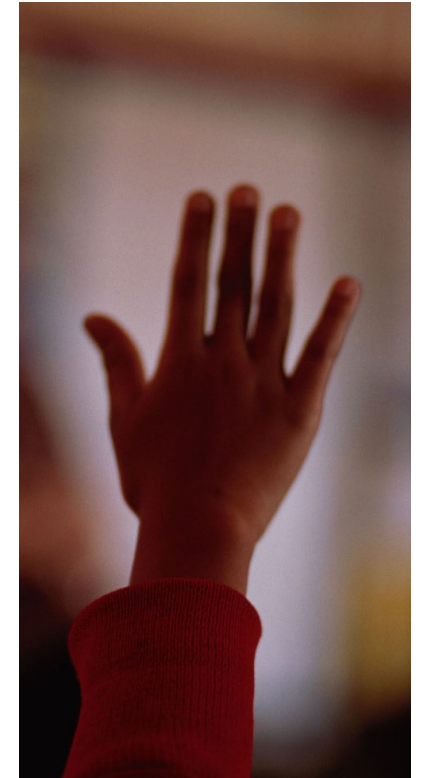
We will continue to work with our partners to find placement for community members in inpatient beds as close to home as possible — the same as we do now.

We will continue to provide long term care in our Skilled Nursing Facility.

We will turn our focus to expanding our current outpatient services and work to offer more services.



- **We welcome your comments and questions.**
- **Each person will have up to three minutes to ask a question or provide public comment.**
- **Please remember that the information you are sharing is being shared virtually for a public forum.**
- **Mahnomen Health Center will have an opportunity to respond to the questions and/or comments.**

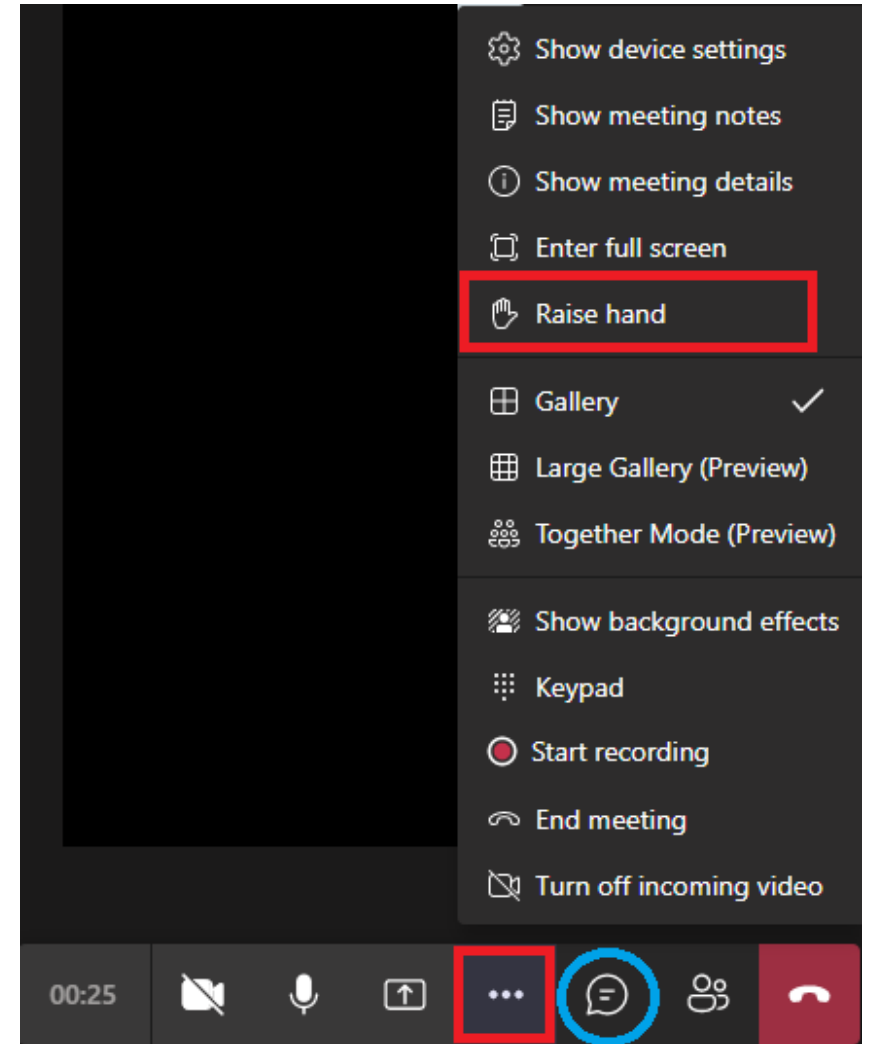




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  - **We will select speakers** in order and add questions from the chat throughout the public comment period.
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# Mahnomen Health Center Closing Remarks



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**Last question** with 5 minutes remaining



# Conclusion

- Thank you for participating in the Mahnomen Health Center public hearing.
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- You may provide comments or feedback on the [hearing website](#).
  - Comments for Mahnomen Health Center will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. May 1, 2024.
- A transcript of the meeting will be available on the hearing website in 7-10 business days.



**Maria King**  
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# Thank you!

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