

# HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP QUORUM

SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT



## Russell Meyers

President, Permian Basin Behavioral Health Center  
CEO, Permian Basin Medical Center

**After 20 years as Chief Executive Officer of Midland Health, Russell Meyers recently left that office to assume leadership of developmental efforts for Midland Memorial Foundation.**

**In this role, he occupies two new positions:**

President, Permian Basin Behavioral Health Center, a comprehensive mental health facility to be operated as a joint effort of Midland and Ector County Hospital Districts, with a projected opening date of November, 2025.

Chief Executive Officer, Permian Basin Medical Center, a collaborative effort among multiple regional stakeholders to develop and execute long-range healthcare improvement strategies to benefit the Permian Basin.

**Before coming to Midland, Russell held several positions with HCA, Inc., including chief executive roles at three Houston-area hospitals.**

**Prior to HCA, he began his healthcare leadership career with the Methodist Healthcare System in Houston.**

**Russell is a graduate of the Health Services Administration program at the University of Houston Clear Lake, and completed undergraduate work at Rice University in Houston.**

**He is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.**



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## Carlie Brown, MPH, MHA

Chief Executive Officer

Healthcare for the Homeless - Houston

Carlie serves as the CEO of Healthcare for the Homeless – Houston (HHH), a Federally Qualified Health Center and nonprofit organization in Houston, TX.

HHH operates a model of highly integrated primary care, behavioral healthcare and stabilizing support services as a critical partner in Houston’s safety-net system and collaborative response to ending homelessness.

Ms. Brown has two decades of experience working in healthcare spanning community-based research, program development, healthcare operations, fundraising and executive leadership.

She holds a Master’s in Public Health from University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, a Masters in Healthcare Administration from Texas Women’s University, and certificates in Healthcare Executive Leadership from UCLA and in Nonprofit Leadership from Rice University and from the University of Houston’s Nonprofit Leadership Alliance.



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## Wayne Young, MBA, LPC, FACHE

Chief Executive Officer

The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD

As the Chief Executive Officer of one of the largest behavioral health organizations in the nation, Wayne Young is passionate about the planning and delivery of large-scale behavioral health and intellectual and developmental disabilities services to a population who rely upon safety net systems of care.

Wayne previously served as the chair of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission's Behavioral Health Advisory Council and was recently appointed by the Supreme Court of Texas to the Texas Judicial Commission on Mental Health.

Wayne was honored to have received the Charley H. Shannon Advocate for Justice Award from NAMI Texas in 2019 as well as to have been named to Modern Healthcare's list of Top 25 Innovators in 2019 and again 2021.

In 2023, Wayne was recognized as one of Houston's Most Admired CEO's.

While honored by individual recognitions, Wayne is most proud to have been a part of The Harris Center as it received the Excellence Award for Innovation from the National Council on Behavioral Health and was named as a Best Place to Work by The Houston Business Journal who also honored them with a Diversity in Business Award in 2023.

The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD is the state-designated Local Mental Health Authority and Local Intellectual and Developmental Disability Authority for Harris County, Texas.



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## Angela Wilkins

Chief Data Officer  
Starling Medical

With expertise spanning AI, health and industry, Wilkins is a leading authority in computational science.

In addition to her leadership role at Rice's Ken Kennedy Institute, she serves on the Alliance for AI in Healthcare board and contributes to the Life Sciences Advisory Committee of the Greater Houston Partnership.

Wilkins shares her experience through teaching classes such as "AI in Business" at Rice's business school and crafting specialized programming with the executive education program.

She earned a B.S. in physics from the University of Northern Colorado and a Ph.D. in theoretical physics from Lehigh University.

Wilkins holds four patents, has been involved in several federally funded projects and has been published extensively.

She is the founder of an AI company and advises multiple firms on AI applications.



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## Dr. Jordan Dale, MD

Chief Medical Information Officer  
Houston Methodist

**Dr. Jordan Dale is the Chief Medical Information Officer at Houston Methodist and a practicing hospital medicine physician at Houston Methodist Hospital.**

**He received his Bachelor of Science in Engineering in Biomedical Engineering from Case Western Reserve University and medical degree from Rush Medical College in Chicago.**

**Dr. Dale is board certified in both Internal Medicine and Clinical Informatics.**

**Dr. Dale previously served in multiple informatics roles at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, most recently as Chief Medical Informatics Officer, prior to joining Houston Methodist in January 2022.**

**He also serves as adjunct clinical faculty in the EnMed Program at Texas A&M's School of Engineering Medicine within the Texas Medical Center.**

