

Leadership Council Directory

**Barbara Anderman, MA****CEF Leadership Council Chair****Former Executive Search Consultant, Russell Reynolds Associates**

Barbara Anderman is a former executive search consultant with Russell Reynolds Associates. She dedicated her 12+ years to the health services practice. She was also a leader in the healthcare transformation practice, specializing in recruiting key digital talent into executive-level leadership roles in specialty areas.

**Dave Anderson, Ph.D.****Former Consultant, BDC Advisors LLC**

David Anderson has three decades of consulting experience with BDC Advisors, CSC, APM, and McKinsey & Co. His background includes experience consulting on strategy, operations, and organizational projects for academic medical centers, large health systems, and health plans. He is a former faculty member of MIT Sloan School of Management. David has a B.S. from Yale University, and an MBA and Ph.D. from Stanford Graduate School of Business.

**Afia Asamoah, JD, MPP****Co-Founder, Head of Legal and People, Waymark, Inc.****Former Executive Search Consultant, Russell Reynolds Associates**

Afia Asamoah is a global business executive and advisor with over 18 years of experience in strategy and risk management, focused on ensuring equitable healthcare for vulnerable populations. She has served in leadership roles in government and global companies. In 2021, after nearly eight years in senior health roles at Google, Afia co-founded Waymark to focus on improving care delivery to people with Medicaid benefits. She is currently Head of Legal and People, Corporate Secretary. Previously she served as Special Assistant in the U.S. FDA Commissioner's Office during the Obama Administration. Afia received her JD from Harvard Law School, her Master of Public Policy from the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, and her BA from Harvard University. She serves as board director for Lucille Packard Stanford Children's Hospital and the Public Health Institute.

**Audre Bagnall****Executive VP Business Development & Chief Strategy Officer, University of Chicago Medicine**

Audre Bagnall joined The University of Chicago Medical Center in 2015 as executive vice president and chief strategy officer. She is responsible for the development of UCMC's network development strategy, implementation of the organization's strategic plan, ambulatory facilities planning, clinical program planning and new program development. Prior to her role at The University of Chicago, she was vice president of strategic planning at Montefiore in New York City.



Cynthia Barginere, RN, DNP, FACHE

President, University of California, San Francisco Adult Services

Prior to her role at UCSF, Cynthia Barginere was responsible for leading and supporting the infrastructure and organizational elements of IHI. Before joining IHI, she was chief transformation officer/SVP at Rush University System for Health. Cynthia joined Rush in 2011 as chief nursing officer and associate dean for nursing practice. From 2006 to 2011, she served in a variety of positions at Baptist Medical Center South (BMCS) in Montgomery. Honored as a Chicago United Business Leader of Color for 2015, she completed national leadership fellowships and served as a member of numerous professional organizations. She serves on the board of the DAISY Foundation.



Donald M. Berwick, MD, MPP, FRCP

President emeritus and senior fellow at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement

Dr. Berwick serves as lecturer in the Department of Health Care Policy at Harvard Medical School. Previously he served on the faculty of the Harvard Medical School and Harvard School of Public Health, on the staff of Boston's Children's Hospital Medical Center, Massachusetts General Hospital, and the Brigham and Women's Hospital. He was also vice chair of the US Preventive Services Task Force, and chair of the National Advisory Council of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. He served two terms on the Institute of Medicine's Governing Council.



Ann Scott Blouin, RN, PhD, LFACHE

President, PSQ Advisory

Dr. Blouin is a nationally recognized healthcare leader with more than 30 years of strategic planning, health care administration, consulting, and clinical experience. Most recently she was the EVP for customer relations and accreditation operations at The Joint Commission. She has consulted for many healthcare organizations, serving in leadership roles at consulting firms such as Deloitte, Ernst & Young, and Huron Consulting Group. Dr. Blouin served as vice-chair of the National Patient Safety Foundation Board of Directors. She serves on the boards of the IHI and the Ensign Group. She is an assistant professor at Loyola University, Chicago.



David Blumenthal, MD, MPP

President (retired), The Commonwealth Fund; Professor, Practice Public Health Harvard Chan School of Public Health

David Blumenthal MD, MPP chairs the Board of the Carol Emmott Foundation. He is professor of practice of public health at the Harvard Chan School of Public Health and a research fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. He was formerly the president of the Commonwealth Fund of New York City 2013 to 2023. Dr. Blumenthal is also Samuel O. Thier professor of medicine emeritus at Harvard Medical School and was formerly the National Coordinator for Health Care Technology under President Barack Obama from 2009 to 2011.



