

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Executive Department



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Governor Tim Walz

President of the Senate

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Brooke Cunningham

Because of the special trust and confidence I have in your integrity, judgment, and ability, I have appointed you to the office of:

Commissioner

Minnesota Department of Health

Effective: January 2, 2023

Expires: January 4, 2027

This appointment carries with it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

Signed and sealed January 2, 2023.



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Tim Walz
Governor

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

Steve Simon
Secretary of State

Replacing: Jan Malcolm

Filed on January 2, 2023
Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State,
Steve Simon

BROOKE A. CUNNINGHAM, MD, PhD**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

Physician-sociologist with 10+ years of experience working on teams to ameliorate racial disparities in health

INTERNAL MEDICINE RESIDENCY Duke University Medical Center 2007-2010
Durham, NC

EDUCATION

MD	Medicine	University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA	2007
PhD	Sociology	University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA	2006
MA	Sociology	University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA	2001
BA	History African American Studies	University of Virginia Charlottesville, VA	1996

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RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**President of the Senate**

Assistant Commissioner, Health Equity Bureau, Minnesota Department of Health, St. Paul, MN 2022-present

- Provide leadership to agency and state to advance health equity; oversee MDH's Center for Health Equity, Office of American Indian Health, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Office, and COVID-19 Health Equity Team; develop budget and policy proposals

Assistant Professor, Family Medicine/Community Health, University of Minnesota

Minneapolis, MN 2014-present (currently on academic leave)

- Design and execute solution-focused, community-engaged health equity research with multidisciplinary teams; act as internal consultant on diversity, equity, and inclusion; mentor students/trainees
- Provide primary care at federally qualified care center, Community University Health Care Center (0.1 FTE)
- Co-Director, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) Thread, Undergraduate Medical Education, 2020-2021
--- Integrate DEI content into medical education by providing content expertise and engaging faculty
- Affiliate faculty in UMN Center for Bioethics, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, and Sociology Dept.

Health Equity Consulting, Minneapolis, MN

2015-2021

- Provide expertise on structural racism and strategies to promote racial equity to health systems, medical schools, and organizations such as Diversity Science (Portland, OR) and Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (MN)

AcademyHealth Delivery System Science Fellow, Medica Research Institute, Minnetonka, MN 2013-2014

- Led data collection /analysis of interviews and focus groups with health system leaders, providers, and staff
- Identified barriers and enablers to advancing health equity in a large health care system

General Internal Medicine Fellow, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD

2010-2013

- Implemented and evaluated initiatives to reduce racial disparities; analyzed qualitative and quantitative data

Greenwall Fellow in Bioethics and Health Policy, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

2010-2013

- Broadened knowledge of bioethics and health policy; authored policy brief on race data collection as intern at Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies

GRANTS – PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

NIH NHLBI K23: Improving Primary Care Providers Ability to Communicate about Patients' Experiences of Racism to Improve Cardiovascular Health 2019-2022

- Develop a communication intervention for providers to competently and safely talk about racism.
- Complex project management, including developing budgets and protocols, building teams, adhering to federal and institutional regulations, community engagement, and knowledge translation/dissemination

University of Minnesota Pre-K Discovery Scholars 2016-2019

University of Minnesota Serendipity Grant: Come Step in It: Real Talk about Race 2015-2017

SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

MHealth/Fairview Rothenberger Leadership Academy 2021-2022

University of Minnesota Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Award (inaugural recipient) 2021

NIH NHLBI Research in Implementation Science Scholar, University of California San Francisco 2016-2017

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