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New leaders strengthen clinical and behavioral health expertise at [UCare](#)

New Medical and Behavioral Services Associate Directors enhance clinical services and quality management

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 8, 2018 – [UCare](#) has hired Scott Kammer, M.D., and Amy Burt, D.O., as the not-for-profit health plan's Associate Medical Directors. Beth Allen joins UCare as its new Behavioral Health Associate Director.

Drs. Kammer and Burt report to UCare's Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, Larry Lee, M.D., and Allen reports to Jeri Peters, R.N., UCare's Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer. "Scott and Amy bring a depth of clinical leadership and systems-improvement experience to their roles at UCare, where we strive every day to ensure access to care, improve member and provider experience, and advance UCare's clinical excellence," said Dr. Lee.

Peters adds, "Recognizing the vital role behavioral health services play in our members' whole health, we are pleased to grow behavioral health leadership at UCare. Beth brings a full toolkit of skills in change management, quality improvement and patient care to provide our members with an equitable and robust health care experience."

Dr. Kammer was most recently Regional Medical Director, East Region, for the Allina Health Group Primary Care Clinical Service Line where he led 11 clinics and 114 clinicians in clinic operations and also system outpatient access improvement work. Prior to that, he served as a Family Physician for Allina Health Clinic Forest Lake and the U.S. Naval Hospital in Yokosuka, Japan. Dr. Kammer has an M.D. from the Medical College of Wisconsin and an A.B. in Chemistry from Duke University. Dr. Kammer is a diplomate of the American Board of Family Medicine, and member and fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Dr. Burt comes to UCare from North Memorial where she was Medical Director for primary care, urgent care, occupational medicine and urgency centers. She was accountable for financial

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performance, operations and clinical outcomes in these roles. During a career spanning more than 20 years, she has re-engineered processes at a number of health care organizations resulting in increased revenue, improved quality and better experiences for patients and care teams. Dr. Burt holds a D.O. from Nova Southeastern University, B.S. in Exercise Physiology from the University of Michigan and B.S. in Physical Therapy from the University of Toledo/Medical College of Ohio. She is a member of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Prior to joining UCare, Allen was an Internal Consultant for the Behavioral Health Administration at the University of Minnesota Medical Center – Fairview leading change management, quality improvement, patient safety and role development for inpatient services. Previously, she worked for Guild Incorporated in progressively responsible positions directing care management, integrated care and nursing services. Allen is experienced at developing innovative services in pursuit of the Triple Aim, including data-driven, integrated patient-centered care and population health quality programs. She has a B.A. in Nursing from Gustavus Adolphus College and an M.A. in Nursing Leadership from St. Catherine University.

About UCare

UCare (www.ucare.org) is an independent, not-for-profit health plan providing health care and administrative services to more than 375,000 Minnesotans. UCare partners with health care providers, counties, and community organizations to create and deliver:

- National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)-[accredited plans](#) for Minnesotans shopping on MNsure.
- [Plans](#) for adults with disabilities.
- [Medicare plans](#) with an “Excellent” NCQA rating, and a [partnership](#) with Essentia Health.
- [Programs for older Minnesotans with Medical Assistance, or with Medicare.](#)
- Income-based [Medicaid](#) and [MinnesotaCare](#) coverage.

UCare addresses health care disparities and care access issues through a broad array of community initiatives. The health plan has received Top Workplaces honors from the Star Tribune for eight consecutive years since the rankings began in 2010.

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