Jennifer Boffi, MPH

Chief Financial Officer, Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center

In 2017, Jennifer joined Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center (ZSFG) as its CFO, leading a team of more than 400 and overseeing an annual budget of more than \$1 billion. ZSFG is part of the San Francisco Department of Public Health, serving as the only Level I Trauma Center for the 1.5 million residents of San Francisco and northern San Mateo County. Before coming to ZSFG, Jennifer spent nearly a decade with Kaiser Permanente Northern California in local and regional finance leadership roles. She is a finance leader who seeks to link operational decision-making to financial impacts.



Odette C. Bolano, FACHE, MHA, BSN

President and CEO, Saint Alphonsus Health System

Odette Bolano provides executive leadership, strategic and operational oversight for a five-hospital system across Idaho and Oregon. Prior to this role, she served as president of Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center. Odette has been in senior leadership healthcare positions in for-profit, non-profit, and fully integrated health systems. She has also served as SVP of Kaiser Permanente – East Bay and in several senior executive positions with Ascension Health, including president and CEO of St. Joseph Health System in Texas.



Raquel C. Bono, MD

Retired Vice Admiral, US Navy

Commissioned in June 1979, Vice Adm. Raquel Bono obtained her baccalaureate degree from UT at Austin and attended med school at Texas Tech. From 2013 to 2015, she served as director, National Capital Region Medical Directorate of the Defense Health Agency, and as the 11th Chief, Navy Medical Corps and as director, Defense Health Agency. Bono is a diplomat of the American Board of Surgery and has an Executive MBA. Her personal decorations include Defense Superior Service Medal (3), Legion of Merit Medal (4), Meritorious Service Medal (2) and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation medal (2).



Marna P. Borgstrom, MPH

Retired, Chief Executive Officer, Yale New Haven Health and Yale New Haven Hospital

Marna Borgstrom has served as the CEO of Yale New Haven Hospital and Yale New Haven Health since 2005. With revenues of \$4.5 billion, Yale New Haven Health is the largest health system in the region and largest employer in Connecticut. Marna began her career at Yale-New Haven Hospital over 39 years ago and served in a variety of staff and operational roles prior to her current positions.



Cynthia Boyd, MD, MBA, FACP

Vice President Corporate Compliance, Rush University Medical Center CEF Fellow, Class of 2017

Dr. Boyd is senior associate dean for diversity and inclusion, associate dean for admissions and recruitment and professor of medicine in the division of general internal medicine at Rush University Medical College. Dr. Boyd also serves as interim senior VP and chief compliance officer for the Rush University System for Health. She served as an inaugural member of the AAMC Holistic Review in Admissions Advisory Committee that set the initial guidelines to increase diversity in medical school admissions.



Rhonda Brandon

Senior Vice President & Chief Human Resources Officer, Duke Health

In her role, Rhonda Brandon oversees efforts to advance a world-class workforce that positions Duke University Health System to meet its long-term strategic goals. She is a key driver of initiatives to enhance the organization's culture and overall performance. Before joining Duke Health, Brandon was the senior vice president and chief human resources officer at BJC Healthcare in St. Louis, MO.



Denise Brooks-Williams

Executive VP & CEO, Care Delivery Operations, Henry Ford Health System

Denise received her bachelor's and master's degrees in health services administration from the University of Michigan before starting as a management fellow at Mercy Hospital in Detroit. She has been active in numerous professional groups including serving as president of the NAHSE. She is a Fellow of the ACHE. In 2013, she was named president and CEO of Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital. She currently serves on the University of Michigan Health Management and Policy Alumni Association and the United Way. In addition to her service with NAHSE, she is a board member of the Institute of Diversity and was appointed by Governor Rick Snyder to the Certificate of Need Commission.



Gayle Capozzalo, MPH

Executive Director, The Equity Collaborative, The Carol Emmott Foundation President and CEO of JGF Strategies LLC

Gayle Capozzalo is the executive director of The Equity Collaborative, a program of The Carol Emmott Foundation which is focused on gender equity in healthcare institutions. She is also the president and CEO of JGF Strategies LLC, providing strategy guidance to healthcare organizations. She retired in 2018 as the executive VP/chief strategy officer of Yale New Haven Health System.



