



2021 Midwest Genetics Network Annual Meeting

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Increasing Access to Care Through the Lens of Diversity and Inclusion

Agenda

Day One

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

1:00-5:00 pm EST / 12:00-4:00 CST

WELCOME

- 1:00-1:20 PM Welcome & MGN Announcements**
Mat Edick, Director, MGN
Susan Berry, Co-Director, MGN
- 1:20-2:20 PM Project Inclusive Genetics - An initiative to improve cultural competency in medicine**
Shoumita Dasgupta, Professor, Boston University School of Medicine
- 2:20-2:40 PM HRSA Updates**
Soohyun Kim, Project Officer, Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA)

2:40-3:00PM BREAK

- 3:00-4:00 PM Beyond the Binary: Gender Diversity & Inclusion in Genetic Counseling**
Kim Zayhowski, Genetic Counselor, Boston Medical Center and Boston University's Genetic Counseling Program
Tala Berro, Genetic Counselor, Brigham and Women's Hospital
- 4:00-4:20 PM National Coordinating Center for the Regional Genetics Networks (NCCRGN) Updates**
Megan Lyon, Senior Program Manager, NCC
- 4:20-4:50 PM MGN Showcase – MGN Regional Highlights**
Sally Hiner, Senior Project Manager, MGN
Patient and Family Council – Kristen Reese, Parent Coordinator, MGN
MOC4 – Sara Zoran, Stakeholder Engagement & Education Workgroup Member, MOC4 Development Team Member, MGN
EGGMIO – Mat Edick, Director, MGN
- 5:00 PM Adjourn**
Mat Edick, Director, MGN
- 5:00PM Social Hour for Patient/Family Representatives**
Kristen Reese, Parent Coordinator, MGN



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Thursday, September 30, 2021

Optional Event - MGN TweetChat – Be Part of the Conversation

12:00-12:30 pm EST/ 11:00-11:30 am CST

Join MGN and several partners including genetics and DE&I experts, family representatives, and MGN leadership to discuss diversity, equity and inclusion in genetic services on Twitter. Follow **@Region4Genetics** on Twitter for additional details. **#EquityInGenetics**

1:00-5:00 pm EST / 12:00-4:00 pm CT

WELCOME BACK

1:00-1:10 PM Welcome Back/housekeeping

Sally Hiner, Senior Project Manager, MGN

1:10-1:25 PM National Genetics Education and Family Support Center Update

Molly Martzke, Senior Program Manager, Expecting Health

1:25-2:15 PM What Siblings Want You to Know

Harriet Redman, Executive Director, WisconSibs

2:15-2:30 PM Interactive Workplan Review: Setting the Stage

Mat Edick, Director, MGN & Susan Berry, Co-Director, MGN

2:30-2:45 PM BREAK

2:45-4:45 PM Interactive Workplan Review: Pivot. Pause. Pursue

Jane Pilditch, Team Lead, MGN

4:45-5:00 PM Closing Remarks

Mat Edick, Director, MGN

5:00 PM Adjourn



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Speaker Biographies



Shoumita Dasgupta, Ph.D., is a scientist educator whose significant scholarly contributions center around inclusive curriculum design, teaching, and service. She is a Professor of Medicine and an Assistant Dean of Admissions with a demonstrated history of working in a diverse and inclusive higher education environment. Dr. Dasgupta has leveraged her expertise in basic and medical genetics and genomics, graduate education, and medical education to transform and advance the clinical, scientific, and ethical training of MD and PhD students at Boston University, nationally, and internationally. Her passion for genetics, genomic medicine, diversity and inclusion, and mentoring allow her to serve as a supportive and creative leader in the field. Dr. Dasgupta is a US Department of State Fulbright Specialist and is President of the Association of Professors of Human and Medical Genetics where she works with the National Human Genome Research Institute, the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics, and others to promote initiatives in education, diversity, equity, and inclusion.



Kim Zayhowski, MS, CGC (she/her) works as a cancer genetic counselor at Boston Medical Center and as Faculty at Boston University's Genetic Counseling Program. Kim is currently a co-investigator on two clinical research projects at BMC aimed to improve equity in healthcare for marginalized populations within cancer genetics. A queer genetic counselor, she has dedicated much of her time to spreading awareness about the healthcare needs of the LGBTQIA+ community through research, talks, and blog posts. She has published several studies regarding ways to improve genetic counseling services for transgender patients.



Tala Berro, MS, CGC (she/they) works as a genetic counselor and project manager at Mass General Brigham. This role encompasses both their work as a clinical genetic counselor in the Adult Genetics Clinic, and as a research project manager in the Genomes2People research group. She is also an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the MGH Institute of Health Professions for the Genetic Counseling program. They strive for a more equitable and inclusive genetic counseling field through their research on genetic counseling for gender diverse patients, NSGC initiatives, authoring blog posts, and as a founding member of the Boston Minority Genetic Counselors group. Outside of genetic counseling, she is a queer Palestinian social justice educator and a community organizer.



Speaker Biographies



Harriet Redman M.S. Ed. is Executive Director and founding member of WisconSibs, Inc (formerly known as Fox Valley Sibling Support Network), a non-profit organization established in 1998 and dedicated to the interests of children and adults who have siblings with disabilities or long-term illnesses in Northeast Wisconsin. A graduate of Valparaiso University, she has taught middle school and high school, developed family educational programs and marketing strategy for a Fortune 500 insurance company, and served as business manager of a non-profit, semi-professional choral organization. She earned a Master of Science degree from Purdue University in family life education with a concentration in family systems. Harriet is an NTG Regional Trainer on Dementia Capable Care of Adults with Intellectual Disabilities/Developmental Disabilities.