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Janet Liang is executive vice president, group president and chief operating officer, care delivery, for Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc. and Hospitals.

In this role, Liang is accountable for Kaiser Permanente's California markets serving over 9.5 million members, with revenues over \$64 billion. In addition, she directs strategy and innovation in care delivery operations, including continuum of care services, Medicare, our more than 500-store pharmacy organization, and 36 hospitals.

Liang reports directly to Kaiser Permanente's chair and chief executive officer and is a member of the National Executive Team.

A native San Franciscan, Liang joined Kaiser Permanente in 2007. Prior to her current role, she was the president of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc. and Hospitals of Hawaii for 7 years and held executive roles over a 15-year career at Group Health Cooperative (now Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington).

Liang is an active community steward who has served on numerous community boards supporting education and socioeconomic development and is responsible for leading Kaiser Permanente's efforts to close disparities in care among underserved populations. She serves on the executive committees of the Bay Area Council and the Cal Chamber Board of Directors. She is also a member of the boards of directors for the American Hospital Association's Institute for Diversity and Health Equity and for Futuro Health, an organization dedicated to growing the largest network of credentialed allied health care workers in the nation.

In 2022, Liang was named one of the Top 25 Women Leaders in Health Care by Modern Healthcare magazine. Liang has also been recognized as a Game Changer by the Silicon Valley Leadership Group and has repeatedly been honored by the San Francisco Business Times as one of the most influential women in Bay Area business. She is a sought-after speaker on the topics of leadership, business transformation, and the value of integrated health care. Liang holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Boston University and a master's degree in health administration from the University of Washington.



President and CEO Ohio Hospital Association

MIKE ABRAMS

Board Liaison

Mike Abrams, an experienced association executive with health care policy and government affairs expertise, joined OHA in 2012 as president and CEO. He leads a team of more than 50 associates, supports a 20-member Board of Trustees, serves on a variety of health care and hospital taskforces and committees and works with the 2,300 members of seven OHA-affiliated societies to guide the association toward its mission of collaborating with member hospitals and health systems to ensure a healthy Ohio.

Upon arriving at OHA, Abrams directed the strategic planning effort that generated a three-year guide to implement OHA's value proposition: As the united voice of Ohio's hospital community, OHA leverages data and expertise to be the leader in influencing health policy, driving quality improvement initiatives and advocating for economic sustainability to serve a diverse membership.

Most recently, Mike began serving a three-year term on American Hospital Association Board of Trustees and serves on the AHA Board's Task Force on Workforce. Additionally, Mike serves on the board of Health is Everybody's Business, an affiliate of the Ohio Business Roundtable. In March 2022, Mike began a one-year term as chair of the American College of Healthcare Executives Health Associations Committee.

He has been named a Champion of Health Care by Columbus Business First and a member of the SMART 50 group by Smart Business Magazine for his leadership in health care education and advocacy.

Prior to OHA, Mike was the executive vice president and CEO of the Iowa Medical Society from 1996 to 2012. He previously led government relations for the Indiana State Medical Association for nine years and is a graduate of Indiana University where he earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science and a master's degree in Public Administration.

Mike's additional leadership experience includes service on the boards of the Midwest Medical Insurance Company and the Iowa Healthcare Collaborative. Mike collaborates with leaders across various industries to connect members with innovative solutions and new perspectives. In 2018, Mike helped to create a group comprising presidents of 21 statewide associations to learn about pressing issues in each other's industry sectors.

Mike previously served on the American Hospital Association's Coalition to Protect America's Healthcare and as the Region 5 representative to AHA's State Issues Forum Steering Committee. He previously served on the Board of Directors for the Health Policy Institute of Ohio and the SmartMarket Board of the American Hospital Association. He was selected by his peers to chair the State Hospital Association Executive Forum, an organization of all 50 state hospital association presidents, in 2020.