Carolyn Carpenter, MHA, FACHE

President, Johns Hopkins National Capital Region, Johns Hopkins Health System

Carolyn Carpenter is president of the Johns Hopkins National Capital Region. Previously, she served as VP of Sentara Healthcare and COO of Sentara Norfolk General Hospital. She also held roles at Duke Health including COO of Duke University Hospital, associate dean of the Duke School of Medicine and associate VP of Duke Health System. She received her BA at the University of Pennsylvania and her MHA from Medical College of Virginia. She is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and an adjunct assistant at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Public Health.



Lannie Checketts

Regional CFO Saint Alphonsus Health System

Lannie Checketts has served as regional chief financial officer of the Saint Alphonsus Health System in Boise, Idaho, which is part of Trinity Health since 2016. Prior to that he served in CFO and VP finance roles in Idaho for Saint Alphonsus, Catholic Health Initiatives and Intermountain Healthcare. He received a Bachelor of Science at Brigham Young University and MBA at the University of Utah.



Ceci Connolly

President and CEO, Alliance of Community Health Plans

Ceci Connolly, a nationally recognized health care leader, took over as president and CEO of the Alliance of Community Health Plans in January 2016. In her role, she works with some of the most innovative executives in the health sector to provide high-quality, evidence-based, affordable care. She is passionate about transforming America's system to deliver greater value to all.



Bergitta Cotroneo, FACMPE

Deputy Chief Executive Officer & EVP, Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine

Bergitta serves as the Deputy CEO & EVP for the Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine (AAIM), a Virginia-based consortium of five medical professional associations representing over 11,000 academic internal medicine faculty and administrators at academic medical centers and teaching hospitals in the U.S., Canada, and Puerto Rico. Prior to joining AAIM, she served as COO at the National Patient Safety Foundation. Earlier roles include director of ambulatory practice management, and director of medical staff affairs at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and executive director of the Retina Service at Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia.



Jennifer Daley, MD

Market Medical Executive New England, Cigna HealthCare

Dr. Jennifer Daley is a nationally recognized physician executive with expertise in operational improvement, patient safety, quality, service excellence, and value-based care. She served in numerous physician leadership roles including the chief medical officer and senior vice president of clinical quality at Tenet Healthcare, the chief medical officer of Partners Community Health Care, Inc., and Executive VP & COO at the UMass Memorial Medical Center.



Emme Deland, MBA

Senior Vice President & Chief Strategy Officer for NewYork-Presbyterian

Emme Deland is responsible for developing clinical and corporate strategies for the enterprise, and for identifying, disseminating, and commercializing innovation. She also serves on the board of the NewYork-Presbyterian Health Policy Center. Previously, she worked at Mount Sinai Medical Center and the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. Prior to joining the health care field, she was an international banker at Chemical Bank.



Jessica Dudley, MD

Chief Clinical Officer, Press Ganey

Dr. Jessica Dudley is responsible for leading efforts to support organizations in increasing clinician engagement and improving patient care outcomes. Prior to joining Press Ganey, Dr. Dudley was chief medical officer at the Brigham and Women's Physicians Organization. She received her undergraduate degree from Yale University and her medical degree from Harvard Medical School. She completed her internship and residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital, where she was a practicing primary care physician for 10 years.



Marlina Duncan, EdD

Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Inclusion, University of Massachusetts Medical School

Dr. Duncan is a diversity & inclusion professional with extensive experience in the realm of higher education. She has over 20 years of experience in facilitating DEI organizational change, strategic planning, and execution. As vice chancellor at the UMass Medical School (UMMS), Duncan oversees the Diversity & Inclusion Office and partners with leaders across the institution to ensure the goals in UMMS's IMPACT 2025 strategic plan are met. Prior to joining UMMS, she was the assistant VP of academic diversity at Brown University.



Adrienne Edens, MA, FCHIME, CHCIO

Executive Programs Advisor, College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME)

Adrienne Edens develops education programs and serves as faculty for the executive leadership training CHIME provides to CIOs and CMIOs in the US and internationally. She has 40 years of experience in healthcare information technology as a consultant and as a CIO for large integrated delivery networks including Kaiser Permanente and Sutter Health.



