eHealth Exchange

2017 Coordinating Committee Run-Off Candidate Bios

IDN/Health System / Academic Institution / Provider Collaborative

Chris Akeroyd
Vice President and Chief Technology Officer
Children's Health System of Texas

Chris Akeroyd currently serves as Vice President and Chief Technology Officer for Children's Health System of Texas. In this role, he has responsibility for overseeing technical strategy and standards for the health system's infrastructure. Prior to his role with Children's, he directed technology operations, strategy and architecture for UMC Health System in Lubbock, Texas.

Akeroyd has over 20 years of IT leadership experience, with the last decade being focused on Healthcare IT. Prior to the healthcare industry, he had experience as a VP/CIO for a national mortgage company and a global telecommunications organization.

Mr. Akeroyd received his Bachelors in Computer Science from Texas Tech University, and his Health IT certifications include CHCIO and CPHIMS

Sean Turner
Dignity Health
Senior Director, Interoperability / Population Health IT

Sean has over 15 years' experience in Healthcare IT / Interoperability and is the primary leader at Dignity Health, responsible for enabling interoperability across the enterprise. Over the past decade, Sean's organization has led the deployment of Dignity Health's Health Information Exchange program. In 2006, Dignity started with a small HIE pilot with two medical groups and four physicians. Today, Dignity connects with over 10,000 of our community providers and offer a variety of services ranging from results delivery, DIRECT messaging, external access to Radiology Images and Query Based Exchange leveraging the connectivity through the eHealth Exchange.

Sean is well versed in the DURSA worked closely with legal to determine how to address the Participant and Participant User obligations within Dignity Health. He led a workgroup in California to help decompose the key requirements of the DURSA to help other organizations better understand their obligations and was the advocate for Dignity Health to become an anchor participant of the eHealth Exchange and founding member of Carequality.

In addition to leading Dignity Health's Interoperability Initiatives, Sean also participates in Dignity Health's Health IT Policy Committee. In this capacity, he helps to shape Dignity Health's comments to the ONC, CMS or other Federal / State agencies and has participated in developing comments on topics ranging from Meaningful Use Stage's 1-3, PCAST, the ONC's Interoperability Roadmap, Information Blocking, MACRA, etc.

Sean has served on the Board of Directors of the Statewide HIE in Arizona, Health Information Network of Arizona (HINAz), as a member of the Executive Committee and Board Secretary. He was also a founding Board Member for the California Association of HIEs (CAHIE). Sean is currently an active Board Member of AzHeC, CAHIE and a member of the Network Leadership Counsel in Arizona. In addition, he serves as an HIE advisory member for the State of California's Emergency Medical Services Authority (Cal EMSA) which was awarded an ONC pilot grant to expand Health Information Exchange among Emergency Services throughout the state.