

# HIMSS TENNESSEE CHAPTER

## Change Starts Here: Diversity & Inclusion in Health IT

Diversity and inclusion in healthcare are paramount to success in positive clinical outcomes and access to care. With health IT already

underrepresented by minority professionals, failing to embrace all minds would be a disservice to the organizations, patients, and institutions we proudly serve.

On November 12, TN HIMSS conducted a listening session focused on this topic to help improve diversity and inclusion among our communities and set strategic direction for chapter leadership to build a stronger D&I program for our members.

Read the [position paper](#) for results from the listening session.



## Upcoming Events



### TN HIMSS Workforce Accelerator: Winter 2021 Session

Registration is open for the upcoming HIT Workforce Accelerator, a 14-week program designed to expand your healthcare industry and business expertise. Because this session will take place virtually, registration is open to individuals outside the state, and no previous education is required.

January 25 - May 3, 2021 | Mondays, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. CT | [Enroll here.](#)

## Chapter News

### Thank You for Joining Us at Summit20!

Don't forget you can access the Summit20 content via the Socio platform until

December 30. This is a great opportunity to catch up on any sessions you may have missed or would like to view again! [Access the Socio platform here.](#)



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### Phil Gibbs & Justin Mooneyhan Talk Innovation in Healthcare Post-Pandemic

TN HIMSS VP of Operations Justin Mooneyhan recently interviewed Phil Gibbs of the Disruption Lab about what innovation looks like for healthcare organizations post-pandemic. [Watch the video.](#)

### Podcast: A Second Opinion with Senator Bill Frist, MD

Senator Bill Frist joined the Greater Charlotte Healthcare Executives Group to discuss what drew him to pursue elected office, his mentors and their influence, and his take on how the pandemic is transforming healthcare. [Listen here.](#)



### Nominations for the 2021 HIMSS Most Influential Women in Health IT Awards Are Open

These awards recognize influential women at all stages of their careers, and celebrate individuals who harness the power of information and technology to transform health and healthcare. [Submit your nomination](#) before December 15.

### Live Webcast: The Path to Streamlining Risk and Compliance

The need for streamlined risk compliance is growing, and more organizations are adopting HITRUST to take advantage of its multiple security and privacy frameworks.

[Watch this webcast](#) from [RSM](#) to learn how HITRUST could benefit your organization.



### Be Part of TN HIMSS!

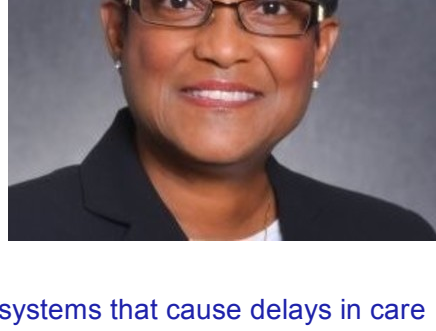
[Join here](#) to get access to our events, education, and networking opportunities. And, be sure to follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [LinkedIn](#). You can also connect with other members by joining our exclusive [LinkedIn group](#).

**Remember:** By joining TN HIMSS or renewing your membership, your savings from discounted events throughout the year will exceed membership costs.

## Member Spotlight

### Vanessa Hickman, C.M.

AVP of IT, [Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority](#)



#### What do you see as the biggest challenges and opportunities in HIT following the COVID-19 crisis?

The increase in cyber threats presents a substantial challenge to HIT. These threats range from holding data hostage, which impacts patient care, to vulnerabilities with systems that cause delays in care delivery and decreased consumer confidence in sharing personal information.

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

Healthcare is a complex and ever-changing arena. The ability to access people and resources with various experiences and knowledge helps to improve my skillsets. It is of value to me as I work to learn more about the healthcare industry.

#### What has been your favorite TN HIMSS activity or event during your time as a member?

I am new to this group and taking it all in like a sponge.

#### What is the last book you read?

Black Bottom Saints by Alice Randall. This novel is her most recent work that features the history of Black Detroit in the 1950s and highlights the creativity, richness, and resilience of African Americans in that community.

#### What is your favorite place to vacation?

My husband and I traveled to Hilton Head, South Carolina a couple of years ago. We thoroughly enjoyed the history and the climate of that part of the country. We hope to travel there again soon once we are beyond the COVID crisis.

## Newsletter Sponsor



## Sponsor Spotlight

### [Perception Health](#)



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#### What services or solutions does your company offer in the health IT space?

Perception Health improves patient lives and the delivery of healthcare by providing data insights that uncover patterns in care teams, care delivery, and care outcomes which empower our partners to deliver healthier communities at lower total costs. We achieve these outcomes with our predictive analytics and data intelligence platforms that give our customers the competitive edge in today's turbulent healthcare industry.

#### What do you see as the biggest value of being a TN HIMSS sponsor?

The biggest value Perception Health receives is to be a part of the dynamic HIT industry in Tennessee. Through our sponsorship, we have connected with customers, talent, and executives across the state.

#### How is your company responding to COVID-19?

Perception Health built and was recently recognized by the EHealthcare Awards for our analytical coverage of Covid-19. We do what we do best, and that is to bring meaning to the data through analysis and visualization.

#### How long have you been a TN HIMSS sponsor?

Perception Health has been a TN HIMSS sponsor for three years. We were attracted initially to the HIT Accelerator as we have used the program to help introduce our Data Scientist to the nuances of the healthcare industry.

#### What events have you previously sponsored, and which was your favorite?

The Summit of the Southeast is one of our favorite events. It attracts a national faculty and is a great opportunity to reconnect with colleagues locally.

## Industry News

[Change Healthcare Announces Sale of Capacity Management Business to HealthStream](#)

[United Airlines To Require Rapid COVID-19 Test On Certain International Flights \(administered by Premise Health\)](#)

[CaringWays Partners with Clearwater to Develop Best-in-Class Cyber Risk Management and HIPAA Compliance Program](#)

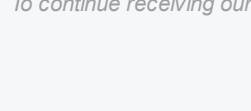
[HealthTrust and CME Corp Join Forces with Two Nationwide Contracts For Healthcare Equipment and 'White Glove' Delivery Services](#)

[Ankura Names Kevin Cowherd as Head of Strategy & Performance](#)

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