Born in Columbus, Mike has extended family in the Cincinnati and Dayton areas. Mike's wife, Mary Ann Sprauer Abrams, MD, MPH, is a pediatrician, originally from Dayton. His family is a member of St. Andrew Church in Upper Arlington.

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Senior Vice President, Health Equity Strategies
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JOY A. LEWIS

Executive Director

Joy A. Lewis, MSW, MPH, is senior vice president, health equity strategies and executive director, Institute for Diversity and Health Equity at the American Hospital Association (AHA). In her dual roles, Joy has broad oversight for several key association priorities and functions related to diversity, health equity and inclusion to support and build healthy communities. She also serves as a member of the executive management team of the AHA.

Joy began working at the AHA in late 2018 as vice president, strategic policy planning where she led the Association's efforts to identify long-term public policy issues, presenting solutions to further the AHA's vision and mission. She provided leadership in organizing member work groups to ensure members' involvement, gaining the value of their insights and perspectives to elevate the visibility of the AHA as a thought leader and agent of change around critical issues in health care in America.

Before joining the AHA, Joy held several positions over almost two decades at Kaiser Permanente; her last role was senior health policy leader at the Kaiser Permanente Institute for Health Policy, based in Oakland, CA.

Joy sits on the board of directors for the Institute for Clinical and Economic Review (ICER) and Creating Healthier Communities. She also serves on The Chartis Group's Health Equity Advisory board and several committees including Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation Expert Advisory Committee. Outside of work, she fuels her passion for the arts by serving as a board member of Round House Theatre located in Bethesda, MD and is a lifetime member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Joy holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology from Wesleyan University, and dual master's degrees in social work from Howard University and public health from the University of California - Los Angeles.

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President and CEO
American College of Healthcare Executives

DEBORAH J. BOWEN

Deborah J. Bowen, FACHE, CAE, is president and CEO of the American College of Healthcare Executives, an international professional society of more than 48,000 healthcare executives who lead hospitals, healthcare systems and other healthcare organizations. With comprehensive programs in credentialing, education, career counseling, publications and research, ACHE works toward its goal of being the preeminent professional society for leaders dedicated to advancing health.

Before her appointment as president and CEO of ACHE, Ms. Bowen served as executive vice president and COO from 2003 to 2013, as vice president of administration from 1994 to 2000 and as director of government relations from 1992 to 1994.

Outside her service to ACHE, from 2000 to 2003 Ms. Bowen served as deputy executive director at the Society of Actuaries in Schaumburg, Ill. She served as director of the division of communications from 1987 to 1992 and deputy director in the division of public affairs from 1986 to 1987 at the State Medical Society of Wisconsin in Madison. Her nonprofit healthcare experience also includes posts at the Medical College of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services, Bureau of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services.

Ms. Bowen serves on the leadership council of the Institute for Diversity and Health Equity, an affiliate of the American Hospital Association, and she is president of the International Hospital Federation. Previously, she has served as chair of the boards of the Association Forum of Chicagoland, the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education, and the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Board of Overseers.

Since becoming president and CEO of ACHE, Ms. Bowen has been recognized by *Modern Healthcare* as one of the Top 100 Most Influential People in Healthcare and one of the Top 25 Women in Healthcare.

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President Main Line Health Riddle Hospital

SHELLY BUCK

Shelly A. Buck blends bold vision, decisive leadership and business acumen to transform the performance of acute care hospitals. A strategic change agent, she has spent her 35+-year career driving innovation from the bedside to the board room. Shelly's singular goal: to advance continuous improvement to optimize patient care and the bottom line. She has done just that—first as a critical care nurse, then as a nurse leader and now as C-suite executive.

Currently, Shelly serves as President of Main Line Health Riddle Hospital in Media, Pennsylvania (204 beds, \$230M net patient revenue). Under her leadership, Riddle was ranked by Healthgrades as one of the “100 Best Hospitals” in the United States for overall clinical excellence in 2022. As Executive Sponsor for the system's Senior Service Line, Shelly developed a collaborative care model to deliver a new population health approach for patients age 65+ and launched a radiation oncology department that is projected to generate \$709K in annual revenue growth within five years.

