
Jersey Health Connect

Lou Hermans **Executive Director**

Lou has served as the Executive Director of Jersey Health Connect since its inception in 2010, responsible for the oversight and operational direction of the HIE, as well as driving the organization's vision, goals and strategies including stakeholder adoption/utilization, financial viability, market and growth initiatives, and process improvement.

Prior to this role, Lou was the CIO/VP of Information Systems at JFK Health System in Edison, NJ, where he was responsible for operations of the Information Systems Department, Communications, and Health Information Management, as well as Health IT visioning with the board of directors, senior medical staff and administrative leadership. Prior to JFK Health System, Lou was employed by McKesson Corporation and served as a Senior Project Manager for new products and technology and also worked for Memorial Health Alliance in Mount Holly, New Jersey as Vice President of Information Systems.

Jim Cavanagh **EMR Interoperability & Member Connectivity**

Jim has been instrumental in driving strategic and technical projects for Jersey Health Connect since 2012 and is responsible for the continued development and enhancement of the HIE across New Jersey.

As the President and Principal Owner of Executive Healthcare Consulting, Jim provides consulting and strategic services for healthcare providers, HIEs and solution providers in the private and public sectors. Prior to starting his own firm, Jim served as CIO at St. Joseph's Healthcare System, a 1000-bed hospital system in Paterson, NJ, for over 11 years. Jim understands complex hospital operations and has experience implementing and supporting sophisticated clinical, revenue cycle and business intelligence solutions.

Van Zimmerman, Esq.
Regulatory, Security & Governance

Since 2011, Van has served as the Privacy & Security Officer for Jersey Health Connect. Van has accumulated nineteen years of IT, security, regulatory, and compliance experience in healthcare.

Prior to joining Jersey Health Connect, Van worked for one of its founding members, Atlantic Health System in Morristown, NJ, for fifteen years. From the early years as a network engineer and manager of data security, he eventually took on management and administrative roles as Compliance Counsel, Director of Internal Audit, Research Integrity Officer, and Chief Privacy Officer. He continues to serve as a Trustee of Atlantic Ambulance Corp., Atlantic Health's ambulance service company.