



**Jim Paist** has been the Executive Director of the HFMD since 2004. During his tenure, Jim has been deeply involved in public policy advocacy for the bleeding disorders community and in helping the HFMD to achieve some major accomplishments in public policy.

This includes the introduction of a federal Senate bill to ban lifetime caps on health insurance which became part of the ACA in 2010. In 2019, HFMD was a substantial contributor in a coalition to pass a bill to establish the Minnesota Rare Disease Advisory Council, which is now an operational state agency.

Prior to HFMD, Jim was the Executive Director of All Parks Alliance for Change (APAC) from 1998 – 2004, where public policy advocacy was also a major part of his role. He has a B.A. in Political Science from Hamline University. Jim enjoys sports, current events, and world history.