Prior to joining Riddle Hospital, Shelly was Chief Operating Officer/Chief Nurse Executive at Wellspan York Hospital in York Pennsylvania. She previously held the same title at Bon Secours Baltimore Health System, where she had been a member of the Bon Secours Health System since 2005 and worked in multiple markets during her tenure. Shelly entered the healthcare industry as a Certified Nursing Assistant while still a junior in high school. After becoming an RN, she built expertise in neuroscience intensive care and gained experience in critical care, neurotrauma, med/surg, wound care and home health nursing.

Throughout her career, Shelly has led at the intersection of clinical innovation and operations excellence. She brings a record of improving efficiencies to contain expenses while enhancing quality; leading teams to achieve 90th percentile Gallup employee engagement scores; and steering organizations to earn both Magnet and American Nurses Credentialing Center's Pathway to Excellence designations. Shelly is a recipient of the National Association of Health Services Executives' “Leadership Award, Baltimore Chapter” and the “Working Mother of the Year Award” from Working Mother, Inc.

Today, Shelly lives in Delaware County, Pennsylvania with her husband, Greg Pearson, an engineer tech with the Permits and Planning Department in Prince George County. She enjoys spending time with their blended family (six children and five grandchildren), gardening and traveling.

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Senior Vice President
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CommonSpirit Health

ROSALYN CARPENTER

CommonSpirit is one of the largest health systems in the Country. Located across 21 states, in more than 1500 care sites, 140 hospitals, 180,000 employees with combined Catholic Health Initiatives/Dignity Health revenues of nearly \$34 billion.

Rosalyn Carpenter's accountabilities include vision, leadership and enterprise management of diversity, health equity and inclusion strategies, programs, and initiatives for employees, patients and their families, and the communities served impacting 1 out of 4 across America. Recent recognitions include being named in SAVOY's Power 300 Most Influential Blacks in Corporate America, Modern Healthcare's inaugural Class of 2021 Top 25 Diversity Leaders in Healthcare as well as Top 100 Diversity Officers in 2021 and 2022. Previous leadership roles have been held with HCA Healthcare and HealthTrust Purchasing Group. She has also served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Urban League of Middle Tennessee and Executive Director of the Metro Human Relations Commission for Nashville and Davidson County.

Rosalyn serves on various national boards and committees, including

Chicago Sinfonietta Orchestra, Meharry Medical College Health Policy Center National Advisory Board, Catholic Health Association's Special Committee to the Board on Diversity & Health Equity, Black Director Health Equity Agenda (BDHEA), Music City Baseball DEI Committee, the Academic Review Committee, Journal of Healthcare Science & Humanities at Tuskegee University. Ms. Carpenter is a founding and sponsoring member of ELEVATE, a Healthcare Leadership Development program ensuring a strong Black CEO pipeline for the healthcare industry.

She is currently a member on leave with the Denver (CO) Chapter, The Links Incorporated. Previous community service includes appointments to the Tennessee Board of Economic Development, Nashville International Airport Authority, and Chair, National Minority Supplier Development Council Healthcare Industry Group. She is the founding President of the Greater Denver Chapter, National Association of Health Services Executives.

Rosalyn holds a Bachelor of Science degree in health care administration and planning from Tennessee State University and planning certificate from Meharry Medical College and an MBA from Tennessee State University, Nashville. Ms. Carpenter resides in Nashville, Tennessee.

