

Amie Thornton: Chief Hospital Executive, JFK Medical Center, Hackensack Meridian Health



Amie Thornton serves as Chief Hospital Executive of JFK Medical Center in Edison, NJ as well as providing executive oversight to EMS services across the HMM network. Ms. Thornton has overall operational responsibility for operational divisions that include JFK Medical Center, the nationally renowned Johnson Rehabilitation Institute and the NJ Neuroscience Institute. She leads the hospital's senior management team in driving all aspects of performance excellence and strategic positioning of the medical center. Highlights of her tenure at JFK include leading the expansion of EMS services, renovation of the emergency department, the acquisition of two freestanding imaging centers, and driving operational improvements in emergency department throughput, diagnostic testing turn-around and reengineering the model of pharmacy operations.

Prior to joining JFK, Ms. Thornton was Administrator of Saint Michael's Medical Center in Newark, NJ and Assistant Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, leading the Certificate of Need and Acute Care Licensing and Inspections programs. She is active in the Princeton community, serving at various times on the Boards of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton and YWCA of Princeton. She served two terms as President of the Junior League of Greater Princeton and on the national Nominating and Governance Committee for the Association of Junior Leagues International. Ms. Thornton received a Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, from the University of Pennsylvania and an MBA from the Wharton School of Business.

Bryson D Palmer: AVP, Operations, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, RWJBarnabas Health



Bryson currently serves as Assistant Vice President of Operations for Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and Children's Hospital of New Jersey (member of RWJ Barnabas Health System).

As a senior leader, he oversees enterprise-wide non-clinical operational functions of more than 250 employees including: Protective Services, Plant & Engineering, Real Estate, Environmental Services, Food & Nutrition Services, BioMedical Engineering, Patient Transport and serves as the hospital Safety Officer. Bryson is currently working with hospital leadership to manage \$100 million-dollar capital investment renovations throughout the hospital campus.

Prior to joining NBIMC, Bryson worked as a Sr. Institute Administrator for the Cleveland Clinic in Abu Dhabi (CCAD) overseeing Pathology, Radiology and Surgical Service Institutes. He was a key pre-operational member in activating the first US multi-specialty facility outside of North America which opened 364 beds in March 2015 as a regional quaternary-tertiary care center of excellence.

Bryson has held the role of Chief Operating Officer for a public hospital governing body in Atlanta, Ga., US - The Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority (FDHA). There, he was responsible for overseeing daily hospital governance operations and coordination of services between County Board of Commissioners, the Grady Hospital Corporation, civic organizations and the business community.

Additionally, he has spent more than four years in various operational and business functions with Piedmont Healthcare, a multi-hospital health system based in Atlanta, before joining the FDHA.

Bryson serves as a Member of the Executive Committee on both the Northern New Jersey Council and Northern Region Board of the Boy Scouts of America. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity and the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). Bryson holds a Masters Degree in Healthcare Administration from Columbia University and a Bachelors in Political Science from Morehouse College.

Bryson and his wife Asha have 3 children (all under the age of 5) and live in Montclair, NJ.

Mark Lederman: Director, Information Services and Support, Atlantic Health System



Mark Lederman has been a Director at Atlantic Health System since 2014. Before joining AHS, he had served as Vice President and Chief Information Officer at Chilton Medical Center. Prior to Chilton, Lederman served as Vice President and Chief Information Officer at Interfaith Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY.

Before assuming his health system leadership roles, he was a management consultant for 20 years focused primarily in healthcare information technology on projects such as strategic planning, systems selections, implementation project management and related assignments, at Kurt Salmon, KPMG, Healthcare Management Counselors, and Touche Ross & Co. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in finance and a Master of Business Administration degree with a health care concentration, both from The George Washington University.

Joshua Bershad, MD, MBA: Executive Vice President, Physician Services, RWJBarnabas Health



Dr. Bershad received his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology/Geology from the State University of New York at Binghamton and his medical degree from UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School. He also earned his Masters in Business Administration from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. Dr. Bershad completed his residency in Internal Medicine at UMDNJ-RWJMS and currently serves as Assistant Professor of Medicine. Dr. Bershad is board certified in internal medicine and continues to practice as an attending physician at RWJUH. He also holds an appointment as an adjunct Clinical Professor of Pharmacy Practice and Administration at Rutgers University's Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy.

Dr. Bershad has served in various leadership roles at the academic medical center, including Interim Chief Operating Officer. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of New Brunswick Tomorrow and is Chair of the Robert Wood Johnson Visiting Nurses Board. Robert Wood Johnson Visiting Nurses is a joint partnership among RWJUH and the Visiting Nurses Association of Central Jersey.

**Thomas H. Kloos, MD: VP Atlantic Health System, President Atlantic ACO,
Care Better ACO, Healthcare Quality Partners ACO & Executive Director of Atlantic MSO**



Dr. Thomas H. Kloos, MD is Vice President of Atlantic Health System, President Atlantic ACO, Care Better ACO, Healthcare Quality Partners ACO and Executive Director of the Atlantic MSO, a Management Services Organization which supplies management services to Optimus Healthcare Partners ACO.

The four ACO's serve both the MSSP program and commercial relationships and encompass 80000 attributed Medicare beneficiaries and over 340,000 commercial attributed beneficiaries. 20% of the beneficiaries are in risk-based contracts.

For 2020, he is the Chair Elect of the National Association of Accountable Care Organizations (NAACOS).

