



Co-Chairs:



Lieutenant Governor Donna Lynne, Acting Executive Director - Department of Higher Education

Donna Lynne, DrPH, was sworn in as Colorado's 49th Lieutenant Governor and Chief Operating Officer on May 12, 2016. She is widely respected as both a leader in the private sector and an expert in the health field.

Prior to assuming her roles in Colorado state government, Dr. Lynne served as the executive vice president of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Inc. and Kaiser Foundation Hospitals, and as group president responsible for its Colorado, Pacific Northwest and Hawaii regions - overseeing an \$8 billion budget, 1.4 million members and 16,000 employees.

From 1998 to April 2005, Dr. Lynne was the executive vice president and chief operating officer for Group Health Inc., a \$2.5 billion managed care organization. In the mid-1990s, she was the executive director of the New York Business Group on Health.

Dr. Lynne also spent 20 years working in various positions in New York City government, including first deputy commissioner, Office of Labor Relations; director, Mayor's Office of Operations; and senior vice president, New York City Health and Hospitals Corp.

In addition to her role as an International Executive Fellow with the International Federation of Health Plans, Dr. Lynne is the recipient of numerous honors and accolades, including the Denver Business Journal's 2008 Outstanding Women in Business award; the 2009 Distinguished Coloradan Award from the University of Colorado Denver School of Pharmacy; the President's Award from Women in Health Management; and the Health Care Leadership Award from the New York Business Group on Health.

She formerly served on the boards of the Denver Metro Chamber. Colorado Education Initiative, Colorado Mountain Club, Colorado Regional Health Information Organization, Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Denver Public Schools Foundation, Teach for America-Colorado, U.S. Bank Colorado Advisory Board, and is the former chair of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Lynne currently co-chairs the Denver Education Compact Executive Advisory Board

for Mayor Michael B. Hancock. In 2010, she was one of 16 statewide transition co-chairs and the Personnel and Administration Committee co-chair for Governor John Hickenlooper.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts (Economics and Political Science), a Masters of Public Administration, and Doctor of Public Health from Columbia University. She also holds the designation of Certified Employee Benefits Specialist from the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans/University of Pennsylvania Wharton School. In 2014, Dr. Lynne received an honorary doctorate of public service from the University of Denver. Since 2005, she has been an adjunct associate professor of Public Health at Columbia University.

Dr. Lynne resides in Denver and has three children and two step-children. She enjoys skiing, mountaineering, cycling and reading. She has climbed all 53 of Colorado's Fourteeners.



Anna Jo Haynes, CEO/President Emeritus - Mile High Montessori Early Learning Centers

Anna Jo Haynes is the President Emeritus of Mile High Montessori Early Learning Centers, which operate eight centers in Denver's inner city for children from families with limited resources. Anna Jo is a longtime advocate for children and their families and in that capacity served as the chair for Denver Public Schools/City of Denver Early Childhood Council, appointed by the Superintendent and the Mayor. Anna Jo was also the founding chairperson of the Colorado Children's Campaign and past president of the Woman's Foundation of Colorado, Current Co-Chair of the Early Childhood Leadership Commission for Colorado appointed by Gov. Hickenlooper and Board Member for Mayor Hancock's Education Compact.

Additional Board Service has included: Past Board Chair, Clayton Foundation, Denver Foundation Board of Trustees, Founding Co-Chair Qualistar Colorado, Hunt Alternatives Fund, Future Black Women Leadership Institute, Circle of Latina Leadership.



Barbara Grogan, Retired Founder and CEO - Western Industrial Contractors

Barbara Grogan was the founder and CEO of Western Industrial Contractors for 23 years. She served on three NYSE Boards and was the Chairman of the Board of the Kansas City Federal Reserve, Denver Branch. She was the first female Chairman of the Denver Chamber of Commerce. She has served on numerous non-profit boards, with her interest primarily being children, early childhood education -k-12 and higher education. She has recently retired and is devoted to philanthropy and community service.