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Senior Director, Public Policy
Catholic Health Association of the United States

KATHLEEN A. CURRAN

Kathleen A. Curran is a senior director of public policy at the Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHA). Ms. Curran coordinates the development of public policy positions for the association and works with other CHA staff to interact with Congress and the Executive Branch to promote CHA's advocacy agenda. Previously, Ms. Curran was with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops where she served as interim director of the Office of Domestic Social Development and as a policy advisor on health and welfare issues. She has also worked at the U.S. Department of Labor and on the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education and Pensions. Prior to coming to Washington, DC, she practiced law in Boston, following a year serving with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. Ms. Curran received her law degree from the University of Virginia and her undergraduate degree from Yale University.

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PEGGY HARRIS

Assistant Vice President, Diversity & Inclusion
Atrium Health

Peggy Harris, guided by her passion for advancing justice, cultural competence and equity, Peggy has a long track record of developing leading-edge strategies and innovative DE&I practices in leadership. Having started her career as a Registered Nurse, Peggy has a diverse work history and has held multiple leadership positions throughout her career.

In her role as Regional Chief Diversity Officer at Atrium Health, Peggy is responsible for DEI Strategy Execution and Administration, which includes the alignment of workforce DEI activities, oversight of System Resource Groups and DEI councils, DEI community engagement, military, and veteran affairs, as well as DEI education, consulting, and communications for the Greater Charlotte Region. She and her awesome team support strategy and initiatives that advance the Atrium Health Diversity Agenda and For All mission; and positively impact the lives of patients, teammates, learners and communities.

Ms. Harris received a BSN from Florida State University, a master's degree from UNC-Chapel Hill in Healthcare Administration and a Certificate in Diversity Management (CDM) from the Institute for Diversity in Health Management and Simmons College in Boston, MA. She is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE) and earned the certification of Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR).

Peggy is a nationally recognized leader and served as the 2022 chair of the Leadership Council of the Institute for Diversity & Health Equity (IFDHE) -an organization of the American Hospital Association (AHA), as well as on the boards of several other national and local organizations. She is a past recipient of the Diversity in Business Award from the Diversity Council of the Carolinas and the Charlotte Business Journal. She has received national recognition as a *Diversity Champion* and as one of the *Top 100 Healthcare Diversity Officers*. She is married to an OB/GYN physician and has four lovely and accomplished daughters.

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Vice President OhioHealth Employer Services

DR. DAVID K. LEE

When it comes to applying one's self and successfully honing multiple skills to help the community, **Dr. David K. Lee**, sets the example throughout his career.

Dr. Lee is well versed in business operations and has an applied knowledge in billing, coding, integration, and management. His secret sauce has led him to become the Vice President for OhioHealth Employer Solutions and earned him a seat as a member of American Hospital Association's Institute for Diversity and Health Equity (IDFHE) Leadership Council and more.

As the VP of OhioHealth Employer Solutions, Dr. Lee leads a division of 400 associates spanning, nine occupational health clinics, 40 on-site clinics and the Associate Health and Wellness programs. He formerly served as the Chief Medical/Operations Director of Employer Services and Executive Director for the OhioHealth Urgent Cares, where he provided operational and medical oversight for a network of eight urgent care locations within OhioHealth System's central Ohio region.

In addition to leading the OhioHealth Employer Solutions team, Dr. Lee mentors directors and vice presidents in the health field for the IDFHE Leadership Council organization on projects that improve healthcare equity and access. Dr. Lee is a recipient of awards and honors, recognizing excellent service and scholarship. He was recognized on Columbus Business First's 40 Under 40 list in 2014.

Prior to his influence in the health industry, Dr. Lee earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry with distinction in all subjects from Cornell University and joined the Riverside Methodist Family Practice Residency Program where he served as a Chief Resident. He earned a master's degree in business administration from the University of Massachusetts. In 2006, he served as Chief Operating Officer for Saxby's Coffee Inc. in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Lee also worked as a Partner of Practice Edge, LLC in Decatur, Georgia where he provided EMR consulting services for medical practices.

