



Celebrating Health IT Innovators and Incumbents

Last week we celebrated the value of IT in the U.S. healthcare system through [National Health IT Week](#). As part of this national awareness week, TN HIMSS hosted our second annual "Innovators and Incumbents" series on Tuesday, October 9. The event featured a panel discussion around the culture of innovation, design thinking, practical models, and success factors. Panelists included the following health IT experts:

- Dr. Eric Louie, chief medical officer at [Healthbox](#) (moderator)
- Mike Biselli, founder of [Catalyst HTI](#)
- Tami Wyatt, associate research professor and co-director of the [Health Information Technology Simulation Lab at the University of Tennessee](#)
- Ryan Donnelly, strategy and growth officer at [Premise Health](#)
- Chris Carmody, senior vice president of IT and infrastructure at [UPMC](#) in Pittsburgh
- Vic Gatto, co-founder of [Briovation](#)

Each of the panelists shared valuable insight on key trends and topics affecting the healthcare industry. We enjoyed spreading health IT awareness, and were proud to host a session that fostered learning and collaboration during this week. Read more about the event [here](#).

Upcoming Events



October 25: Nashville Post Healthcare Vitals Breakfast Panel

The [Nashville Post](#) is hosting a breakfast panel of industry leaders who will share insights into how they are smartly using vast amounts of healthcare data to improve outcomes and cut costs.

Thursday, October 25 | 7:30-9:30 a.m. | City Winery | Breakfast provided | [Register here](#)



October 26: The Disruption Lab Forum

[The Disruption Lab](#) will host an event through The Learning Health System, a practical forum and organizational culture that brings together leadership from operations and research for developing ideas and reviewing the results of studies that are aligned with organizational goals.

At this event, Vanderbilt University Adult Hospital CEO Mitch Edgeworth will share about his study on the impact of patient follow-up calls on reducing readmissions and improving the overall patient experience.

Friday, October 26 | 7:00-9:00 a.m. | OneCity | Light breakfast provided. [Register here](#).



November 5-6: Distributed: Health 2018

BTC Inc. presents [Distributed: Health](#), the original and largest conference at the intersection of healthcare and blockchain technology. Don't miss this opportunity to hear how leading organizations are using technical solutions to solve the greatest healthcare challenges.

TN HIMSS is proud to be a conference sponsor and will host a Blockchain 101 session on Monday, November 5. [Register here](#) using code HIMSSDH for 20% off the current price!



December 18: TN HIMSS Holiday Reception

Join TN HIMSS Board of Directors for cocktails and appetizers as we celebrate the holiday season. Sponsorship opportunities are available - please contact tiffany@tnhimss.org for more information.

Tuesday, December 18 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | Maggiano's Little Italy | [Buy tickets here](#).

Chapter News



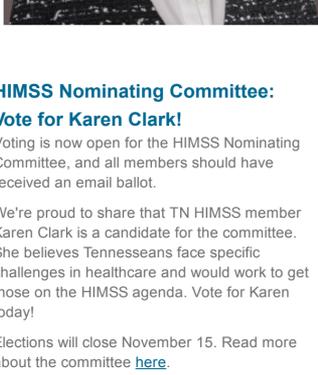
A Letter from the President

In his latest blog post, TN HIMSS president Eric Thraikill shares a review of chapter events and programs since the beginning of the 2018-2019 fiscal year, including the Summit of the Southeast and the HIT Accelerator Program. [Read more](#).

Kevin Johnson Inducted into 2018 NTC Hall of Fame

Board member Dr. Kevin Johnson was recently inducted into the 2018 Nashville Technology Council Hall of Fame in recognition of his work at Vanderbilt to build a world-leading biomedical informatics department with more than 100 unique faculty. [Read more](#).

[Watch this video](#) to learn more about Kevin.



Rebecca Munn Recognized for Leadership

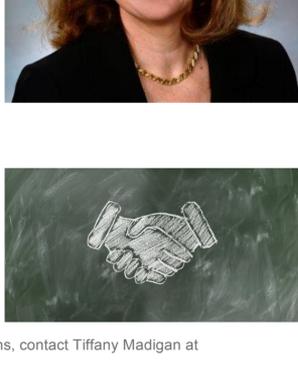
The Nashville Health Care Council highlights TN HIMSS member Rebecca Munn for her leadership at TeamMD, a partner organization of UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Tennessee that serves high-risk dual-eligible members with medical and behavioral health services. [Read more](#).