Commissioners:



Letty Bass, Executive Director - Chambers Family Fund

Letty Bass is the executive director of Chambers Family Fund, a family foundation that focuses its funding on early care and education, women's economic self-sufficiency, justice, equality and opportunity and arts and culture. She joined the foundation in 1997 and works with Chambers Family Fund's partners in the not-for-profit, advocacy, philanthropy and government sectors to expand the foundation's impact. Before joining Chambers Family Fund, Letty was senior program officer of Rose Community Foundation where she developed the children and families program area during the start-up phase of the foundation. She was executive director of The Women's Foundation of Colorado from 1990 - 1996, managing grant making and fundraising activities of the public charity.

Letty serves on the Colorado Early Childhood Leadership Commission. She is a board member of TBD Colorado, a statewide public engagement initiative, and Tools of the Mind, a research-based early childhood program. Letty serves on the program committee of Denver Educare, is a member of the International Women's Forum, an Honorary Trustee of The Women's Foundation of Colorado and was Vice President of the Colorado Association of Funders. Letty has Bachelor of Arts and Master of Liberal Arts degrees from Southern Methodist University.



Charlotte Brantley, President/CEO - Clayton Early Learning

Charlotte Brantley is president and CEO of Clayton Early Learning in Denver, CO. Her distinguished career spans decades of leadership in early childhood education, with emphasis on teacher training, high quality early learning environments, child and family policy, and state and federal program administration. Clayton Early Learning is a member of the national network of Educare Schools and provides quality early childhood education, teacher professional development and program evaluations.



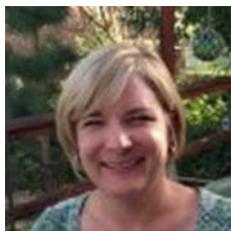
Doug Clements, Executive Director - Marsico Institute, University of Denver

Douglas H. Clements is Kennedy Endowed Chair in Early Childhood Learning and Professor at the University of Denver. Previously a kindergarten teacher for five years and a preschool teacher for one year, he has conducted research and published widely in the areas of the learning and teaching of early mathematics and computer applications in mathematics education. His most recent interests are in creating, using, and evaluating a research-based curriculum and in taking

successful curricula to scale using technologies and learning trajectories. He has published over 125 refereed research studies, 18 books, 80 chapters, and 300 additional publications. His latest books detail research-based learning trajectories in early mathematics education: *Early childhood mathematics education research: Learning trajectories for young children* and a companion book, *Learning and teaching early math: The learning trajectories approach* (Routledge).

Dr. Clements has directed over 25 funded projects, including those funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the U.S. Dept. of Education's Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Currently, Dr. Clements is Principal Investigator on two large-scale randomized cluster trial projects in early mathematics (IES). Two recent research projects funded by the NSF include *Using Rule Space and Poset-based Adaptive Testing Methodologies to Identify Ability Patterns in Early Mathematics* and *Create a Comprehensive Mathematics Ability Test*, which will develop a computer-adaptive assessment for early mathematics and *Early Childhood Education in the Context of Mathematics, Science, and Literacy*, developing an interdisciplinary preschool curriculum.

Dr. Clements was a member of President Bush's National Math Advisory Panel, convened to advise the administration on the best use of scientifically based research to advance the teaching and learning of mathematics and coauthor of the Panel's report. He was also a member of the National Research Council's Committee on Early Mathematics and co-author of their report. He is presently serving on the Common Core State Standards committee of the National Governor's Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers, helping to write national academic standards and the learning trajectories that underlie them. He is one of the authors of NCTM's *Principles and Standards in School Mathematics* and *Curriculum Focal Points*.



Melissa Colman, Executive Director of the Teaching and Learning Unit - Department of Education

Dr. Melissa Colman is currently the Executive Director of Teaching and Learning at the Colorado Department of Education (CDE). In this capacity, she oversees the offices of Early Learning and School Readiness; Standards and Instructional Support; Literacy; and Learning Supports. Dr. Colman has been at the CDE since 2008 where she has also served as the mathematics content specialist.

Before coming to the department, Dr. Colman was the district K-12 mathematics coordinator for a Denver metro area school district, and she taught middle school mathematics for fifteen years. As a classroom teacher, Dr. Colman received recognition for her teaching expertise, including National Board Certification and the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, the highest award a mathematics or science teacher can receive.