Behind the suit and tie, Dr. Lee is a family man. His passion for healthy families is evident in service as Vice Chair of the Board for the Center for Healthy Families, an organization that strives to enhance quality of life for families in Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Lee also serves as the Past-President of the Visit Dublin Ohio Board of Directors, improving the lives of residents in Dublin. If he's not working or connecting with the community Dr. Lee is spending time with his family, working out, traveling, enjoying great food and watching sports.

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Chief Executive Officer
National Association of Health Services
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LISA MALLORY

Lisa Mallory is a servant leader focused on expanding the reach and impact of this 55+ year organization, formed for the purpose of promoting the advancement and development of Black health care leaders and elevating the quality of health care services rendered to minority and underserved communities.

Lisa was formerly CEO of the District of Columbia Building Industry Association (DCBIA), where she led the real estate development trade association to reaching its highest membership and engagement levels since its inception. She also led the DCBIA Foundation.

Lisa previously had a Mayoral appointment as a member of the Cabinet to lead the DC Department of Employment Services (the city's labor department), with responsibility for overhauling one of the most troubled agencies netting millions of dollars in savings; increasing customer service; and dramatically decreasing the unemployment rate in Washington, DC.

Lisa was Senior Vice President at ICF International and prior Senior Vice President at the Fannie Mae Foundation. She served the Clinton White House as a member of the Senior Executive Service as Chief of Staff to Vice President Al Gore's National Performance Review, Special Assistant at the US Department of Health and Human Services and Counselor at the Social Security Administration and has worked for the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee and several federal Independent Counsels.

Lisa obtained a BS in Business and Technology from the University of Maryland University College, MBA in International Business/Marketing from the George Washington University and PhD from the school of Behavioral Health focused on Leadership from Walden University. She also completed doctoral coursework at George Mason University. Lisa has completed numerous senior leadership programs at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and Kennedy School of Business and was trained by the Coaches Training Institute and is a Linkage Inc. certified Master Coach of Leaders.

Lisa is a member of Leadership Greater Washington (Class of 2007), the American College of Healthcare Executives, the National Association of Latino Health Executives, the National Association of Health Services Executives and serves on the board of Goodwill of Greater Washington and Goodwill Excel Charter School.

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DR. CHARLES MODLIN

Medical Director, Inclusion Diversity Equity MetroHealth

Charles Modlin, M.D., MBA, serves as Medical Director of Equity, Inclusion & Diversity (EID) at MetroHealth, where he provides thought leadership, perspective, vision and implementation on the multi-dimensional matters of health equity, inclusion and diversity through the lens of a clinician. His role is key to the development of health equity clinical programs and to promoting and strengthening an inclusive and diverse culture at MetroHealth. He also practices urology at MetroHealth.

Dr. Modlin's 27-year tenure as a member of the Cleveland Clinic surgical staff included serving as a Kidney Transplant Surgery and Urologist, a member of the Cleveland Clinic's board of Governors, Board of Directors, and Board of Trustees, as well as serving at the President of the Medical Staff of the Cleveland Clinic.

He founded Cleveland Clinic's Minority Men's Health Center (MMHC). In 2003, he established Cleveland Clinic's famed Annual Minority Men's Health Fair. This event has provided free health screenings, health examinations, and health education to nearly 30,000 predominantly African American males for the early detection of disease to save lives. In 2022, he established the MetroHealth Minority Men's Health Fair. In 2011, he was named by The Atlanta Post as one of the Top 21 Black Doctors in America. Dr. Modlin was the First African American Staff Urologist in the History of Cleveland Clinic and the first and only ever Black transplant surgeon in the history of the Cleveland Clinic.

Dr. Modlin graduated from Northwestern University and Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, completed a six-year residency in Urologic Surgery at New York University, a three-year fellowship in kidney transplantation and renovascular surgery at Cleveland Clinic, and joined the Cleveland Clinic Staff in 1996. He has completed organizational leadership development training certification at the Harvard Business School.

