

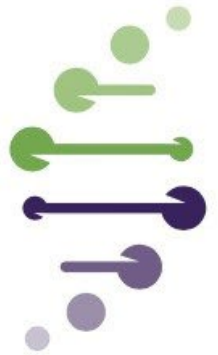
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HEARTLAND REGIONAL GENETICS NETWORK
ANNUAL MEETING
MAY 20, 2022

WELCOME!

9:00 - 9:10	Welcome Remarks and Meeting Overview- Lori Williamson Dean, MS, CGC
9:10 - 9:25	Heartland Products- Ann Chou, PhD, MPH
9:25 - 9:55	National Coordinating Center Updates- Megan Lyon, MPH
9:55 – 10:15	Navigating the Diagnostic Odyssey- Dr. Neena Nizar, Ed.D.
10:15 – 10:25	Break
10:25 – 10:50	Prenatal Education Initiative- Marianna Raia, MS, CGC
10:50 – 11:15	Telehealth Perspective Post COVID- Becky Sanders, MBA
11:15 – 11:50	AI Chatbot for Cancer Genetic Screening - Sophia Griffith
11:50 – 12:00	Year 3 Expectations - Lori Williamson Dean, MS, CGC
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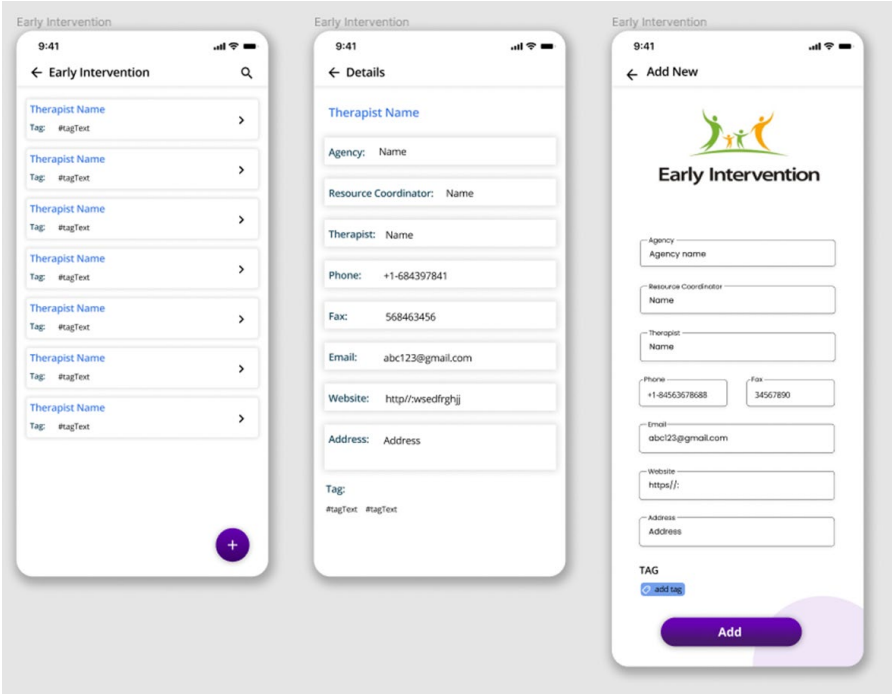


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PRODUCTS

Care Notebook App



[What are Chromosomes and Genes \(English Subtitles\)](#)

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Videos in Spanish & Marshallese



[Getting the most out of prior authorizations and letters of necessity](#)



[Heartland Marshallese Newborn Screening Video](#)

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Individual Healthcare Plans

NATIONAL COORDINATING CENTER UPDATE:
MEGAN LYON, MPH

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Since 2013, Megan Lyon has worked at the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG). In her current role as the Senior Program Manager of the National Coordinating Center for the Regional Genetics Networks (NCC), she supports collaboration and activities between the NCC and seven RGNs, which helps foster access to quality genetic services for underserved populations. Ms. Lyon is passionate about improving the national healthcare system through policy and infrastructure initiatives. From The George Washington University in Washington, DC, she received a Masters of Public Health in Health Policy and a Bachelors of Arts in Psychology and Political Science.