Dr. Colman recently completed her Ph. D. in Educational Leadership and Innovation at the University of Colorado at Denver. Her master's degree is in Interdisciplinary

Studies in mathematics, science, and technology from the University of Northern Colorado.



Heather Craiglow, Head Start Collaboration Director - Office of Early Childhood, Department of Human Services

Heather Craiglow is the Head Start Collaboration Office Director within the Office of Early Childhood. As the Collaboration Director, Heather's role is to facilitate collaboration among Head Start agencies and entities that carry out activities designed to benefit low-income children from birth to school entry, and their families. The

Collaboration Office provides a structure and a process for the Office of Head Start to work and partner with State agencies and local entities to leverage their common interests around young children and their families to formulate, implement, and improve state and local policy and practices.

Prior to joining the Office of Early Childhood, Heather provided training and technical assistance (T/TA) to Head Start programs throughout Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming as an Early Childhood Specialist with the Office of Head Start's T/TA Team. The focus for T/TA was concentrated around School Readiness, Collaboration, and Parent, Family and Community Engagement. She has over fifteen years of experience working in Head Start and Early Care and Learning ranging from preschool teacher to Child Care Director to Education Manager.

Heather has a Bachelor's of Science in Human Development and Family Studies from Colorado State University and received her Master of Science in Early Childhood Education from the University of North Dakota.



Elsa Holguin, Senior Program Officer - Rose Community Foundation

As senior program officer at Rose Community Foundation, Elsa I. Holguín directs the Foundation's Child and Family Development area, which supports the development and improvement of early childhood education, parent education programs that help parents raise healthy children, and the development of economic self-sufficiency strategies to strengthen families.

Named the 2000 Outstanding Professional in Philanthropy in Colorado, Ms. Holguín has more than 20 years of experience in the nonprofit sector. She came to Rose Community Foundation from The Hunt Alternatives Fund where she served as executive director. In addition, she worked at The Women's Foundation of Colorado and served as associate director of Mi Casa Resource Center, where she established and oversaw the Business Center for Women, a nationally recognized entrepreneur training program.

Ms. Holguín was appointed in 2013 by Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper for a second term as a commissioner for the Early Childhood Leadership Commission. She currently serves on the boards of the National Early Childhood Funders Collaborative and Tools of The Mind. Former board and committee memberships include: Colorado Nonprofit Development Center; Denver Department of Human Services; Grantmakers for Children, Youth and Families; Hispanics in Philanthropy; the Just Media Fund; LARASA; Latina Initiative; Lieutenant Governor Joe Garcia's Transition Committee; Metropolitan State College of Denver Alumni Association; Metro Volunteers; National Council of Nonprofit Associations; SkillBuild Colorado; and, The Women's Foundation of Colorado.

Ms. Holguín has a bachelor's in finance from Metropolitan State College of Denver and a master's in public administration from the University of Colorado at Denver.

In 2001, Ms. Holguín was included in the Women's Leadership Circle of the Girls Scouts - Mile Hi Council. Five years later, she was recognized as a Legacy Leader of Colorado's Nonprofit Sector by Community Resource Center. She has received numerous awards, including: Outstanding Microenterprise Advocate from the Colorado Association of Microenterprise Initiatives; Spirit of Tlatelolco from Escuela Tlatelolco; the Madrina Award from Centro San Juan Diego; and the Katherine Archuleta Leadership Award from Latina Initiative. Ms. Holguín considers her most important accomplishments, however, to be her two daughters, Denise and Tiffany.



Gerri Gomez Howard, Principal - Gomez Howard Group

Gerri Gomez Howard is the CEO of the Gomez Howard Group - an integrated marketing and communications firm that focuses on community engagement, media outreach, project management and cause marketing. With more than two decades of experience in broadcast media - focusing on community relations, cause marketing and multi-platform media campaigns - Gerri enjoyed an 18-year career in television - working for KCNC-TV - a CBS owned and operated station in Denver, Colorado. In her role as Manager of Community Affairs, and later as a Cause Marketing Business Development Specialist, Gerri increased the visibility of important social issues through sponsor-supported advertising campaigns. She was recognized with a regional Emmy award for the "Making the Grade" education campaign and was nominated for a regional Emmy award as executive producer for the public affairs program, "Mosaic." Gerri received her undergraduate degree in communications from Syracuse University and earned a Master of Applied Communications from the University of Denver.