Dr. Kloos was a board-certified Internal Medicine practitioner in Warren, NJ, previously NCQA certified in Diabetes Care and was a NCQ recognized level 3 Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH). He graduated from the University of Louisville Medical School in 1979 , and Rutgers Phi Beta Kappa in 1975. Bass fishing and windsurfing remain hobbies, but not at the same time.

Jan Schwarz-Miller, MD, MPH: SVP, Chief Medical and Academic Officer, Atlantic Health System



Dr. Jan Schwarz-Miller assumed her current position as Senior Vice President, Chief Medical and Academic Officer, AHS in January 2016. Prior to that, she held the position of Chief Medical Officer and Vice President, Quality, Atlantic Health System – which she was appointed in May 2013. In addition to her role as the system-wide CMO and CAO, she has responsibility for Quality and Research. She held the position of President and sole shareholder, Atlantic Medical Group, from October 2014 through 2015. Dr. Schwarz-Miller joined AHS in 1996 as the Director of Occupational Medicine. During her tenure at Atlantic Health System, she has supervised system-wide departments, including: Occupational Medicine Service and Wellness, Occupational and Environmental Safety and Ergonomics, Infection Prevention, and Pharmacy Services. She has also held the title, Medical Director of Corporate Health.

Dr. Schwarz-Miller was named to Becker's 100 Hospital & Health System CMOs to Know, 2018.

Dr. Schwarz-Miller earned her medical degree from Sackler School of Medicine – New York State Program – at Tel Aviv University, and her Master of Public Health at Columbia University. She completed her internship in Internal Medicine at Roosevelt Hospital in New York City and her residency in Internal Medicine/Occupational Medicine at Morristown Memorial Hospital and Columbia University School of Public Health. She is board certified in both Internal Medicine and Preventive Medicine/Occupational and Environmental Medicine. She was an Assistant Clinical Professor at Columbia University School of Public Health from 1992 to 2000 and the Program Director of the combined Internal Medicine/Occupational Medicine Residency Program at Columbia University and Morristown Memorial Hospital. Prior to joining Atlantic Health System, Dr. Schwarz-Miller was the Director of Occupational Medicine at Morristown Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Schwarz-Miller completed the Academy GE Fellows Program in May 2014. She is a member of numerous organizations including the: American College of Physicians, American College of Medical Quality, American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, American College of Physician Executives, and the American Medical Association.

Julia B. Walker, ESQ: Assistant General Counsel, Atlantic Health System



Julia Walker is Assistant General Counsel for Corporate and Regulatory Affairs at Atlantic Health System. As a corporate and regulatory lawyer, her primary focus is ensuring all contractual relationships, including those with physicians, vendors, service providers, landlords and tenants, are documented and compliant with all local, state and federal requirements. Over the years, her practice has transitioned from private practice representing federal contractors and a medical practice of over 800 physicians to in-house counsel in the healthcare, employment and technology areas.

After graduating from Vanderbilt University and the University of Kentucky, College of Law, Julia practiced law in Lexington, Kentucky, her hometown. After marrying a pilot in the US Navy, they moved to Pensacola, Florida. From there, she, her husband and two children lived in Fort Myers and outside Fort Lauderdale, Florida before moving to New Jersey. Julia has taken the Kentucky, Florida and New Jersey Bar exams.

Julia joined Atlantic Health almost nine years ago. During her time at AHS, the corporate and regulatory affairs portion of the Legal Department has grown to five lawyers, a contract manager and a contract specialist. In the last year or so, the Department has implemented a new contract management system and collaborated with the Information Services and Support Department to design and launch a new process around system-wide IT initiatives.

In her free time, Julia loves to bake, work in her garden and travel. She also has a goal of running a half-marathon in different states. She has completed six and has three more states identified for 2020.

Moses Salami, MHA: Director, Marketing and Communications, Holy Name Medical Center



Healthcare professional with more than eight years of healthcare administrative experience in budget management, strategic partnerships, developing and launching brand campaigns, and physician practice and operations management.

Currently the director of marketing communications for Holy Name Medical Center, a 361-bed acute care facility in northern New Jersey, residential hospital/palliative care facility and medical fitness center in Bergen County, and dozens of satellite medical practices throughout Bergen and Hudson counties. I lead project teams, manage the marketing budget, and develop marketing campaigns in support of the medical center's overall strategic plan, service lines, and independent physician practices.

Prior to my role as director, I was the assistant practice administrator for AdvantageCare Physicians in New York City and administrative support staff group leader for Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center's Clinical Trials Department-Medicine. I received a Master of Health Administration Degree from Seton Hall University. I received a Bachelor of Science in Public Health degree from The Edward J. Bloustein School of Public Policy and Planning at Rutgers University. I serve as the communications chair for the National Association of Health Services Executives NJ Chapter (NAHSENJ).

Kevin Chmura, CHFP: Chief Executive Officer, Aergo Solutions



Kevin serves as CEO of Aergo Solutions, a private equity backed revenue cycle management firm headquartered in Iselin, NJ. As CEO, Kevin sets the strategic direction and vision for the firm.

Kevin served as President of Aergo beginning in 2013 following the merger between Aergo and Transcendent Revenue Cycle Services, a company he founded in 2010. Prior to his involvement with Aergo, Kevin has held several prominent executive-level positions in the Revenue Cycle Management industry throughout his 25-year career. He served as SVP of Client Engagement at MedAssets. Previously, Kevin established the A/R Service division at MD- Solutions, a firm which was eventually sold to MedAssets.

Kevin holds a B.S. in Economics from Rutgers University and has earned the designation of Certified Healthcare Financial Professional with a specialization in Patient Financial Services from the Healthcare Financial Management Association.