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SOUTH FLORIDA Chapter

President's Message



Dear South Florida HIMSS Members,

As 2019 comes to a close, it's good time to take a breather and reflect back on all your personal and professional accomplishments. Being a healthcare IT professional is a 24/7 job and although many of you work behind the scenes ensuring systems, workflows, services, security, and so much more are seamless to the business, your work has a direct impact on patient care. You should all be very proud of that!

Now is the time to spend some quality time with friends and family to recharge and re-energize your self for all the exciting things to come in 2020. We have an amazing year of events planned for all of you. A mixture of social and educational events from the beginning of the year with our New Year Mixer, to kick off the year right, to our 10 Year Anniversary Integrate flagship event, which is going to be bigger and better than ever. Please make sure to check our website and your emails for news on upcoming events.

We on the SFLHIMSS Board would like to wish each and every one of you a very **Happy Holidays and Safe/Happy New Year!**

Cheers!

IntegraTe 2019

Our 9th Annual IntegraTe Conference took place on September 24, 2019 at the Signature Grand in Davie, Florida. We were honored to have Marc Probst, the Chief Information Officer and Vice President at Intermountain Healthcare, as our opening keynote speaker. Marc Probst delivered a passionate presentation of why he and Health IT Professionals are doing what they love. Mark focused on the healthcare industry's need to continue to innovate to find better and more cost-



Pictured Above: Senator Gayle Harrell, Lisa Rawlins and Secretary Mary Mayhew

effective solutions to provide care as well as some of the work being done by Intermountain Healthcare. Additionally, the panel discussion “fireside chat” with Secretary Mary Mayhew of the Agency for Health Care Administration and Florida State Senator Gayle Harrell, provided the State’s vision on health information technology with a focus on interoperability and telehealth. The annual IntegraTe Conference strives to bring healthcare professionals together to hear compelling education topics geared towards executives in the healthcare IT and finance landscape, to learn about all the latest technology and services available in this arena, and to network with peers in this ever-changing field... and as with past years, this year was another success! The conference concluded with presentations from the Innovation Award finalists speaking about technology innovation taking place within their healthcare organizations as well as the announcement of the Innovation Award winner. On behalf of the South Florida HIMSS chapter, thank you to our sponsors, speakers, and all those in attendance! We look forward to seeing everyone at the 10th annual IntegraTe in 2020!



Pictured Above: William Manzie, Telehealth Director for Memorial Healthcare System



Pictured Above: (from left to right) Lou Mendez, Dr. Steven Bronsborg, Oscar Perez, Mark Probst, Pua Cooper, Kendall Brown, Krista Riveron, Liz Rockowitz, Senator Gayle Harrell, Ana Agonstini

Congratulations to our 2019 IntegraTe Innovation Winner!

South Florida HIMSS is excited to honor the winners of this year’s IntegraTe Innovation Award: **Ellen Hurst**, Nurse Informaticist, Boca Raton Regional Hospital; **Pua Cooper**, Chief Clinical Informatics Officer, Boca Raton Regional Hospital; and **Orane Daley**, Clinical Informaticist, Boca Raton Regional Hospital

The South Florida HIMSS Healthcare Technology Innovation Award looks at the direct correlation between an organization’s IT initiative (one specific IT initiative) and accomplishment of a documented organizational objective. This is what the team at Boca Raton Regional Hospital demonstrated during



Thank you to everyone who attended our first New Member Social event on November 21, 2019 at Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurants! This was a great opportunity for our new members to meet our current SFLHIMSS board members as well as other SFLHIMSS chapter members. This event allowed our new members to connect with healthcare and IT professionals over appetizers and drinks. We hope you enjoyed learning about SFLHIMSS, including upcoming Chapter events and volunteer opportunities. Overall, this event was a huge success and one that we look forward to hosting again!



welcome
to our newest members!

The SFLHIMSS Board would like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest Chapter members! We look forward to seeing you at our future events to get to know other members, as well as gaining valuable information about Health IT via email, newsletters, [SFLHIMSS website](#) and Social Media. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions!

Rick Alvarez
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Edward Anderson
Jhon Arias
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Paul Beharry
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Rohit Vinod
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Next Orientation Webinar: February 18th from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM

New members will be receiving a personal email invite participate

Any member is welcome to join

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2020 Legislative Session Florida Health IT Day in Tallahassee

On November 13, 2019, several members of South Florida HIMSS ventured to Tallahassee for a day of learning, sharing and advocating. Unfortunately, some of our delegation was not able to make it due to travel issues, but those who did had a very interesting time. This year, we made the conscious decision to hold our Health IT Day during one of the interim committee weeks, as opposed to holding Health IT Day during session. The advocacy committee believed that we would have greater access to legislators, since they would not be called into session in either Chamber.

We started the day observing the House Health Quality Sub-committee hearing on House Bill 389 -- Testing for and Treatment of Influenza and Streptococcus, and House Bill 409 -- Health Care Licensing Requirements. The delegation that participated in these hearings came away with a better understanding of the political process.

From there, we were briefed by Sierra Anderson, from U.S. Senator Rick Scott's office. Ms. Anderson spoke about the legislative priorities Senator Scott's office has embarked upon this year and we shared with Ms. Anderson some of the issues that are important to HIMSS.

Ramon Maury from the Public Affairs firm of Maury Rawlins & Brown then provided an overview of how a Bill becomes a law. This was particularly timely, since several of us sat in the House Health Quality Sub-committee on and heard testimony from individuals either sponsoring, supporting or opposing the proposed legislation.

After the briefing by Ms. Anderson and the education from Mr. Maury, we had lunch and a briefing from Senator Gayle Harrell. Senator Harrell also presented SFLHIMSS with a Proclamation naming Wednesday, November 13th, 2019, Health IT Day in the Senate.

Regarding her efforts to bring interoperability to all the sister Health & Human Service agencies in the State of Florida, Senator Harrell's bill, Senate Bill 800, is a comprehensive interoperability bill that will connect, as an example, Medicaid (through ACHA), with the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Education, and the Department of Juvenile Justice, to more effectively provide a picture of the challenges and services being provided by various state agencies to troubled youth.

With any Senate bill, there needs to be an accompanying House bill, and following lunch, the group went to Representative Toledo's office to urge her legislative aid for Representative Toledo to file the accompanying bill in the House. We indicated that interoperability was one of the issues HIMSS is advocating for at a national level and this SB800 was an important issue for all Floridians. After speaking with Representative Toledo's office, SFLHIMSS members then went to some other legislative offices representing their homes and/or places of business.

Overall, those who participated in the event felt it was very worthwhile, and on a very positive note, Representative Toledo did file the corresponding House bill and Senator Harrell's bill is moving through the committee process in both the House and the Senate. We hope that next year, more SFLHIMSS members will be able to join us in Tallahassee, and watch for an announcement of next year's date in the coming months.



We hope that you can join us on Thursday, January 23rd, 2020 for the SFLHIMSS Annual New Year Mixer!

Location: Brimstone Woodfire Grill - 14575 SW 5th Street, Pembroke Pines, 33027
Time: 5:30pm - 8:00pm

New decade, new year, new (and old) friends!
Come network with your peers while enjoying light appetizers and refreshments.

We hope to see you there!

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Monday, April 20, 2020
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