Linda Elam, Ph.D., MPH

Managing Director, Manatt Health

Linda Elam is a public health and health policy executive in Manatt's D.C. office. She guides clients on issues of health equity, Medicaid strategy, long-term care, and government policy. Prior to joining Manatt, Dr. Elam was CEO and plan president of Amerigroup, D.C. Previously, she served as deputy assistant secretary for planning and evaluation for the office of Disability, Aging and Long-Term Care Policy at the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. She served as senior deputy director and State Medicaid Director at the D.C.'s Department of Health Care Finance. She was also a principal policy analyst with the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation.



Kevin Fickensch, MD

CEO/Founder, CREO Strategic Solutions, LLC

Dr. Kevin Fickensch is a senior physician executive leader with extensive domestic and international experience in large, complex healthcare organizations related to strategy and operations with extensive experience related to the use of technology and information systems in the delivery of quality care. He holds an established national reputation as a dynamic, visionary, and strategic leader in healthcare.



Elena Fuentes-Afflick, MD, MPH

Chief of Pediatrics, Zuckerberg San Francisco General; Professor and Vice Chair, Pediatrics Vice Dean for Academic Affairs, University of California, San Francisco

Dr. Elena Fuentes-Afflick is chief of pediatrics at the Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital, professor and vice chair of pediatrics, and vice dean for academic affairs at the University of California, San Francisco. Her research has focused on the broad themes of acculturation, immigrant health, and health disparities, with an emphasis on Latino health.



Rebekah Gee, MD, MPH

CEO & Founder, Nest Health

Associate Professor of Public Health and Medicine, Louisiana State University

Dr. Rebekah Gee is the former Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, the state's largest agency with a budget of \$14 billion. Her oversight responsibilities included public health and other direct service programs for citizens in need such as behavioral health, developmental disabilities, aging and adult services, emergency preparedness, and the Medicaid program. Rebekah is an obstetrician/gynecologist and brings a caregivers' perspective to the people she serves.



Kathryn Johnson

Former CEO, Health Forum; Global Health Consultant

Kathryn Johnson was CEO of the Health Forum for 25 years. She's the co-founder of the Center for Global Service and an active consultant on global health issues. She has chaired the boards of the Institute for Research on Learning and the American Society of Association Executives and serves on the boards of UN's World Food Program-USA, Global Women's Leadership Program at Santa Clara University's Business School, Health Technology Center, Samueli Institute, Food Commons 2.0, Omni Med, and RENEW.



Jeri Koester, MBA

Chief Information Officer, Marshfield Clinic Health System

CEF Fellow, Class of 2017

Jeri Koester has been at Marshfield in various roles since 2011. She has served as the CIO for MCHS since 2019. She is an organizational leader with experience in delivering complex business solutions and IT strategies for progressive organizations. She is also a board member for Executives for Health Innovation.



Wright L. Lassiter III, MHA

CEO, CommonSpirit Health

Wright Lassiter leads CommonSpirit, a diverse healthcare organization with a network of 140 hospitals and over 1,500 care sites in 21 states and more than 15,000 employees. Prior to CommonSpirit, Wright was CEO of Henry Ford Health in Detroit and previously Alameda Health System in Oakland. Wright is the board chair of the American Hospital Association and was a past chair of America's Essential Hospitals. Lassiter received his master's degree in healthcare administration from Indiana University.



Sharon Levine, MD

Board Member, Governors of the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)

Sharon Levine serves as a member of the Board of Governors of the PCORI. She also serves as a board member on the Kaiser Permanente School of Medicine, the Medical Board of California, the Institute for Medical Quality, and Insure the Uninsured Project. She retired after a forty-year career with Kaiser Permanente, serving in an executive leadership role for The Permanente Medical Group, and as executive vice president for External Affairs for The Permanente Federation.



Shannon Lorbiecki

Director – Manatt, Phelps & Phillips

Ms. Lorbiecki is an Innovative leader with over 25 years of experience in healthcare leadership, consulting, and business development. She is an accomplished Healthcare Leader and consultant with extensive experience in business development, strategy, financial management and planning, physician relationships and management, and service line development and management in academic and community-based health systems as well as children’s hospitals. Her reputation for results is based upon development and maintenance of positive relationships with C-suite executives and physician leaders that drive outcomes resulting in measurable impact.



Anne McCune

CEO, The Carol Emmott Foundation; Healthcare Executive and Coach

Anne McCune has a track record leading specialty hospitals and management consulting in large-scale performance improvement, growth/change strategies, merger integration, and planning for emerging policy and technologies. She is recognized for creating value through the development of clear business-driven strategies, expert facilitation, strong negotiation skills and a deep understanding of how to motivate a workforce to execute for tangible business results.



