

2022 Board Member Additions – HealthCare Executive Group

Van Wong – Chief Operating Officer at Central California Alliance for Health



Van Wong joined the Alliance in November 2019 as Chief Information Officer (CIO). In that role, Van oversaw the Information Technology Services (ITS) Division. In 2022, Van was promoted to Chief Operating Officer.

Throughout her career, Van has provided guidance and leadership to numerous healthcare organizations in process improvement, business application development and systems implementation. Prior to joining the Alliance, Van served as the Director of Business Systems Integration at San Francisco Health Plan for more than nine years. Additionally, Van held management roles at Dignity Health and L.A. Care Health Plan.

Van received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of California, Berkeley and a Master of Health Administration from the University of Southern California. She holds a designation of Certified Healthcare Insurance Executive (CHIE) as recognized by America’s Health Insurance Plans (AHIP). Van currently holds a Board position as President for Women in Healthcare Information Technology (WHIT) and is a strong advocate for female leadership and growth in the health care IT realm. She also serves on the Board of the local health information exchange in Santa Cruz County – Santa Cruz Health Information Organization (SCHIO).

Bhaskar Chowdhury - Chief Technology Officer at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas City



Bhaskar Chowdhury is the Department Vice President and Chief Technology Officer at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas City (BlueKC). Before joining BlueKC, he was the Associate Vice president of Information Technology for Geisinger Insurance Operations. In this role, he was responsible and accountable for Operations and the long-term technology strategy for the Information Technology department.

Chowdhury joined Geisinger Health Plan in July of 2012. At Geisinger Health Plan, Chowdhury developed a Solution Delivery Lifecycle, a project, and program management methodology, and managed several mission-critical strategic initiatives – Implementation of TriZetto Facets Core Administration System (received Excellence in Innovation award from TriZetto/Cognizant in 2019), Cost Transparency, CMS InterOperability, to name a few. Before accepting the position at Geisinger, Chowdhury held several leadership positions in IT for various major insurance organizations.

Chowdhury received an MBA in Information Technology Management from American Public University in WV and a BA in Economics from the University of Calcutta in India. He holds various certifications and has participated in several speaking engagements, including the Cognizant Health Care Conferences in 2019 and 2020.

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Tim Riley, Chief Information Officer at Network Health



Tim Riley oversees Network Health’s technology and software modernization initiatives and business system support programs. The areas within Tim’s responsibility include information technology delivery, security, infrastructure. Tim has more than 35 years of leadership experience spearheading technology initiatives, supporting new products and services, along with building service-oriented IT leadership teams. He specializes in deriving operations value out of current systems investments and developing sustainable technology roadmaps.

Prior to joining Network Health, Tim served as Chief of Business Intelligence and Strategic Initiatives at MVP in Schenectady, New York and Chief Information Officer of HealthSpring in Nashville, Tennessee and Partners National Health Plans in North Carolina. He holds a Master of Science in Health Informatics from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

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