NAVIGATING THE DIAGNOSTIC ODYSSEY:
NEENA NIZAR, ED.D

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Dr. Nizar serves as Founder and Executive Director of the Jansen's Foundation. She is a rare disease advocate and Change Leader in the rare disease community, specifically in the field of ultra-rare skeletal dysplasias. Dr. Nizar has a Doctoral degree in Educational Leadership from Creighton University, Nebraska, is a TEDx speaker, a blogger, a disability and inclusion advocate, and Nebraska's Mother of The Year, 2018. Dr. Nizar is also a rare disease patient and a mother to two boys with Jansen's Metaphyseal Chondrodysplasia – a rare bone disease that affects less than 30 people worldwide.



10-MINUTE
BREAK

PRENATAL EDUCATION INITIATIVE:
MARIANNA RAIA, MS, CGC

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Marianna Raia is the Associate Director of Programs at Expecting Health. Marianna brings over 15 years of experience in the genetics, healthcare, and biotechnology industries. As a genetic counselor, she has dedicated her career to bringing forth awareness of genetic knowledge, family advocacy, and community education. Driven by the mission to increase access to genetic services, she has helped innovate and deliver new models of patient care through patient-centered education and telehealth services. Marianna is committed to helping patients, providers, and the public understand how genetic information can empower you to make decisions about your health and the health of your family. Marianna earned her Master of Genetic Counseling from the University of Texas at Houston Health Science Center.



TELEHEALTH PERSPECTIVE: HOW IT HAS EVOLVED POST COVID

BECKY SANDERS, MBA

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Becky Sanders serves as the Executive Director of Telehealth Services for OPYS Physician Services. She has 15 years' experience in rural healthcare and telehealth. Becky was previously the Program Director for the federally funded Upper Midwest Telehealth Resource Center (UMTRC), covering the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio. Becky is excited share her passion for telehealth and patient access to healthcare in rural areas of the country. She looks forward to providing expert guidance on potential telehealth and virtual care service offerings to OPYS's current and future partners.

Becky started her career in telecommunications with the National Exchange Carrier Association. She worked for the Indiana Rural Health Association as a Senior Director and was the Program Manager for the UMTRC for 10 years. Becky has a Lean Healthcare Black Belt Certification from Purdue Healthcare Advisors and is a past National Rural Health Association Fellow. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Indiana State University and a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Healthcare Management from Western Governors University.

Becky is an avid reader with an interest in multiple genres including biographies, historical fiction, and sci-fi fantasy. On weekends you can find her traveling to Renaissance Fairs, Scottish Highland games, and gaming conventions with her husband and 2 daughters.

BARRIERS TO CARE AND ACCEPTABILITY CHATBOT
FOR CANCER GENETIC SCREENING IN
UNDERSERVED HISPANIC POPULATIONS IN THE
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SOPHIE GRIFFITH, MS

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Sophie is an incoming oncology genetic counselor for the George Washington University Medical Faculty Associates. Born and raised in Oklahoma, she earned her Master's Degree in Genetic Counseling from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center following a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from Georgetown University. Sophie is passionate about health equity and plans to continue collaborating with diverse populations on equitable delivery of genomic medicine in her practice.



WHAT'S COMING DOWN THE PIPELINE:
YEAR THREE EXPECTATIONS

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- PRODUCTS AND MATERIALS
- SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE
- PARTNERSHIPS
- EVALUATION
- DISSEMINATION

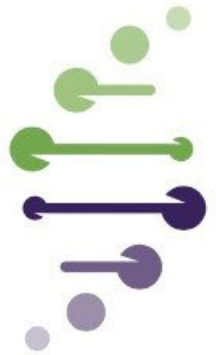
SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL IN-PERSON MEETING



SEPTEMBER
21-23, 2022

LOCATION:
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