



# FEBRUARY E-NEWSLETTER



Dear John,

As the winter cold and snow continue, our hearts are warmed by the tremendous vitality and new growth in the state-based single-payer movement. Supported by its governor and legislature, Vermont has introduced a single-payer bill that will provide universal access to health care, control costs, AND create jobs! In Minnesota, we are making exciting progress in our long-standing effort to bring transparency and accountability to the HMO administration of our public health programs. This is a first step to ensuring that NO ONE is denied access to health care because health care dollars are being wasted on unnecessary administrative costs.

Check our [website](#) for updates on these issues, and join us for a warm and inspiring event this Wednesday.

*Lisa Nilles*  
Acting Director, MUHCC

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## Meet T.R. Reid!



**This Wednesday! February 23, from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**Hosted by Northwestern Health Sciences University**  
**[2501 W 84th St., Bloomington MN 55431](#)**

Presentation followed by Wine and Cheese reception.

T.R. Reid is a Washington Post correspondent, and commentator for National Public Radio. He directed *Sick Around the World* for PBS Frontline and is the author of *The Healing of America*, in which he explains how other industrialized countries provide health care to all citizens, for a fraction of the cost, and with better outcomes, than the United States.

This event is co-sponsored by [Physicians for a National Health Program-MN Chapter](#), and proceeds will benefit the work of [PNHP-MN](#) and [MUHCC](#). Suggested Donation \$10-\$25 (no one turned away for lack of funds).

## **Pre-Registration Requested**

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### **A Message from the MUHCC Board**

The MUHCC Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Lisa Nilles has assumed the role of MUHCC Acting Executive Director while the organization launches a search for its next lead staff.

Lisa, a physician and chaplain, has served on the Board of Directors for 5 years and served as chair since January, 2010. Lisa has stepped down as Board Chair, and Board member Susan Hasti will fulfill those duties until Lisa resumes her position when the next lead staff is hired.

MUHCC has retained Roger Meyer of Roger Meyer Consulting to work with the Board and Lisa to provide some extra support for the day-to-day management of the organization and guide the transition and search process. With our dedicated members and volunteers, Lisa's knowledge of MUHCC, and Roger's experience working with organizations in transition, the Board is confident that MUHCC will be able to maintain our programming as well as focus our energies to ensure a smooth transition to our next staff leader.

We'd like to thank our outgoing staff for their contributions to our organization. During her three year tenure with MUHCC, including 18 months as Executive Director, Amy Lange brought structure and resources to MUHCC, and became a leader in the national state-based single payer movement. She grew our organization at a critical time in our development, and worked tirelessly to educate and bring new members to the coalition. We also bid adieu to Zack Farley, who served us for 18 months as administrative assistant and Field Director. Zack did a terrific job coordinating our volunteers, and brought MUHCC into the modern age with his technical and social media skills. During the transition MUHCC will be utilizing some temporary contract help to keep the administrative and campaign functions flowing.

If you have questions about the transition or the operations of MUHCC please don't hesitate to contact Lisa or Roger at [info@muhcc.org](mailto:info@muhcc.org)

*~MUHCC - Campaign for the MN Health Plan*

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