

# Institute for Health Policy Case Management Conference

## **Faculty bios:**

**Dr. Dan Arndt** has served as section chief of pediatric neurology and epilepsy at Beaumont Children's for nearly 3 years, and has served as Director of the Beaumont Children's Pediatric Comprehensive Epilepsy Program and Pediatric Clinical Neurophysiology since 2012. He also serves as the system lead for the entire Beaumont Health System for Neurophysiologic Intraoperative Monitoring. He is an academic clinician who participates in clinical research as an assistant professor in the Oakland University William Beaumont school of medicine, but has a primary focus on patient care daily in the clinic, hospital, and operating rooms. Dr. Arndt grew up in Troy & Birmingham, attended Albion College, completed a masters of arts in medical sciences at Boston University, medical school at the Chicago Medical School/Rosalind Franklin University, Pediatric residency at UCLA, Neurology internship at UCLA, Pediatric Neurology residency at UCLA, and a two year pediatric epilepsy, eeg, and clinical neurophysiology fellowship at Colorado Children's Hospital. After finishing training/fellowship, Dr. Arndt returned to Michigan from 2010-2012 where he started and served as director of the pediatric epilepsy program at DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids which elevated to a level 4 epilepsy center accredited by the National Association of Epilepsy Centers. He then returned to the Detroit area in 2012 where he started the pediatric epilepsy program at Beaumont Children's, which is also accredited as a pediatric-specific level 4 epilepsy center and is one of the most comprehensive in the state. The section of pediatric neurology and epilepsy has grown from 1 doc to 30+ care providers over the past 3 years including physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, medical assistants, neuropsychologist, dietitians, and administrative staff, and the section now is one of the biggest programs patient wise in the state. He serves on several advisory boards including the Michigan epilepsy foundation, as well as participates in several speakers bureaus. He's published abstracts, poster and platform presentations at national meetings, journal articles, book chapters, and serves as an ad hoc reviewer for epilepsia, journal of child neurology, and the journal of head trauma and rehabilitation. His passion is working solving and curing challenging epilepsies with medical, dietary, or surgical treatments, and sees all types of patients from possible seizures to severe medically refractory or surgical epilepsy patients.

**Cynthia Leino-Handford** is the RN - Education & Advocacy Specialist for the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan. She is a proud Diploma RN graduate of Henry Ford Hospital's School of Nursing and has worked for the Epilepsy

Foundation of Michigan since 1998. As the foundation's education and advocacy representative she specializes in private client and public group education on epilepsy /seizure disorders, treatments, seizure first aide, rescue medication administration and seizure planning accommodation for school, adult and child day care, employer, health care facilities and law enforcement agencies. She also deals with client advocacy in areas of legal, medical, and educational rights as well as EEO, ADA and civil rights laws. She is the Michigan's representative to the National Epilepsy Foundation's yearly Public Policy Institute and National's Kids Speak Up conference, and is heavily involved in political and public policy advocacy. She also volunteers yearly as a nurse at EFM's Camp Discovery for children with epilepsy.

**Dr. Jane Turner** is a general pediatrician with more than 30 years experience in primary care pediatrics and has been faculty at Michigan State University since 1992. In her role as professor she teaches medical students and residents and provides direct patient care. Her special interest within general pediatrics is children with chronic health conditions. Dr. Turner serves as Assistant Medical Director of the Office of Medical Affairs (Medicaid) and chief medical consultant of Children's Special Health Care Services for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). Sixty percent of her time is dedicated to work for the MDHHS. Dr. Turner has worked on a number of medical home initiatives including three HRSA supported projects ("Integrated Systems of Care for CYSHCN", "Medical Home in an FQHC" and "Awareness and Access to Children and Youth with Epilepsy"). Her primary care practice at Michigan State University has been a learning laboratory for CSHCS as a family-centered medical home since 2006. Dr. Turner served as a member of the Steering Committee of the Michigan Primary Care Transformation Project (MiPCT) and was a member of the clinical subcommittee. She led the effort to assist the care managers who worked with children and youth and adapted the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) *Pediatric Care Coordination Curriculum* to meet their needs. Dr. Turner is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and participates actively in the Michigan Chapter. She is a former member of the Executive Board of the chapter.