Gerri has volunteered with numerous organizations and currently serves on several boards including the Hope Center, Governor's Residence Preservation Fund, Shades of Blue and the Early Childhood Leadership Commission. Gerri is an Honorary Trustee with the Women's Foundation of Colorado and is a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and The LINKS. Gerri is also a graduate of the Denver Metro Chamber Foundation Leadership Denver Class of 1993 - the '*best class ever.*' Gerri and her husband Jeff have three children and one beagle.



Jerene Petersen, Deputy Executive Director For Community Partnerships - Department of Human Services

Jerene Petersen is responsible for operational oversight of the external entities and agencies with whom the Department contracts and partners. She provides supervision for the Office of Children, Youth and Families; Office of Economic Security; Office of Early Childhood; Aging and Adult Services Division; Office of Behavioral Health Community Programs; County Services; and Client Services/Controlled Correspondence.

Petersen recently served as the Vice Chair of the State Board of Human Services. She came to CDHS from Mile High United Way, where she was the Chief Program Officer. Previously, she served at Denver Human Services, where she led implementation of the city's 10-year plan to end homelessness, and restructured the way in which city government collaborated with nonprofits to promote a broader collective impact in the community. She also served as executive director of Urban Peak, a nationally recognized nonprofit serving homeless and runaway youth.



Jeff Kuhr, PhD, Executive Director- Mesa County Health Department

Jeff Kuhr is the Executive Director of the Mesa County Health Department in Grand Junction. In addition to the ECLC, Jeff serves on the State Board of Human Services and is on the board of directors for the National Association of County and City Health Officials. In Grand Junction, he serves on the boards of directors for St. Mary's Regional Medical Center, Marillac Clinic, and STRiVE (Mesa Developmental Services). Jeff has a PhD in Educational Psychology from the University of Nebraska and is a Master Certified Health Education Specialist. His over 20 years of experience in public health and health promotion provides a unique perspective on the connection between behavioral health, physical health and population-based prevention strategies.



Tom Massey, Deputy Executive Director of Policy and Communications - Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

Tom Massey is the Policy, Communications, and Operations Office Director at the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing. He is responsible for the management of government relations, internal and external communications, human resources, workforce development and facility operations.

Prior to coming to the Department, Massey served as a state legislator representing Colorado House District 60 (Poncha Springs, Salida) for eight years. He was a member of the Health and Environment Committee and chaired the House Education Committee. He sponsored several pieces of health care legislation, some of which included prescription drug monitoring, home health care, health information technology and electronic prescriptions in Medicaid. He also received numerous legislative honors, including awards from the Colorado Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Leadership for Healthy Communities, Colorado Substance Abuse Peer Services, and the Colorado Home Health Care Network.

Massey has been a member of the Colorado Child Welfare Commission, served on the Health Information Exchange Board, the Health Information Technology Advisory Board and has been a Colorado Health Foundation Fellow. He served on the Board of Directors for the Children's Health Foundation. He also owned and operated four Coldwell Banker franchises in central and southern Colorado. Massey received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of North Texas.



Jeanne McQueeney, Commissioner - Eagle County

Jeanne McQueeney began her term as Commissioner of District 3 in January 2015. Jeanne represents Eagle County on the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments; she serves as chair of the Eagle County Regional Transportation Authority, and the Golden Eagle Elderly Housing Corporation. Jeanne is the board chair for 2016.

Jeanne has a master's degree in Early Childhood Special Education and a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. Jeanne's career includes seven years on the Eagle County School Board, 13 years teaching, and seven years providing technical assistance to early childhood programs. She is the founder of Early Childhood Partners, a nonprofit serving the county's early childhood community.

Jeanne has served on numerous local nonprofit boards, coalitions and service clubs including the Eagle River Youth Coalition, Caring for Kids, Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Council, Vail Rotary, The Health Services Advisory Council, Wayfinders, The Healthy Eating Active Living Community Coalition, The Family Leadership Training Institute, and the InteGreat Coalition.

