

Clay Pavlis, MD is the Chief Medical Officer and Managing Partner at MWI Health, now known as Turnwell Mental Health of SD. He originally attended South Dakota State University then the University of Minnesota-Duluth prior to attending the University of South Dakota School of Medicine. He graduated from Medical School in 2003 and completed his residency at the Sanford School of Medicine in the field of Psychiatry in 2007.

He is board-certified in Adult Psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and licensed in South Dakota, Iowa, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, North Dakota, Nebraska, Texas and Mississippi.

Dr. Pavlis's vision for offering personalized care for residents of South Dakota and Minnesota with a team of providers focused on individualized care was the catalyst for him establishing MWI Health in 2012. He now leads a growing team of mental health providers, nurses, and staff with organizational core focuses of providing patients advanced and comprehensive psychiatric services, establishing contracted mental health services through trust-based partnerships, and excelling at efficient and thorough independent psychiatric evaluations.

With almost 20 years of experience, Dr. Pavlis brings a wealth of knowledge in the field of psychiatry, specializing in psychiatric forensic evaluations, independent psychiatric evaluations, Veteran services and evaluations, opioid addiction treatment with Suboxone, medication management, neuromodulation with Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation, and psychopharmacogenomics. Dr Pavlis also believes strongly in mentorship and education, regularly working with local preceptorship students each semester.

Dr. Pavlis currently serves as Medical Director for several Mental Health Centers across the region and is committed to providing quality mental health care to patients and families, supporting the community through collaboration and continuing to find innovative ways to improve lives.

As a Managing Partner and National Medical Director for Turnwell Mental Health, it is his goal to continue to bring "common sense" approach while delivering personalized care and driving change in a broken system.