Stephanie McCutcheon, MBA

Chief Executive Officer, Health Employer Exchange

Stephanie McCutcheon is an innovative healthcare leader with over 30 years of experience, having served as CEO at the regional and multistate levels and as COO for regions across a multistate system. She is highly skilled in architecting replicable, scalable strategies that achieve organizational transformation in multibillion-dollar organizations. She is known for her adaptive strategies and leadership models, devising financial and capital raise plans, leading complex turnaround initiatives, and repositioning organizations to achieve improved performance, greater reach, and better standard of care.



Nancy Monk, MBA, MPH

Chief Operations Officer, SCAN Health Plan

Nancy Monk is the COO at SCAN Health Plan, one of the nation’s largest not-for-profit Medicare Advantage plans. Nancy is a seasoned healthcare executive with deep experience in the health care industry, large scale implementation, change management and sustaining a mission-driven culture. She is skilled in strategic planning, health plan operations, human-centered design, Medicare, public policy, and talent management. Monk is passionate about learning and mentoring, cross cultural and cross generational talent development, and problem solving to promote health and independence for older adults. She lives in Southern California with her husband.



Karen J. Nichols, DO, MA, MACOI, FACP, CS-F

Dean (Ret), Internal Med, Midwestern University/Chicago College of Osteopathic Med

Dr. Nichols retired in 2018 as the dean of the Midwestern University/Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. She has a master’s in management with a specialty in healthcare administration from Central Michigan University. Dr. Nichols received awards from the AOA and the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine. She was the first woman to serve as president of the AOA, the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association, and the American College of Osteopathic Internists. Dr. Nichols authored the book, “Physician Leadership: The 11 Skills Every Doctor Needs to be an Effective Leader.”



Rob Nordgren, MD, MBA, MPH

Chief Executive Officer, Palo Alto Foundation Medical Group (PAFMG)

Dr. Rob Nordgren is the CEO of the Palo Alto Foundation Medical Group, which currently has over 1,500 physicians in over 50 specialties in the San Francisco Bay Area. Prior to PAFMG, he served as executive director of Child Health Services in Manchester, New Hampshire. He was also appointed by Governor John Lynch in 2005 to be the co-chair of New Hampshire's Citizen's Health Initiative. Rob has also served as associate medical director of Dartmouth Health's Manchester location.



Christian Pass

President, Market Performance Partnerships, Optum

Chris Pass is the President of Market Performance Partnerships at Optum. Prior to joining Optum in early 2023, he was the CFO at John Muir Health. As the chief financial officer, Chris oversaw finance, treasury, revenue cycle, internal audit, ITS, analytics, real estate and facilities development, and payer contracting. Prior to joining John Muir Health, he was the COO of PARA Healthcare Financial Services, an industry-leading national revenue cycle firm.



Barbara Pelletreau, RN, MPH

(Retired) Senior Vice President, Patient Safety, Dignity Health

Barbara Pelletreau was the patient safety officer for Dignity Health. She led system-wide safety initiatives including adoption of electronic event reporting system, service line safety programs for high-risk areas, communication and optimal resolution, reduction of hospital acquired conditions, and introduction of electronic triggers to identify patient harm. She has managed large scale changes to reduce workplace injuries, improve timely medical treatment for injuries and equalization of funding for safety.



Mary A. Pittman, DrPH

President and CEO, Public Health Institute (PHI)

Mary A. Pittman is chief executive officer and president of the Public Health Institute, one of the country's largest and oldest non-profit public health organizations. Her significant experience in both public health and healthcare settings has made her an expert and adviser in the field of population health. During her tenure, PHI was twice recognized as one of the 50 best nonprofit places to work in the nation. Prior to PHI, she headed the Health Research and Educational Trust. Previously, she was president and CEO of the California Association of Public Hospitals and a director of the San Francisco Department of Public Health.



Claire Pomeroy, MD, MBA

President, Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation

Dr. Claire Pomeroy is president and CEO of the Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation, which is dedicated to accelerating support for medical research. She currently serves on the board of trustees for the Morehouse School of Medicine and the board of directors for Sierra Health Foundation; Science Philanthropy Alliance; Foundation for Biomedical Research; iBiology, Inc.; New York Academy of Medicine; New York Blood Center, Inc.; and Becton Dickinson.



