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Education

- MBA, University of Wyoming, 2016
- B.S. in Computer Science, Mississippi State University, 1995

Executive summary

- 17 years of executive IT leadership in healthcare (25+ years in IT)
- Results-driven CIO with an enterprise vision that focuses on flexible scalable solutions
- Aligns organizational and IT goals to bring business value
- Advises leadership on strategic investments in technology to enhance business value
- Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Mississippi, CIO collaborative member
- IBM Midmarket Advisory Board, member

Executive skills

- IT Strategy planning
- Contract negotiations
- Building coalitions
- Data driven decisions
- Team builder
- Creative & innovative
- Mentoring
- Technical credibility
- Business acumen
- Fiscally responsible
- Project management
- Policy development
- Cybersecurity
- Virtualization
- Enterprise storage
- 24/7/365 operations

Experience

University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, Mississippi

Director, IT Healthcare Operations — Feb 2019 to present

- Collaborate with our healthcare vertical administrators to provide technology to continue to meet the needs of our organization; UMMC is a 722-bed multi-hospital academic health system comprising of six hospitals, 30 clinics, and 200+ telehealth sites, with a \$54M IT budget
- Utilize design thinking to create efficiencies and improve workflows across our healthcare system using Epic, Vocera, Jabber, etc., with the assistance of 300 IT professionals
- Facilitate engagement with applications and technology groups to incorporate continuous quality improvement and best Healthcare information technology practices
- Key IT representative on the operation technology and innovation committee to select alarm management, wireless communications, RTLS, patient experience, and patient flow for our new \$180M Children's of Mississippi Hospital currently under construction
- Work with executive leadership on strategic priorities including hospital and clinic affiliations to drive healthcare outcomes in Mississippi

St. Dominic Hospital, Jackson, Mississippi

Director, Information Technology — Sep 2018 to Feb 2019

- Led 75 IT professionals who provided services to the St. Dominic Health System; St. Dominic Hospital is a 571-bed hospital system including St. Catherine's Village, and Clinics
- Managed IT operational and capital budgets of \$17.5M
- Directed operations for staff development, infrastructure, telecommunications, informatics, interfaces / health information exchange, and applications such as Cerner, eClinicalWorks, etc.

OCH Regional Medical Center, Starkville, Mississippi
Chief Information Technology Officer (CITO) — Nov 2003 to Aug 2018

- Led 25 IT Professionals that provided services to the OCH system; OCH is a 100-bed hospital representing 20 specialties with 10 clinics, and 13 buildings
- Managed IT operational and capital budgets of \$3M
- Served as the HIPAA security officer
- Transformed a 5 FTE data processing department, to a 25 FTE IT department
- Instituted staff development initiatives and cross training
- Led a multi-disciplinary team to be an early adopter of meaningful use (MU), receiving \$4.56M
- Implemented continuous enhancements in cybersecurity and created training programs
- Designed a “connected ambulance” — extending IT services securely to our ambulances
- Re-designed and executed a major infrastructure overhaul to include voice and RTLS
- 2016 – Lead a team to achieve HIMSS Analytics Stage 6 recognition; top 29% of hospitals in the US
- Designed and developed a mobile app to help our patients find hospital services
- 2014 – Launched patient portals for our hospital and clinics
- Selected and implemented an analytics platform that led to the development of 40+ web-based application suites to improve clinical, financial, and operational decision making
- Connected all hospital owned building to our main campus by fiber to provide data, voice, and video
- Achieved 45% cost reductions by virtualizing servers, approx. 30% of desktops, and storage
- Early adopter of VoIP in healthcare with 900+ directory numbers saving over \$30,000 annually
- Enhanced the patient experience through early adoption of free Wi-Fi throughout our system
- Improved employee productivity by implementing single sign-on
- Designed a communication center to serve as an incident command center
- Interfaced our EHR with best of breed applications to provide a single MRN for each patient
- 2010 – deployed hospital-wide CPOE
- 2010 – standardized all clinics with Allscripts EEHR and PM
- Led to efforts to enhance security by deploying an IP based camera and badge access system
- Reduced purchasing and maintenance costs by negotiating all contracts to leverage our infrastructure
- Collaborated with McKesson to design an alternative PACS configuration to better fit our environment and reduce costs — our method is now used at 7 other facilities
- Reduced downtime required for backups during an EHR upgrades from 12 to 2 hours
- Led strategic priorities including digital transformation to improve patient safety and outcomes
- Delivered a business case to replace our hospital EHR, ED EHR, and clinic EHR to a single EHR to improve patient care and streamline services. Business case was approved by the board

Past experiences

Mississippi State University, Starkville, Mississippi

- ITS/Telecom, Campus Card System Programmer/Analyst — Oct 2001 to Nov 2003
- Telecom, Campus Card System Programmer/Analyst — Sep 1998 to May 2001
- ITS, Sr. LAN Systems Programmer — Sep 1996 to Sep 1998

Cingular Wireless/ATT, Jackson, Mississippi

- RF Engineer — May 2001 to Oct 2001

TerraGlyph Interactive Studios, Schaumburg, Illinois

- AS/400 Network System Administrator — Dec 1995 to Sep 1996

Presentations

- Informatics & Healthcare, Mississippi University for Women, DNP Students — Oct 2016
- Cyber Security Awareness, OCH Staff — Sep 2016 to Aug 2018
- ARRA/HITECH impact, OCH Staff — Aug 2010
- Understanding Information Technology, Mississippi Nurses Association — 2006 Annual Conference

Professional

- Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Mississippi CIO Collaborative — 2016 to 2018
- IBM Midmarket Advisory Board member — 2008 to 2015
- EMCC IST Advisory Committee member — 2013 to 2018
- IBM XIV Usability Study — 2014 Design Evaluation for enterprise level storage software
- IBM Case study: OCH Regional Medical optimizes patient services with IBM XIV storage
- CCSSLTD Case study: Healthcare Provider OCH Regional Medical Center Chooses CCSS Solutions for the IBM System i Environment
- InfraGard, member
- HiMSS, member
- COMMON, member — 1997 to 2017
- American Deputy Sheriff's Association, member
- Mississippi Deputy Sheriff's Association, member

Certifications

- Horizon Medical Imaging Architecture and Support Course, v11.x | v4.x
McKesson Medical Imaging Group, Vancouver
- National Incident Management Systems/ICS 700 — Mar 2008
- FEMA I-100 for Healthcare/Hospitals — Jul 2007
- Part-Time Law Enforcement Certification — Board of Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training, State of Mississippi
- Train the Trainer — a course training law enforcement officers to train fellow law enforcement officers to use the Internet as an unlimited resource in case solving
National Center for Rural Law Enforcement, and the Criminal Justice Institute
- Seizing Electronic Evidence — a course training law enforcement officers to seize electronic evidence in a forensic manner in conjunction with state and federal laws
The Office of the Attorney General; State of Mississippi
- J.D. Edwards training in BASIC, Technical Foundations, World Writer, Integrated Purchasing, Electronic Commerce (EDI), Inventory Management, General Accounting, Sales Order Management
- Certificate in Business Administration — Economics, Business, Accounting, Communications
The Management College, Sri Lanka, in affiliation with ABE (London, UK) — Jun 1990

Community Service

Oktibbeha County Sheriff's Office, Starkville, Mississippi

- Sheriff's Deputy, part-time certified — Dec 1997 to present
- Designed and implemented a network to support our record management system and website

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