THE MNSHINE MANIFESTO

MINNESOTA HEALTH DATA UTILITY

Helping Minnesota solve tomorrow's challenges by working together today.

THE PROBLEM

Our health system is losing ground

Costs continue to rise, quality and outcomes remain uneven, and the people working to improve health are constrained by fragmented information, duplicative infrastructure, and disconnected decisions.

No single entity can reverse these trends alone.

The challenges cross the boundaries of providers, health plans, public health agencies, government, researchers, community organizations, employers, and the people they serve.

THE MINNESOTA FOUNDATION

Collaboration over competition

Minnesota has long earned national respect by choosing collaboration over competition and long-term stewardship over short-term solutions. Yet much of the data needed to improve care, administer programs, measure performance, and guide investment still moves through separate systems built for separate purposes.

The next chapter connects these strengths into a coherent statewide resource while preserving what Minnesota has built.

OUR PRINCIPLES

We believe data should serve people, infrastructure should reduce complexity, and governance should earn trust through transparency, shared accountability, and meaningful participation. Differences in size, geography, resources, technology, and experience should not become barriers to statewide progress.

THE MNSHINE SOLUTION

Through transparent, multi-stakeholder governance, MNSHINE turns fragmented information into coordinated action without replacing participating organizations or their technology.

01

Common standards

Establish shared data and exchange standards across the ecosystem.

02

Connected information

Link clinical, claims, public health, program, and community data.

03

Less duplication

Reduce duplicative data connections and reporting processes.

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Reusable data services

Support quality measurement, care coordination, population health, and research.

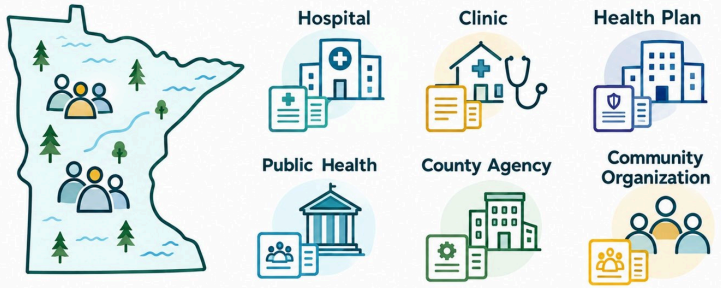
OUR NORTH STAR

- Healthier people
- Stronger communities
- Greater equity
- Better public decisions
- Smarter investments
- A learning health system

A Shared Challenge

A shared challenge creates the need for a trusted place to come together.

1 COMMUNITIES FACE COMPLEX CHALLENGES



Across Minnesota, communities face challenges that no single organization can solve alone.

2 FRAGMENTATION CREATES BLIND SPOTS



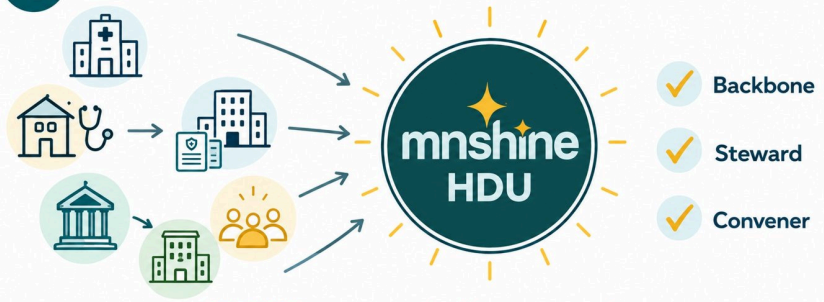
Each organization has valuable information. But data, expertise, funding, and authority are spread across many organizations.

3 COMMUNITY IDENTIFIES A PRIORITY



When a priority emerges, stakeholders need a trusted place to come together.

4 MNSHINE IS ENGAGED



MNSHINE serves as a backbone, steward, and convener to bring together the organizations, expertise, and information needed.

NOTES AND QUESTIONS

From Shared Understanding to Solutions

Partners define the problem and develop flexible pathways toward a common goal.

5 CONVENING THE RIGHT PARTNERS



The people closest to the issue help define the problem.
The goal is not to start with technology.
The goal is to start with understanding.

6 DEEP REVIEW & SHARED UNDERSTANDING



Using available data, expertise, and community input, stakeholders develop a shared understanding of the challenge.

7 DESIGNING POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS



There is rarely only one solution. Different organizations may have different capabilities, resources, and starting points.

8 NO WRONG DOOR



The goal is not to force everyone down the same path.
The goal is to ensure everyone can reach the same destination.

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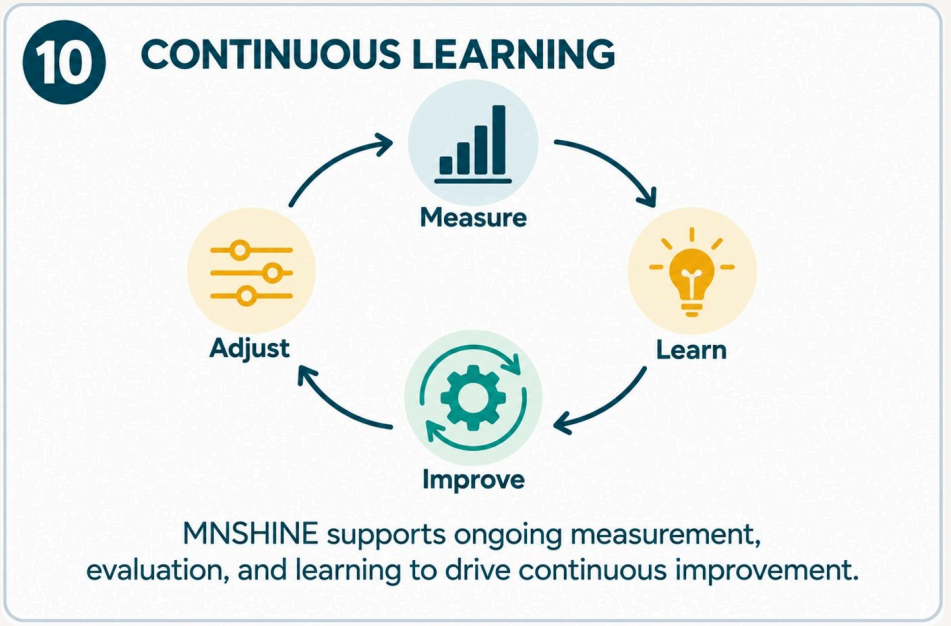
Coordinated Action and Continuous Learning

Shared standards support action, learning, and better outcomes for Minnesotans.





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Improved Outcomes for Minnesotans

MNSHINE helps partners work together more effectively.

11 IMPROVED OUTCOMES FOR MINNESOTANS



Better Health

Lower Costs

Greater Equity

Stronger Communities

Smarter Investments

A stronger, more connected ecosystem that learns faster, reduces duplication, uses resources more effectively, and improves health and community outcomes for all Minnesotans.



MNSHINE does not replace the work of its partners.

It helps partners work together more effectively.

Turning complex challenges into coordinated solutions.



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