Deborah Prothrow-Stith, MD

Dean & Professor of Medicine, Charles R. Drew University

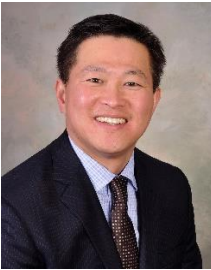
Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Stith is an internationally recognized public health leader, who advised top-tier healthcare institutions on leadership and executive talent in her former role as a principal at the executive search-consulting firm Spencer Stuart. Previously, she served as the Henry Pickering Walcott professor of public health practice and associate dean for diversity at the Harvard School of Public Health. Prior to that, Governor Michael Dukakis appointed her to serve as commissioner of public health for Massachusetts.



Robert G. Riney

President & CEO, Henry Ford Health System

Bob Riney has over 40 years of experience at Henry Ford Health. Prior to his current role he held numerous Henry Ford Health leadership positions, including president, healthcare operations (2017 – 2022); chief operating officer (2003-2022); senior vice president and chief administrative officer (2002–2003); senior vice president and chief human resources officer (2000–2002); and vice president of organizational design and effectiveness (1998–2000).



Jaewon Ryu, MD, JD

President and CEO, Geisinger

Dr. Jaewon Ryu is the former executive vice president and chief medical officer at Geisinger. He came to Geisinger from Humana, where he was president of integrated care delivery. Prior to Humana, he was CMO at the University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System. He has previously held leadership roles at Kaiser Permanente, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and as a White House Fellow at the Department of Veterans Affairs. Ryu currently serves as a commissioner on MedPAC.



PK Scheerle, RN

CEO, GIFTED Healthcare

As a young RN, Scheerle saw the need for innovation in nursing and for keeping great nurses at the bedside. Her knowledge and passion about these issues shaped her career as a nationally recognized business and healthcare leader. In 1982, she founded American Nursing Services, Inc., a successful supplemental staffing agency. When she sold the company two decades later, it had grown to 28 locations. A graduate of Harvard Business School's Executive Program, she has received many civic, business, and professional awards.



Cheryl Scott, MHCM

Main Principal, McClintock Scott Group

Cheryl Scott is the main principal at the McClintock Scott Group. Until she retired in July 2016, she was the senior advisor at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. She joined the Foundation in 2006 as chief operating officer, overseeing all major operational functions. Scott was previously president and CEO of the Seattle-based Group Health Cooperative. Her eight-year tenure as CEO capped a distinguished 25-year career with Group Health, which also included roles as the organization's executive vice president and COO.



Bruce A. Solomon, MBA, MPH

Partner, Dentons Global Advisors

Bruce Solomon is a healthcare executive with progressive senior leadership experience in operations and strategy for AMC's, IDS's, physician group practices, and international programs. He is a partner with Dentons Global Advisors, ASG Health, focused on international health delivery, workforce training, medical education, and clinical research. He is the former executive vice president and chief operating officer of Wellspan.



Cynthia Sparer, MPA

Senior Vice President of Operations, Yale New Haven Hospital

Cynthia Sparer is the senior vice president of operations at Yale New Haven Hospital and the executive director of Yale New Haven Children's Hospital. She has extensive executive leadership and strategic development experience from her roles at leading academic medical centers and children's hospitals.



Nancy Steiger, FACHE

FACHE Founder, Nancy Steiger Consulting, Partner CEO Advisory Network

Nancy is a visionary, mission-driven leader with a deeply held passion for helping others achieve outstanding outcomes through high-performing teams. She is highly skilled at collaborating with all stakeholders from board members to community members and has a true talent for helping others see the "big picture" by solving systemic, process and resource issues. Nancy has served as CEO of Peacehealth's Northwest Network as well as for Washington and Alaska. Currently, she is a partner in CEO Advisory Network and coaches and consults governing boards, leadership teams and C-suite leaders.



Todd Suntrapak, MHCM

President & Chief Executive Officer of Valley Children's Healthcare

Since joining Valley Children's in 1995, Todd Suntrapak has held various leadership positions in clinical strategy, operations, and business development. In 2005 he was named executive vice president and chief operating officer of Valley Children's before moving into his current role as president and chief executive officer in 2012. Having served three consecutive terms as chairman of the California Children's Hospital Association board from 2014-2017, he continues to serve as a director.



