

Summit OF THE SOUTHEAST

HIMSS® TENNESSEE CHAPTER

Don't Miss the 2018 Summit of the Southeast!

We are less than a month away from the annual [Summit of the Southeast](#) at Nashville's Music City Center! Health:Further has partnered with TN HIMSS once again to feature the Summit at the 2018 Health:Further Festival.

Join us August 28-29 for educational sessions and panel discussions on some of the biggest trends in health IT, including artificial intelligence, behavioral health, blockchain, and more. Review our full agenda [here](#).

TN HIMSS and Health:Further are looking for volunteers to help out at the conference in a variety of positions, including: registration, stage support, exhibit support, and more. ***In exchange for a required two scheduled shifts, volunteers will receive access to the entire festival.***

Interested in volunteering? Click here to [apply](#) or reach out to nicole@healthfurther.com with any additional questions.

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Upcoming Events



August 28–29: Summit of the Southeast 2018

[Register](#) for the 2018 Health:Further Festival and TN HIMSS Summit of the Southeast to attend the premier healthcare event in the southeast.



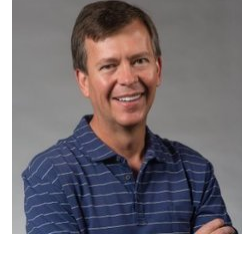
Fall 2018 Workforce Accelerator Class

Registration is open for the Fall 2018 Workforce Accelerator Class, a 14-week certificate program designed to expand your healthcare industry and business expertise. [Learn more](#) about the program, and [register here](#).

Chapter News

Chapter Leadership Transition

After two years of leadership, Tommy Lewis will hand the chapter president role over to Eric Thrailkill, vice president and chief information officer at AMSURG/Envision Healthcare, for the next two years. Read Tommy's [blog post](#) to learn more about the chapter's success and those who have contributed to its growth over his tenure.



HIT Workforce Accelerator

congratulations, all!

7th Cohort Graduates from Health IT Workforce Accelerator

We're excited to share that 15 students recently graduated from the TN HIMSS and Belmont University Health IT Workforce Accelerator program, which focuses on how health IT affects care outcomes, as well as the future of healthcare and business processes. See the full list of graduates [here](#) -

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Member Spotlight

Tiffany Madigan

Executive Director

What excites you about the future of HIT? What do you see as the biggest challenges?

My experience prior to this job was in not-for-profit work. This job was the first time I really had ever been exposed to anything healthcare or IT-related besides being a patient or customer. I remember sitting in our Workforce Accelerator Program the first night of class listening to Dr. Mark Frisse speak wondering what the heck I got myself into. I couldn't even write fast enough to take decent notes! I still joke that I need a book for all the healthcare acronyms that people use so freely in this industry.

Learning about this industry has been an exciting challenge and definitely keeps me on my toes. I think the thing I love the most about HIT is that at the end of the day there is one common goal: to help people. Everyone I work with is passionately trying to improve our healthcare system in some capacity or another. To me, there is no greater cause than that of helping others.

How did you come to work for TN HIMSS?

I'm originally from Southern California and was looking for a change of pace. Prior to ever visiting here I put my resume out in the world just to see if I got any hits. In the meantime, my husband (we were not married at the time) and I had scheduled a trip to Tennessee to check it out and ultimately decide if this was where we wanted to move – we were also looking at Texas and Colorado. The day before we left for our trip I got a call from a recruiter (and TN HIMSS board member) asking if I would be interested in this job. Three months later, we drove over 30 hours across the country and officially made Tennessee our new home.

What is the last book you read?

Do Goodnight Moon and Are You My Mother? count? For pleasure I've been reading *Before We Were Yours* which is based on the true story of how the director of the Tennessee Children's Home Society kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country. It's a riveting and heart-wrenching story that I would highly recommend.

What is your favorite place to vacation?

That's a hard one as I truly enjoy vacationing (who doesn't!) to different places and exploring new areas. If I was forced to choose just one, I would have to go with Hawaii. The scenery is breathtaking, and I have a true love for Hawaiian cuisine accompanied by tropical cocktails. My parents wanted to take our daughter there this September and since she'll only be 9 months old we get to tag along – free babysitting in Hawaii has to be the best vacation ever!

What is something we don't know about you?

I volunteer and foster for a local animal rescue. My husband and I are emergency fosters and take in puppies that need immediate instance. We usually have them for a short term until they are fostered out to new folks or adopted. We recently had a litter of seven black lab puppies and the level of chaos was comical! It can be extremely heartbreaking at times, but the reward is so worth it!



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