The Medical Director Institute (MDI) advises National Council members on best clinical practices and develops policies and initiatives that serve member mental health and substance use treatment organizations, their constituent clinicians and the governmental agencies and payers that support them.

43 medical directors across 22 states and * Washington D.C.

5 committees

- Child and Adolescent
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Education and Training
- Recruitment
- Crisis Services
**Areas of Expertise**

**MDI members** represent a range of expertise in mental health and substance use treatment – from individual treatment to systems level improvement and integration.

- Psychiatry – adult, community, child and adolescent
- Intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Crisis systems and services
- Health policy and advocacy
- Cultural competency
- Substance use disorder treatment
- Co-occurring conditions
- Health systems quality and improvement
- Integrated care
- Diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging

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**6 new members added in June 2023**

**New members** were selected to ensure balanced geographic representation and expand MDI’s areas of expertise.

- **Margie Balfour, MD, PhD**  
  Connections Health Solutions

- **Katherine Friedebach, MD**  
  Compass Health Network

- **Garima Singh, MD, FAPA, CPE**  
  Burrell Behavioral Center

- **Charles Browning, MD**  
  RI International

- **Luming Li, MD**  
  The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD

- **Will Warnes, MD**  
  The Guidance Center
# 2023 Highlights

## Video Series: Conversations on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion with the MDI

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## Quality Measurement in Crisis Services
- An innovative new report providing a brief framework of optimal metrics to lead the mental health field in enhancing the quality of crisis systems nationally.

- **Pageviews:** 4,282  
- **PDF Downloads:** 1,785

Published January 2023

## Toward A National Standard for Service Intensity Assessment and Planning for Mental Health Care (LOCUS-FT)
- A report that aims to align care providers to a single model, such as the LOCUS Family of Tools, to standardize determinations of severity and course of treatment.

- **Pageviews:** 396  
- **PDF Downloads:** 162

Published December 2023

## 2 Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- **A New, Comprehensive Approach to Integration Using Measurement to Demonstrate Value**  
  (Psychiatric Services, April 2023)

- **Guidance for Handling the Increasing Prevalence of Drugs Adulterated or Laced With Fentanyl**  
  (Psychiatric Services, April 2023)
MDI members served as facilitators, curriculum developers, presenters and speakers at events throughout the year, lending their expertise to strengthen National Council events and learning opportunities. 2023 events included:

**NatCon23**
- 6 Medical Team Summit track sessions
- 3 Research Symposium sessions
- 6 General sessions

**Advancing Rural Health Equity Through Integrated Care ECHO**

**Comprehensive Healthcare Integration Framework Evaluation Collaborative**

**CCBHC Advancing Quality and Integration by Effective Implementation of Medical Director Role ECHO**

**Pediatric Integration Webinar Series**

**Looking Ahead to 2024**

- **Mass Violence in America: Causes, Impacts and Solutions** – Update of the popular 2019 report to reflect the newest information and research pertaining to mass violence in America.
- **Measurement-informed Care** – An issue brief outlining the MDI’s recommended outpatient measurements.
- **CCBHCs Role in Crisis Systems** – A highly anticipated paper highlighting ways that the CCBHC model can be used to strengthen the crisis continuum.

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