Susan Turney, MD, MS, FACP, FACMPE

Former Chief Executive Officer, Marshfield Clinic Health System

Dr. Susan Turney is a national thought leader in strategic planning, executive management, and external relations; a national speaker on health care; and member, Modern Healthcare CEO Power Panel. She was president/CEO, Medical Group Management Association, CEO/executive vice president, Wisconsin Medical Society, internal medicine physician, Marshfield Clinic, Marshfield, Wisconsin; and is a Fellow, American College of Medical Practice Executives.



Nancy Valentine, PhD, RN, MPH, FAAN, FNAP

President, Valentine Group Health

Nancy Valentine is a transformative executive healthcare leader, consultant/educator, and communicator with the ability to think globally and build programs locally. She is recognized nationally for transforming the nursing profession and the organizations in which she has worked. She has led teams that produce outcomes that place the organization in the top <1% of all hospitals in the US.



Elizabeth Mary Vilardo, MD, MBA

Chief Medical Officer of Strategic & Philanthropic Initiatives, Sutter Health

Dr. Lizz Vilardo is the chief executive officer of Foundations Sutter Health Bay Area at Sutter Health. Prior to that position, she was chief executive officer and president of the Palo Alto Medical Foundation / Sutter Health, which has 1600 physicians and cares for over one million patients with sites from San Francisco to Watsonville including locations in the East Bay.



Andrew Wiesenthal, MD, SM

Managing Director, Deloitte Consulting, LLP

Dr. Andrew M. Wiesenthal has been with Deloitte since May 2010. From April 2000 until joining Deloitte, he was associate executive director of the Permanente Federation. From 1983 to 2000, Wiesenthal served as a pediatrician and pediatric infectious diseases consultant with the Colorado Permanente Medical Group. He is board certified in both general pediatrics and pediatric infectious diseases. He earned a Master of Science in Health Care Management from the Harvard School of Public Health.



Jane A. Willemsen, BSN, MSM

Chief Operating Officer, John Muir Health

Jane Willemsen serves as John Muir Health's first chief operating officer. She has responsibility for all hospitals, physician practice, and value-based care operations. In addition, Ms. Willemsen serves as Governing Board co-chair of the Children's Specialty Services Partnership. Prior her role as COO, Ms. Willemsen served as EVP and president of Hospital Operations for five years and president and chief administrative officer of the Walnut Creek Medical Center for 10 years. Under her leadership, the medical centers achieved numerous quality recognitions, including being named as one of America's top hospitals by U.S. News and World Report for 15 consecutive years.



Ruth Williams-Brinkley, RN, MSN, FACHE

President, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Mid-Atlantic States

Ruth Williams-Brinkley is president of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Mid-Atlantic States. She has more than 40 years of executive experience in health care and joined Kaiser Permanente in 2017, serving as president of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and Hospitals of the Northwest. Prior to that, she served as CEO of KentuckyOne Health. Williams-Brinkley serves on the boards of Travers Therapeutics, DePaul University, and University of Phoenix. She was recognized as one of the 100 Most Influential Leaders in Healthcare, one of the Top 25 Women in Healthcare, and one of the Top 25 Minority Executives in Healthcare.



Eric Yablonka, MBA

Former CIO, Stanford Health Care

Eric Yablonka is the former chief information officer of Stanford Health Care (SHC). Eric has over thirty years of experience in leading hospital operations and information systems management functions. Prior to SHC, he served as the VP and CIO of the University of Chicago Medicine and for the Saint Raphael Healthcare System in New Haven, CT. Eric is also a former director of TeraMedica Inc. He is a fellow in the Healthcare Information and Management System Society and fellow of the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME).



Andrew Ziskind, MD

Managing Director & CEO, BDC Advisors

Andrew Ziskind is the managing director and CEO of BDC Advisors. He is responsible for leading strategic and operational activities of the firm. Andy has a passion for transforming how healthcare is delivered and spent his career leading change. He has been responsible for developing leading innovative primary care and specialty delivery systems. Andy was most recently senior executive officer of Southwestern Health Resources to support their strategic and operational transition to population health management. Prior to SWHR, he was the senior VP of academic strategy for Premier, Inc. Prior to consulting, Andy spent five years in a variety of executive and academic leadership positions. He graduated from Bowdoin College, the UP School of Medicine and completed his residency in internal medicine and fellowship in cardiology at Massachusetts General Hospital. He is board-certified in internal medicine and cardiovascular disease. He also holds an MBA from Loyola College of Maryland.