A resident of Eagle County for 26 years, Jeanne was born in Brooklyn, NY and raised on Long Island. Jeanne has been married to her high school sweetheart, Harry McQueeney since 1985 and together they have raised two wonderful children in Colorado.



Lydia Prado, PhD, Vice President of Child & Family Services - Mental Health Center of Denver

Lydia Prado, PhD, is the VP of Child & Family Services at the Mental Health Center of Denver. In this role, she provides strategic vision and leadership, seeking excellence in research design, program development and evaluation, culturally responsive service delivery, and the identification and implementation of “best practices” in a community-based mental health setting. She works diligently to transform traditional service models to benefit diverse populations, develop prevention and early intervention strategies, and establish community-based partnerships.

Lydia is the project visionary behind Dahlia Campus for Health and Well-Being, an innovative community center in Northeast Park Hill that promotes well-being across the lifespan. The site features an inclusive preschool, dental clinic, farms and gardens, mental health services, and indoor and outdoor community spaces.

Dr. Prado serves on a number of Boards, and in 2016, was appointed to the Colorado Governor’s Early Child Leadership Commission as the public health representative. Dr. Prado serves on a number of other non-profit boards.

Lydia is the proud parent of four children.



Anna Robinson, Parent Representative

Anna Robinson, Parent Representative Anna Robinson is the Parent Representative for the Early Childhood Leadership Commission, currently serving a term through an Executive Order from Governor John Hickenlooper. Since her move to Denver, CO in 2007, Anna has established herself as a sales professional by helping small businesses across the country with hospitality tech services to enhance their operations.

Late in 2016 she decided it was time to combine her philanthropic interests and love for the community with her sales ability; she then became and is currently the Manager of Business Development for Mile High United Way. It is her hope that by working alongside passionate individuals and corporations across, public, private, government and philanthropic sectors the next generation of Colorado children and their families will have the opportunity to thrive in all aspects of life, especially in Early Childhood Education, Equity and Poverty alleviation.



Cindy Schulz, Executive Director - Cydney and Tom Marsico Family Foundation

Cindy Schulz brings more than three decades of professional experience complemented by a passion to improve educational outcomes for children developed while working as a public school teacher.

Beginning her career as a second and third grade teacher in Connecticut and then a kindergarten and first grade teacher in the Cherry Creek School District, Cindy positively influenced the early educational foundations for thousands over a 27 - year span. Looking for a new opportunity to apply her teaching expertise to the needs of the community, she taught remedial English at the high school level for an additional five years.

Cindy currently serves as the executive director of the Cydney and Tom Marsico Family Foundation, a role in which she has served since the organization's inception in 1998. The Foundation supports early childhood education, youth services and housing and homelessness. Cindy works with the board of directors to help guide the Foundation's grant making, community outreach and business operations.

A graduate of the University of Texas system, Cindy holds a Bachelor of Arts in Education. She also has earned dual graduate degrees from the University of Northern Colorado; a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction, and a Master of Education in Program Specialist-Reading. She received additional post-baccalaureate training in the "Reading Recovery" program from Ohio State University. Cindy's reputation in the non-profit community is based on an extensive history of volunteerism. She has given her time and talents to numerous community organizations, putting her frontline experience and genuine passion to work on the Boards of Girls Incorporated of Metro Denver, The Gathering Place, Warren Village, Colorado UpLift and the Cherry Creek Schools Foundation. She has also held key positions with the Junior League of Denver, including terms as Community Vice President. The organization has recognized Cindy's dedication with its highest honors, naming her Volunteer of the Year, Sustainer of the Year and presenting her with the Star Award for community service.



Susan Steele, Executive Director - Buell Foundation

Susan received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Northern Colorado and began her career as a middle school math teacher. After several years of teaching, she moved into the business arena serving in management and accounting positions for several family-owned businesses in Denver. She joined the Buell Foundation as controller in 1993. In 1998 she was named Executive Director.