HIMSS Nominating Committee: Vote for Karen Clark!

Voting is now open for the HIMSS Nominating Committee, and all members should have received an email ballot.

We're proud to share that TN HIMSS member Karen Clark is a candidate for the committee. She believes Tennesseans face specific challenges in healthcare and would work to get those on the HIMSS agenda. Vote for Karen today!

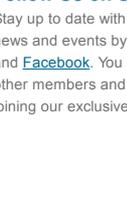
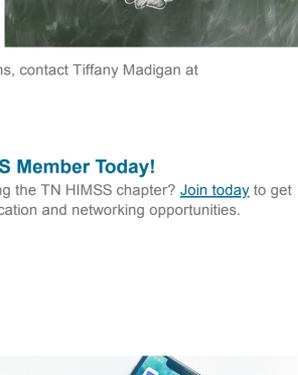
Elections will close November 15. Read more about the committee [here](#).



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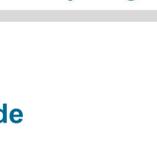
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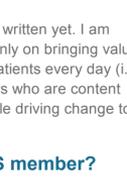


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Brad Bonde

Audit Shareholder, LBMC



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

The most exciting thing about the future of HIT is that it hasn't been written yet. I am inspired by so many driven individuals in this space who focus not only on bringing value to the marketplace, but also on making a difference in the lives of patients every day (i.e. #pinksocks). The biggest challenge that I see in HIT is the naysayers who are content with the status quo. However, I'm confident in the ability of the people driving change to make an impact that we haven't been able to fathom yet.

What do you see as the value of being a TN HIMSS member?

The value in being a TN HIMSS member is being the access to the best of the best in our industry, which happen to be within the borders of our state! We are able to derive excellent content from our member base, which most chapters around the country wish they had the same access to. We are able to network with topnotch professionals and that is worth a multiple of what we pay in annual dues alone.

What was your favorite recent TN HIMSS activity or event?

The 2018 Summit of the Southeast at Health:Further is my favorite recent event. That is our largest event of the year and provides excellent content, many opportunities to network, and start-up stations for a number of entrepreneurs who are working to solve many of the issues in healthcare using technology. Our recent Innovators and Incumbents event also had an all-star panel and provided plenty of lively discussion, which coordinated with National HIT Week.

What is the last book you read?

I am in the middle of Ron Chernow's *Grant and Washington: A Life*.

What is your favorite place to vacation?

We plan all of our vacations around places that have locations within the National Park Service (we have two awesome Junior Rangers) and minor league baseball teams. We frequently visit New York, Chicago, and New Orleans.

Industry News

London tech company launches Nashville office

London-based Metsi Technologies Inc. opened a Nashville office last month that will serve as its North American headquarters. Rachael Babcock, the former chief innovation officer for the state of Tennessee, has been appointed Metsi's CEO for the Americas. Metsi provides tech services to help businesses integrate and automate their IT systems. Babcock said the company is at the forefront of IT-as-a-service, which allows companies to pay only for the cloud computing services they use. As the former official in charge of designing Tennessee's data centers and cloud operations for state agencies, Babcock said it's exciting to have a company like Metsi in Nashville. [Read more](#).

emids Taps Seasoned Healthcare Information Technology Executive Tim McMullen to Lead Provider Solutions Business

McMullen brings more than 30 years of experience building and leading high-performing teams to the president role. Dan Critchley will fill the vice president role on the team. [Read more](#).

TeamHealth Names Dan Collard Executive Vice President and Chief Growth Officer

Collard will be responsible for the company's business development efforts, marketing and communications activities, and client retention processes. [Read more](#).

Bill Carpenter to Retire as Chairman and CEO of LifePoint Health; President and COO David Dill to Become CEO

Carpenter will retire upon completion of the company's pending merger with RCCH HealthCare Partners, which is anticipated to occur later this year. [Read more](#).

Taking Root in Nashville - A New Collaborative to Green our Streets and Improve our Health

Senator Bill Frist, MD joined with Mayor David Briley, Reverend Edwin Sanders, philanthropist Martin Brown, and other community leaders to announce an innovative public-private partnership to plant 500,000 trees in Nashville by 2050. [Read more](#).

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