**Dr. Dale has a focus on empowering care teams and patients with technology and has led teams with various support models to maximize providers' EHR satisfaction, helping Rush achieve one of the highest provider satisfaction scores among academic health systems in the KLAS Arch Collaborative.**

**In 2018, he received the Irwin Press Patient Experience Research Award as he championed work to share more inpatient clinical data with hospitalized patients and their family within the patient portal. Dr. Dale has spoken nationally about strategies to reduce clinical documentation burden, including the use of ambient technologies, and how to improve providers' EHR experience and trust.**



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## David Burnett, MSN, NI-BC

Administrative Director  
EMR Systems at Harris Health System

David is the Administrative Director, EMR Systems for Harris Health System. He has over 30 years of healthcare experience that includes direct patient care delivery and progressive leadership responsibility in the information technology environment.

David's expertise is in the following areas:

Clinical transformation, process redesign, clinician adoption & participation, governance & leadership, change management, benefits realization, and technology implementation.

Currently, David is working on building an Enterprise Architecture Team for Harris Health System and Artificial Intelligence is on the developing roadmap.

In addition to his work in informatics, David's clinical experience as both a Registered Nurse and a Nurse Practitioner in the following areas:

Infectious disease, oncology, interventional cardiology, and emergency department.



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## David E. Persse, MD, FACEP, FAEMS

Chief Medical Officer  
City of Houston

**Dr. Persse's career in medicine started with ten years experience as a field paramedic and paramedic instructor in upstate New York and New Jersey.**

**After receiving his pre-med training at Columbia University in New York, he then attended Georgetown University School of Medicine.**

**He then completed residency training in emergency medicine at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center in Torrance, California.**

**After residency, Dr. Persse completed a resuscitation research fellowship at the Ohio State University.**

**Dr. Persse was then awarded a grant from the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine and completed fellowship training in emergency medical services and resuscitation at the Baylor College of Medicine and the City of Houston Emergency Medical Services program.**

**In 1996 Dr. Persse became Director of Emergency Medical Services for the City of Houston. In May of 2004 he was appointed by City Council as Houston's Public Health Authority.**

**He is also a Tactical Physician with the Houston Police S.W.A.T. team. During the COVID-19 Pandemic, Dr. Persse was named the Chief Medical Officer for the City of Houston. Dr. Persse is responsible for the medical aspects of clinical care quality management, disease control and public health preparedness.**

**Dr. Persse is a Professor of Medicine and Surgery at the Baylor College of Medicine and Professor of Emergency Medicine at the University of Texas Medical School – Houston.**



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## Stephen J. Spann, MD, MBA

Founding Dean of the College of Medicine  
University of Houston

Stephen J. Spann, a family physician leader, educator and researcher, is the Founding Dean of the College of Medicine and Vice-President for Medical Affairs at the University of Houston.

Dr. Spann has dedicated his career to improving health and health care around the world by training future health care professionals, contributing to the scientific knowledge base of primary care, leading medical school faculty, physician medical groups and hospital medical staffs, and striving to practice excellent, evidence-based family medicine.

Dr. Spann has been active in the development of the specialty of Family Medicine both in the United States and abroad.

He has served as a consultant to medical schools, residency programs, ministries of health, and health care delivery systems in many countries, focusing on primary care training program and clinical practice development and implementation.

Prior to joining the University of Houston in September 2015, Dr. Spann served as Chief Medical Officer of Tawam Hospital, a 460 bed tertiary care teaching facility in Al Ain, United Arab Emirates, which is managed by Johns Hopkins Medicine International, and as senior advisor on primary care and academic affairs to SEHA, the Abu Dhabi Health Services Company, from December 2012 through May 2015.

Previously, Dr. Spann served as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas from April 1997 to November 2012. He served as Senior Vice-President and Dean of Clinical Affairs of that institution from November 2008 through September 2012.

He was previously Professor and Chairman of the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas (1990-1997), a member of the faculty and Vice-Chairman of the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine (1982-1990), and a member of the voluntary clinical teaching faculty of the Department of Family Medicine, Wake Forest Bowman Gray School of Medicine (1979-1982).

Prior to entering fulltime academic medicine, Dr. Spann spent four years practicing rural family medicine in Arkansas and North Carolina. A graduate of Baylor University and Baylor College of Medicine, he completed his residency training in Family Medicine at Duke University Medical Center, and received the M.B.A. degree from the University of Texas at Dallas.

He and his wife Nancy have two married children and five grandchildren, who live in Texas.



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