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Kathleen Westerhaus is a project manager, strategic planner, and facilitator. Her passion for the field of healthcare, and mental health drives her to find community-based solutions that create lasting change. She is inquisitive, futuristic, and strategic. Kathleen served as the Sr. Vice President of Development and Marketing, and later Chief Operating Officer, at Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES), an organization that provides mental health services to the Latino community. Currently, she serves as the President of the NAMI Minnesota Board of Directors. Kathleen holds an MA in Spanish Literature and Linguistics from Middlebury College in Vermont and an MBA from the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota. Kathleen desires to be a leader in the field of mental health, on the forefront of new treatment discoveries, a proponent of parity, and an inspiration to others working toward similar goals.

Mental Health System Transformation

- Duluth and Region 3 Partnership
- Scott-Carver Mobile Crisis Teams
- Dakota County Social Services
- Mental Health Crisis Alliance
- Anoka Mental Health Partnership
- Guild Incorporated
- NAMI Minnesota

Project Management

- St. Louis County, MN Public Health and Human Services
- Duluth and Region 3 Partnership
- Guild Incorporated
- Genesis10
- United Health Group
- Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES)
- Stratis Health
- Metropolitan Center for Independent Living (MCIL)

Strategic Planning / Leadership

- Carver-Scott County Heading Home Initiative
- Duluth and Region 3 Partnership
- St. Louis County, MN Public Health and Human Services
- Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES)
- Stratis Health
- NAMI Minnesota

Facilitation / Education

- Duluth and Region 3 Partnership
- Carver-Scott County Heading Home Initiative
- Mental Health Crisis Alliance
- Anoka Mental Health Partnership
- NAMI Minnesota
- St. John's University and The College of St. Benedict
- University of Minnesota
- College of St. Scholastica

Community Involvement / Interests

- Minnesota Hospital Association (MHA), Mental Health Committee Member
- Minnesota Alliance for Patient Safety (MAPS), Consumer Representative
- NAMI Minnesota, President of the Board of Directors
- University of Minnesota CTSI (Clinical and Translational Science Institute) CEARCH (Community Engagement to Advance Research and Community Health) Committee Member
- Mixed Blood Theatre, Board of Directors (formerly)
- Cognitive Science and Neuroscience

Education / Certificates

- BA in English and Spanish from the College of St. Benedict and St. John's University, Minnesota
- MA in Spanish Literature and Linguistics from Middlebury College, Vermont
- MBA in International Marketing from the University of St. Thomas, Minnesota
- Certificate in Philanthropy from the University of St. Thomas, Minnesota
- Certificate in Professional Project Management (CPPM), University of St. Thomas, Minnesota
- Cognitive Science Master's degree course work, University of Minnesota