
DISSOLUTION Q&A FROM THE MINNESOTA HEALTH ACTION GROUP

Q. After more than 30 years, why is The Action Group being dissolved now?

A. As a small membership-based nonprofit focused on advancing the “greater good,” we have had limited budgets and difficult choices over the years. Triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, our financial sustainability was affected by several things simultaneously:

- Some members were not able to pay their dues due to financial pressures or realigned internal priorities.
- Some sponsors withdrew or reduced their Summit support when we could no longer offer an in-person event and had to pivot to a virtual format.
- Some employers who were very interested in our focused solutions such as the partnership with AiRCare Health had to extend their internal priorities/timelines for engaging in this way.
- Anticipated new funding sources such as grants and transformational investments failed to materialize.

Q. Will the organization operate again when the pandemic passes?

A. No. Our members voted in favor of the Board’s unanimous vote to completely dissolve. The convergence of the challenges described above, coupled with the fact that the pandemic will have long-lasting economic and other consequences on many public and private employers, made it clear that The Action Group is no longer financially sustainable and that our operations cannot continue. As such, we will discontinue operating no later than September 30, 2020.

Q. Is the dissolution now public knowledge?

A. Yes. The *Star Tribune* covered the news in [this June 29, 2020 article](#).

Q: What will happen to the partnership with AiRCare Health?

A: As we have shared with members, AiRCare Health is a next-generation behavioral health company. Through heart and science, they’re removing obstacles to employee emotional and physical well-being in ways never before seen. Importantly, AiRCare Health guarantees that employees and family members receive one-hour access to mental health support. All Action Group members and any other interested employers are encouraged to reach out to AiRCare Health directly to explore how they could provide their solution to employers.

Q. What will happen to the PCORI Award that you received for this year?

A. We very pleased that PCORI has approved continuation of this important project under the leadership of another Minnesota-based nonprofit organization. Watch for more information as this community engagement project moves forward with a focus on improving mental health and outcomes in our state!

Q. How long will The Action Group’s online resource library be available?

A. We will be maintaining the website until September 28, 2020, and are encouraging members and others to download and save needed resources at their earliest convenience.

Q. Will there be a farewell event?

A. Yes. we are organizing a final event for members and friends of The Action Group and will send invitations once the details are known. Due to COVID-19, it is likely this will be a virtual gathering. The purpose is to bring closure and celebrate the contributions Action Group members have made to improving health care quality and affordability. We are grateful for the loyalty and commitment of our members and other colleagues who have truly made a difference for Minnesotans.

