

New Board Chair to Guide HealthCare Executive Group

Eric Decker of Independent Health to chair 33-year-old national network of executives and thought leaders navigating tactical and strategic issues facing healthcare organizations

Salt Lake City, UT (May 12, 2021) The [HealthCare Executive Group](#) (HCEG) announces the election of Eric Decker as HCEG Board Chair. Decker, SVP IT & CIO at [Independent Health](#) who joined the HCEG board in 2014, now succeeds Kim Sinclair, Chief Information Officer at [BMC HealthNet Plan](#) who has served as Board Chair since 2016.

“It has been a privilege to serve as Board Chair,” said Sinclair. “I am proud of HCEG’s contributions to thought leadership and collaboration with HCEG members, other associations such as [HLTH](#), [WEDI](#), [AHIP](#), [HIMSS](#), and [WHCC](#), and our technology partners to exchange healthcare ideas and influence change and innovation. The [HCEG Top 10+ priorities](#) have been an HCEG focus for many years. Even during the current pandemic, HCEG has facilitated the exchange of insights on fundamental issues. We’ve built an excellent “[Focus Area Roundtable](#)” program for 2021 to facilitate deep consideration of the issues, challenges and opportunities necessary to move healthcare forward.”

Eric Decker joined Independent Health in 2002 as an Enterprise Architect, and after 4 years at Meritain/Aetna, as VP of IT Application Development, returned to Independent Health as VP of Enterprise Architecture and Technology Implementation before being appointed to his current role in 2014. He is also Second Vice Chair of [FeedMore WNY](#), where he has been a volunteer board member for almost 7 years.

“I am honored to have been elected as Board Chair of HCEG,” said Decker. “I have enjoyed my years on the HCEG Board and look forward to continuing to work with our 150 HCEG members across the country to have constructive discussions on solving key HCEG Top 10+ priorities. I also look forward to working closely with Ian Gordon, our re-elected HCEG Treasurer, (President of Operations at [Elara Caring](#)), and along with Dee Cruz, our HCEG Secretary, (Chief Operating Officer at [Boston Medical Center HealthNet Plan](#)). Ian and Dee, along with our other board members, are incredible and seasoned healthcare executives and change agents in their respective organizations. This is an opportune time for HCEG to bring together innovative leaders across the country, now and post-COVID, to work together to improve and reshape healthcare.”

HCEG Executive Director Ferris Taylor noted, “Given the challenges of the pandemic, this is a significant moment of change in the history of healthcare. I am deeply grateful to Kim for her years of leadership, vision, dedication, and passion which helped to create the unique 2021 Focus Area Roundtables. I am excited to continue working with Eric who brings two decades of IT success and strategic vision to HCEG. Eric will greatly contribute to HCEG’s mission of ‘Guiding Healthcare Executives through Innovation, Change and Growth.’”

About the HealthCare Executive Group

The HealthCare Executive Group is a national network of healthcare executives and thought leaders who navigate the tactical and strategic issues facing organizations today and provide a platform that promotes healthcare innovation and the development of life-long professional relationships. HCEG was founded in 1988 by healthcare executives looking for a forum where the open exchange of ideas, collaboration and transformational dialogue could freely ensue, especially with respect to the annually identified HCEG Top 10 critical issues. For more information, visit www.hceg.org, contact info@hceg.org, or follow HCEG on LinkedIn at [healthcare-executive-group](#) and Twitter at [@HCEGExecGroup](#).