He is a noted national leader in eliminating health disparities and promoting health equity. Honors include appointment to the Ohio Commission on Minority Health by two Ohio Governors, Northwestern University Presidential Alumni Medal, the Inaugural 2009 Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine Distinguished Humanitarianism in Medicine Award, 2007 MLK Greater Cleveland Partnership Community Service Award, Call & Post 100 Top Influential Leaders, numerous Cleveland Magazine Best Doctors recognitions, recognition in the Inaugural Edition of Who's Who in Black Cleveland as One of Cleveland's Most Interesting, and the prestigious 2015 Black Professional Association Black Professional of the Year recognition, The Soul of Philanthropy Award in 2021, among many other recognitions and awards. Governor Mike DeWine appointed Dr. Modlin in March 2020 to serve on the Ohio Governor's Minority Covid-19 Strike Force (MSF) where he chaired the Education, Communications & Outreach Subcommittee.

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President and CEO
Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center

DR. JOSEPH PERRAS

In January 2017, **Dr. Joseph Perras** became Chief Executive Officer of Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) in addition to serving as MAHHC's Chief Medical Officer.

Dr. Perras joined Mt. Ascutney Hospital in 2013 as Director of Hospital Medicine, and became Chief Medical Officer in February of 2015. Before joining MAHHC, Dr. Perras practiced at Dartmouth-Hitchcock for 12 years, where he served on the staff of Internal Medicine and was a founding physician within the Hospital Medicine practice. While there, he held clinical leadership positions including Section Chief of Hospital Medicine and Medical Director of Care Management. Dr. Perras served as the Vice Chair of the Board of Managers for One Care Vermont, the accountable care organization that works to provide high-value care to thousands of Vermonters. Additionally, Dr. Perras serves as a Trustee for the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire where he chairs the Professional Advisory and Quality Committee as well as the Historic Homes of Runnemeade assisted living facility in Windsor, VT. His clinical and academic interests include health care delivery reform in rural environments and the building of accountable communities for health.

Dr. Perras is a member of the American Hospital Association's Small or Rural Hospital Council, representing the interests of Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center and other rural health care providers at the national level. In 2023 he will chair that committee.

Dr. Perras completed his internship and internal medicine residency at the Beth Israel-Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, MA. He served 12 months as a chief medical resident and was an Instructor in Medicine at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Perras continues to hold the academic appointment of Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth. He received his undergraduate and medical degrees at The George Washington University in Washington, DC.

Dr. Perras lives with his wife Laura, a school nurse in Hanover, and their two children in Norwich, VT.

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President – Elect

NAHLE

System VP, Community Benefit, Health Equity, D&I
CHRISTUS Health

MARCOS PESQUERA

Marcos Pesquera is the System Vice-President for Health Equity, Diversity & Inclusion at CHRISTUS Health. CHRISTUS Health is an international Catholic, faith-based, not-for-profit health system comprised of almost 350 services and facilities, including more than 60 hospitals and long-term care facilities, 175 clinics and outpatient centers, and dozens of other health ministries and ventures; with the mission to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. In this capacity, he leads the integration of D&I strategies, cultural competence and community partnerships to impact population health and achieve health equity.

Prior to joining CHRISTUS Health, Marcos was the Executive Director of the Adventist HealthCare Center for Health Equity and Wellness. Adventist HealthCare, an integrated health care delivery organization based in Maryland. In this capacity, Mr. Pesquera created and implemented initiatives that eliminate barriers to enable health equity in health status, health care access, treatment, and outcomes within the health care system and the community.

Pesquera also served as senior director of Diversity Programs for Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Mid-Atlantic States. Under his leadership they implemented initiatives that aided in bridging the gap between our Limited English Proficient (LEP) patients and their providers of care. Initiatives around ethnicity, race and language preference data collection were implemented. Training of healthcare providers and support staff around provision of culturally competent care and awareness of healthcare disparities, educating our communities concerning the importance of health insurance, prevention and a healthy lifestyle were also implemented. Under his leadership the Diversity Programs Department received several awards for initiatives including serving the uninsured on Martin Luther King Day, The Latino Center of Excellence, and the NCQA Disparities Award for the Qualified Bilingual Staff Program. He also served as a Medical Center Administrator and Director of Pharmacy Operations.

