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Education

- MBA, University of Wyoming, 2016
- B.S. in Computer Science, Mississippi State University, 1995

Executive summary

- 21 years of executive IT leadership in healthcare (30 years in IT)
- Results-driven CIO with an enterprise vision that focuses on flexible scalable solutions
- Aligns organizational and IT goals to bring business value through innovation
- Advises leadership on strategic investments to achieve digital transformation and business value

Executive skills

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| ○ IT Strategy planning | ○ Team builder | ○ Business acumen | ○ Cybersecurity |
| ○ Contract negotiations | ○ Creative & innovative | ○ Fiscally responsible | ○ Virtualization |
| ○ Building coalitions | ○ Mentoring | ○ Project management | ○ Enterprise storage |
| ○ Data driven decisions | ○ Technical credibility | ○ Policy development | ○ 24/7/365 operations |
| ○ Procurement | ○ Problem solving | ○ Governance advocate | ○ Cloud-based solutions |
| ○ State Government | ○ Local Government | ○ Higher Education | ○ Healthcare |

Experience

Mississippi Hospital Association, Madison, Mississippi

Chief Information Officer — Nov 2024 to Jul present

- Founded in 1931, The Mississippi Hospital Association is a statewide association that represents and supports its members at both the federal and state level
- Responsible for all IT and cloud operations, the statewide HIE, and IT offerings to our membership

Mississippi Division of Medicaid, Jackson, Mississippi

Chief Information Officer — Jul 2023 to Nov 2024

- Medicaid has 900+ employees providing access to quality health coverage to Mississippians
- One central office and 30 regional offices throughout our state
- Organizational budget of 6.7 billion and an IT budget of 125 million

1817 Group, Brandon, Mississippi

Chief Executive Officer — Nov 2021 to present

- Provide innovative consulting services in Healthcare, Academia, and Law Enforcement

Mississippi Hospital Association, Madison, Mississippi

Director, IT Solutions — Jan 2022 to Jul 2023

- Founded in 1931, The Mississippi Hospital Association is a statewide association that represents and supports its members at both the federal and state level
- Responsible for adding value to the statewide HIE and new IT offerings to our membership

Baptist Memorial Healthcare Corporation, Memphis, Tennessee

Director, Information System Security — Sep 2021 to Nov 2021

- Baptist is a 2,300+ bed multi-hospital system comprising of 21 hospitals, 4 minor medical centers, 125 clinics, and 81 specialty facilities across three states -- Tennessee, Mississippi, and Arkansas
- Responsible for corporate information systems security and cloud services

University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, Mississippi

Director, IT Healthcare Operations — Feb 2019 to Sep 2021

- UMMC is a 722-bed multi-hospital academic health system, that runs Epic system-wide, comprised of six hospitals, 30 clinics, and 200+ telehealth sites, with a \$54M IT budget and 300 IT professionals
- Collaborate with healthcare leaders to provide innovative solutions to meet system-wide needs
- Represented IT on the operational technology and innovation committee to select and procure alarm management, wireless, RTLS, patient experience, and patient flow for the \$180M Children's Hospital
- Work with executive leadership on strategic priorities including hospital and clinic affiliations to drive healthcare outcomes in Mississippi
- Responsible for core web/applications development, access integration, and telecommunications

St. Dominic Hospital, Jackson, Mississippi

Director, Information Technology — Sep 2018 to Feb 2019

- St. Dominic Health System is a 571-bed hospital system, that runs Cerner (inpatient) and eClinicalWorks (ambulatory), comprised of St. Dominic Hospital, St. Catherine's Village, and Clinics, with a \$17.5M IT budget and 75 IT professionals
- Directed operations for infrastructure, telecommunications, applications, informatics, interfaces / health information exchange, cloud-based solutions, and staff development

