

BEN MAY

CO-OWNER/PROJECT MANAGER



Ben is the co-owner and project manager at North Star Solutions, LLC, where he strategically manages a handful of governmental and non-profit projects. In his role, Ben also currently serves as the Executive Director of the Community Health Worker Collaborative of South Dakota (CHWSD), where he has served as the lead contact since its inception in January 2020. Ben has led the CHWSD through significant growth over the first five years, serving as the project lead for the South Dakota Department of Health's Community Health Worker (CHW) work and subsequently as Executive Director of the CHWSD upon transitioning to a non-profit in Fall of 2024. Additionally, for the past 12 years, Ben has served as the coordinator for the South Dakota Diabetes Coalition (SDDC) and manages the overall association as a non-profit 501c3 organization. Ben's experience as a project coordinator and a communications specialist for Sage Project Consultants (2013-2025), sets the stage for his work providing comprehensive project management, creative services, and communication support tailored to client needs.

Skills & Expertise

- Excels in project and program management and execution, providing creative support, communication, grant writing, reporting, evaluation, and assessment
- Serves as a contracted extension of various organizations' workforce
- Coordinates work group-based projects, involving subject matter experts in planning and execution stages
- Interacts efficiently and cohesively with clients
- Utilizes marketing and communication skills for diverse and consistent marketing messages
- Aims to fulfill client missions and increase their bottom line

Interests & Hobbies

In his spare time, Ben loves to travel, go thrift store shopping, and spend time pontooning at the lake. He also enjoys traveling and has visited 47 of the 50 states. When he sits down to relax, Ben enjoys puzzles, podcasts, and spending time with his dog Rue and cat George.

Education

- Graduate Certificate - Public Health - New Mexico State University - 2023
- Bachelor's Degrees in Communications and Public Relations, Minors in Advertising Design Communication and Marketing - Southwest Minnesota State University - 2013

Memberships

- National Association of Community Health Workers (NACHW) 2020 - present
- American Public Health Association (APHA) 2020 - present
- American Evaluation Association - 2015 - 2022

Service

- Patient/Consumer Representative - Southeast Technical College Respiratory Therapy Program - 2023 - Present
- Citizen Representative - Solid Waste (and Recycling) Planning Board - City of Sioux Falls - 2016-2020