During her tenure, she has helped guide the foundation to prominence as a leader in early childhood development throughout the state of Colorado. Under her leadership, the Foundation was recognized as the Colorado Foundation of the Year in 2012. In 2013, Susan was appointed to the Colorado Early Childhood Leadership Commission, where she helps to advise the Office of Early Childhood on issues related to early childhood education and development. Susan currently serves on the Management Team for the Buell Early Childhood Leadership Program at the University of Colorado at Denver and has played an important role in the creation of the Buell Early Childhood Leadership Network. Both of these groups exist to nurture and build the leadership capacity of experienced and emerging leaders to create equity, opportunity, and educational excellence for all young children and their families in Colorado. She also chairs the Early Childhood Funders Collaborative and is immediate past president of the Colorado Association of Funders. Susan is one of the founding partners that created Colorado EPIC and remains an active member on the governing board today.



Erin Ulric, Director of the Center for Healthy Families and Communities - Department of Public Health and Environment

Erin Ulric has spent over a decade working in public health programs across the globe. She began working at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) in 2014 as the Nutrition Services Branch Chief, oversees The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC), The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and the department’s Early Childhood Obesity Prevention group.

She transitioned into the Deputy Director of Prevention Services role in 2017, and in this role provides strategic oversight and programmatic supervision to the Children, Youth and Families Branch, the Health Services and Connections Branch, and the Nutrition Services Branch within the Prevention Services Division (PSD); all of whom address the health of women, infants and children Previously, Erin worked in international public health managing programs in a variety of technical areas. She speaks three languages and has lived and/or worked in eight countries. Erin received her Master’s of Public Health from Columbia University.



George Welsh, Superintendent- Cañon City School District

An educator with 29 year of experience, George Welsh served as Superintendent of Schools in the Center Consolidated School District in Colorado’s San Luis Valley from 1997 to 2015. In July 2015 he took the reins of the Cañon City School District in Fremont County.

Cañon City has 10 schools and serves approximately 3,700 kids, 60 percent who are deemed at-risk based free or reduced lunch requirements.

In December 2010 Welsh was recognized as Colorado’s rural administrator of the

year. He has since served as the president of the Colorado Association of School Executives, was recognized as Colorado's superintendent of the year in 2013, and was named one of eSchoolNews' tech savvy superintendents of the year in 2014. Welsh has also served on and chaired the advisory board of the Colorado Safe Schools Resource Center since its inception in 2010.

Ex-Officio Member:



Mary Anne Snyder, Director - Office of Early Childhood, Department of Human Services

In November of 2012, Mary Anne Snyder was appointed Director of the new Office of Early Childhood within the Colorado Department of Human Services. In this role, she brought together the Division of Early Care and Learning (DECL) with the new Division of Community

and Family Support (DCFS). DECL provides child care licensing, subsidy and quality initiatives. DCFS houses Early Intervention, Early Childhood Councils, Children's Trust Fund, home visitation programs, infant and toddler mental health programs, and child maltreatment prevention. The Head Start State Collaboration Liaison and the Early Childhood Leadership Commission Director also operate within the Office of Early Childhood. The Office is also implementing a \$45 million Federal Early Learning Challenge grant.

The consolidation of early childhood programs, along with new Federal resources, is resulting in a more effective, efficient and elegant system of service delivery and support for families with young children. The Office of Early Childhood strives to improve kindergarten readiness, increase the number of third grade students reading at proficiency or better, prevent child abuse and neglect, and treat early-identified developmental delays.

Prior to serving as the Director of the Office of Early Childhood, Mary Anne was the Executive Director of the Wisconsin Children's Trust Fund (2001-2012). She was the founding President of the Celebrate Children Foundation, which focuses on helping communities in Wisconsin create the most effective early learning systems for children from birth to age five. Mary Anne was a member of the Governor's Advisory Council on Early Care and Education and was the co-chair of the state steering committee. She also served on the Board of Directors for the National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds, of which she was President for four years.

Mary Anne has dedicated her career to ensuring all children experience optimal childhood development in a safe and nurturing environment in order to reach their full potential. In 1998, she received the Commissioner's Award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families for her leadership and service in the prevention of child abuse and neglect in Wisconsin.