OCH Regional Medical Center, Starkville, Mississippi

Chief Information Technology Officer (CITO) — Nov 2003 to Aug 2018

- Led a multi-disciplinary team to be an early adopter of meaningful use (MU), receiving \$4.56M
- 2016 – Lead a team to achieve HiMSS Analytics Stage 6 recognition; top 29% of hospitals in the US
- Implemented continuous enhancements in cybersecurity based on NIST
- Designed a “connected ambulance” — extending voice, data, and video securely to our ambulances
- Re-designed and executed a major infrastructure overhaul to include voice and RTLS
- Led the system-wide implementation of RTLS and Temperature monitoring for clinical applications
- 2014 – Launched patient portals for our hospital and clinics
- Achieved 45% cost reductions by virtualizing servers, approx. 30% of desktops, and storage
- Early adopter of VoIP in healthcare, saving over \$30,000 annually
- Designed a communication center to serve as an incident command center
- Interfaced our EHR with best of breed applications to provide a single MRN for each patient
- 2010 – deployed hospital-wide CPOE and standardized all clinics with Allscripts EEHR and PM
- Collaborated with McKesson to design an alternative PACS configuration to better fit our environment and reduce costs — our method is now used at 7 other facilities
- Reduced downtime required for backups during an EHR upgrades from 12 to 2 hours
- Delivered a business case to replace our hospital EHR, ED EHR, and clinic EHR to a single EHR to improve patient care and streamline services. Business case was approved by the board

Oktibbeha County Sheriff's Office, Starkville, Mississippi

Deputy Sheriff, part-time certified — December 1997 to December 2023

- Oktibbeha County has a total area of 460 square miles and includes, Mississippi State University, Starkville, Sturgis, and Maben
- Designed and implemented a network to support our record management system and website

Past experiences

- **Mississippi State University**, Starkville, Mississippi
 - Positions in infrastructure and applications
- **Cingular Wireless/ATT**, Jackson, Mississippi
- **TerraGlyph Interactive Studios**, Schaumburg, Illinois

Presentations

- Informatics & Healthcare, Mississippi University for Women, DNP Students — Oct 2016
- Cyber Security Awareness, OCH Staff — Sep 2016 to Aug 2018
- ARRA/HITECH impact, OCH Staff — Aug 2010
- Understanding Information Technology, Mississippi Nurses Association — 2006 Annual Conference

Professional

- Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Mississippi CIO Collaborative — 2016 to 2018
- IBM Midmarket Advisory Board member — 2008 to 2015
- EMCC IST Advisory Committee member — 2013 to 2018
- IBM XIV Usability Study — 2014 Design Evaluation for enterprise level storage software
- IBM Case study: OCH Regional Medical optimizes patient services with IBM XIV storage
- CCSSLTD Case study: Healthcare Provider OCH Regional Medical Center Chooses CCSS Solutions for the IBM System i Environment
- InfraGard, member
- American Deputy Sheriff's Association, member
- Mississippi Deputy Sheriff's Association, member

Certifications

- Horizon Medical Imaging Architecture and Support Course, v11.x | v4.x
McKesson Medical Imaging Group, Vancouver
- National Incident Management Systems/ICS 700 — Mar 2008
- FEMA I-100 for Healthcare/Hospitals — Jul 2007
- Part-Time Law Enforcement Certification — Board of Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training, State of Mississippi
- Train the Trainer — a course training law enforcement officers to train fellow law enforcement officers to use the Internet as an unlimited resource in case solving
National Center for Rural Law Enforcement, and the Criminal Justice Institute
- Seizing Electronic Evidence — a course training law enforcement officers to seize electronic evidence in a forensic manner in conjunction with state and federal laws
The Office of the Attorney General; State of Mississippi
- J.D. Edwards training in BASIC, Technical Foundations, World Writer, Integrated Purchasing, Electronic Commerce (EDI), Inventory Management, General Accounting, Sales Order Management
- Certificate in Business Administration — Economics, Business, Accounting, Communications
The Management College, Sri Lanka, in affiliation with ABE (London, UK) — Jun 1990

Community Service

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Oktibbeha County Sheriff's Office, Starkville, Mississippi