

THREE NEW MEMBERS APPOINTED TO NORTH IOWA CORRIDOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THE NORTH IOWA CORRIDOR Economic Development Corp. recently named three new members to its board of directors.



Diane Fischels, a resident of Mason City nearly 35 years, has worked at Mercy Medical Center North Iowa for most of that time. As Chief Operating Officer

for the past six years, Fischels says she is responsible for a number of the clinical and support service areas of the organization, as well as the leadership system.

She received her bachelor's degree in business management from the University of Northern Iowa and Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Drake University in Des Moines. Fischels served on the board of directors at North Iowa Vocational Center for 12 years until recently retiring from that position. She is active in Epiphany Parish.

Her husband, Randy, just retired from Newman Schools where he was a teacher, coach, and athletic director for many years. They have two grown daughters, living in San Diego and Chicago.

"Having lived in the community a long time, I have a vested interest in seeing it continue to grow," Fischels says. "And as Mercy is the main healthcare provider,

we're supportive and interested in economic growth for this area. If I can contribute in any way to that, I'm excited to be able to do so."



Marty Mensen is a senior manager in customer operations for Alliant Energy. His responsibilities include overseeing safe, reliable gas

and electric service to over 65,000 customers in North Iowa.

"I'm interested in North Iowa Corridor because economic development is very important for North Iowa and our company as well, to help us grow," Mensen says. "I look forward to being in conversations on how I can help bring that growth to this area."

Mensen moved to Clear Lake from the Des Moines area in April 2017 to take on this role.

He has a bachelor's degree in construction management from the University of Northern Iowa and recently received his MBA from the University of Iowa. Mensen was a member of the Lake Leadership group for 2017-2018, a nine-month course offered by the Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce.

Jeff Nichols moved to North Iowa in 2014 to assume the role of Chief

Executive Officer at One Vision (formerly Opportunity Village) in Clear Lake. The non-profit organization provides services to nearly 600 individuals of all abilities, helping them achieve independence and community involvement.



Nichols was previously CEO of Strive, a similar organization in Colorado, for six years, and Chief Operating Officer and Vice President of

Finance at South Dakota Achieve for 17 years. He has a bachelor's degree in management information systems from Northern Arizona University and MBA from the University of Sioux Falls.

He and his wife, Kris, live in Mason City. They have two adult sons and three (soon to be four) grandchildren. Nichols serves on the board of directors and executive committee for the Mason City Chamber of Commerce. He has been involved on the Vision North Iowa Steering Committee and is a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity. He also was involved with the local Chamber and economic development while living in Colorado.

He says joining the North Iowa Corridor comes naturally with his business slant. "I believe nothing comes without intentional effort," Nichols says. "If you want your community to grow and develop, you should volunteer to further those ends."

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