In 2010, Marcos was recognized as a Health Care Hero by the Daily Record News. He received the Health Equity Award from the “National Dialogue on Diversity” in 2014. In 2015 he received the Distinguish Healthcare Leadership Award from the National Association of Health Services Executives for the Washington DC. Region. In 2017, Marcos received the Diversity First Leadership Award from the Texas Diversity Council and the Excellence Healthcare Diversity Award from the National Diversity Council.

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President and CEO Humboldt Park Health

JOSÉ R. SÁNCHEZ

José R. Sánchez is a senior health care executive with over 40 years of experience in operational, strategic and fiscal management of multi-faceted health care systems, and currently Chicago's only Latino CEO of a hospital. Under his leadership, HPH has maintained financial stability and growth throughout his tenure. Besides consistently exceeding benchmarks in quality, safety and patient satisfaction, Mr. Sánchez successfully orchestrated the hospital's preparation for its accreditation survey by The Joint Commission three times. Moreover, the hospital was surveyed and successfully accredited by DNV•GL Healthcare in 2019 and 2020. A major \$7M renovation of the hospital was also completed in June 2020, which offers patients, visitors and employees a more vibrant and welcoming experience. Most recently, the hospital completed a major re-branding initiative in January 2021. Renaming the hospital, HUMBOLDT PARK HEALTH, to reflect the diverse and inclusive community it serves along with the tagline, "Advancing Health Equity" to emphasize the importance of this objective and HPH's renewed commitment to ensuring all members of the community have fair and just opportunities to be as healthy as possible, regardless of their race, ethnicity, or zip code.

In 2019, Mr. Sánchez was conferred his second Honorary Doctorate degree from St. George's University School of Medicine for his contributions to medicine, education and public health. In 2002, he was conferred an Honorary Doctorate degree from the New York College of Podiatric Medicine in recognition of his immeasurable accomplishments and steadfast commitment to improving the health care outcomes for some of the poorest and most disadvantaged populations in New York City.

Mr. Sánchez also proudly holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from the City College of New York and a Master of Social Work from Adelphi University.

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Senior Vice President, Inaugural Chief Health
Equity Officer
Grady Health System

DR. YOLANDA WIMBERLY

As a distinguished visionary and leader, **Dr. Yolanda Hill Wimberly** has created a presence on the national health care scene, based on her innovative organizational skills and her prolific development of responsive clinical organizations and educational programs. A board-certified physician in both pediatrics and adolescent medicine, Dr. Wimberly is the Senior Vice President and Chief Health Equity Officer at Grady Health Systems. In this inaugural role, she will develop the vision and strategic direction of the office. Dr. Wimberly is also Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at Morehouse School of Medicine with an expertise in the development and implementation of cutting-edge medical curricula. Her educational leadership and pedagogical acumen have demonstrably impacted physician education, focusing on dynamic medical decision making, fiscally-responsible cost effectiveness, and the successful incorporation of best clinical practices—all in the service of nurturing the next generation of exceptional medical professionals and providing excellent, quality care to patients. As a visionary, Dr. Wimberly has used her strategic scope and foresight in leading organizations to national prominence.

Dr. Wimberly earned her Doctor of Medicine degree from Meharry Medical College and her Master of Science in Epidemiology from the University of Cincinnati. After completing her pediatric residency at Northwestern Children's Hospital, she completed an adolescent medicine fellowship at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. She is currently a member of the board of directors for the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education and has received national awards recognizing her leadership and accomplishments. She was the recipient of the Association for American Medical Colleges' prestigious Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism in Medicine Award. Dr. Wimberly also counts among her honors *Atlanta Magazine's* recognition of her as one of Atlanta's Top Doctors from 2011 through 2022.

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