

STHL Board of Directors and Leadership Information

STHL Board of Directors

STHL is governed by a 13 member Board of Directors which includes local physicians, healthcare information experts, health care administrators, a consumer advocate, insurance payer, and representation from long-term care and public health.

Officers:

President:	Rajesh Davé, MD	UHS
Vice President:	Christina Boyd	UHS
Treasurer:	Mark McManus	UHS
Secretary:	Michael Rusnak	UHS

Representation and Members:

Hospital	Afzal Rehman, MD	UHS
Hospital	Hermant Gupta, MD, MSc	Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital
Hospital	Tom Ellerson	Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital
Long Term Care	Keith Chadwick	United Methodist Homes*
Insurance Payer	Dan De Lucia	Aetna
Public Health	Claudia Edwards	Broome County Health Department
Consumer	Merwyn Jones	Binghamton University Linux Technology Center
Rural Health	John C. (Jack) Salo	Rural Health Network
Physician Group	Duncan Sze-Tu, MD	Endwell Family Physicians

**Retired President and CEO of United Methodist homes*

STHL Board of Directors Profiles



Dr. Rajesh Davé is the Executive Vice President/Chief Medical Officer at United Health Services Hospitals, a 518 bed hospital system in Johnson City, New York. He is accountable to the CEO and Board for the organization and conduct of the medical staff including: medical staff credentials and privilege determination, quality assurance/improvement, clinical resource utilization, medical staff development, laboratories and cardio-pulmonary services. He also manages the medical education programs at UHS Hospitals which includes four residency programs and four affiliate residencies.

Board certified in Pediatrics and Neonatology, Dr. Davé obtained his medical degree from Bombay University, did his residency at Mercy Catholic Medical Center in Pennsylvania, and completed his fellowship at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. He obtained his master's degree in business administration from Binghamton University.

Dr. Davé is the Dean for Undergraduate and Graduate Education for Clinical Campus, and a Clinical Professor in Pediatrics at the State University of New York. He served as Director of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at UHS Hospitals from 1980-1999.

Dr. Davé is actively involved on various community boards and educational institutes. He is Past President of the South Central Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies, and of the South Central New York State Perinatal Association.



Christina Boyd is Vice President for Marketing and Community Relations for United Health Services. In this role, she oversees public relations, marketing and patient and community education initiatives for the organization. Christina received a bachelor's degree in French and Art History from Wichita State University and an M.B.A. from Dartmouth College. She served for five years as a Vice President with New York City-based Ogilvy & Mather, one of the world's leading advertising agencies, and later held similar positions with Riger Advertising in Binghamton and Ericson Marketing & Communications in Nashville, TN.

Christina is also very engaged in community service work, serving on the board of The Family & Children's Society and is the current President of the Board of Advisors for the American Cancer Society.



Mark McManus is Vice President of Finance for United Health Services Hospitals (UHS), a 518 bed hospital system. UHS has annual revenues of approximately \$450 million. He has been at UHS since 1991. Prior to his time at UHS, Mark was Director of Finance at Worcester Memorial Hospital in Massachusetts, a senior healthcare consultant at Coopers & Lybrand (now PricewaterhouseCoopers), Controller at St. Anne's Hospital in Fall River, Massachusetts, an auditor at Peat, Marwick, Mitchell (now KPMG) in Chicago and an accountant at Children's Hospital in Boston.

Mark is a Certified Public Accountant, holds a Masters of Science in Business (Healthcare Finance) from the University of Wisconsin – Madison and obtained a Bachelor of Science in Business (Accounting) from Northeastern University. While at the University of Wisconsin, he also taught three semesters of Introductory Accounting.

Mark is an advanced member of the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA) and Fullmer Award Winner, member of VHA CFOs Affinity Group, HANYS Committee on Finance and Reimbursement, Iroquois Healthcare Alliance CFOs Workgroup, a Board Member of Serving the Elderly through Project Planning (SEPP) and a former Board Chairman of Catholic Social Services.



Michael Rusnak is the Director of Information System at United Health Services Hospital where he is responsible for UHS' overall Information Management strategy and its Information Technology planning and development. He is a member of the Volunteer Hospital Association (VHA) Upstate NY CIO Consortium and the VHA Senior IT Executive Affinity Group.

Mike is a graduate of SUNY Binghamton and has worked at UHS for over 30 years.



Dr. Afzal ur Rehman is Vice President of Informatics & CMIO at United Health Services. He also serves as the Director of Medical Informatics at UHS Hospitals, Vice President of UHS Medical Staff and Chair of Quality Assurance at United Health Services. He is a past president of Broome County Medical Society.

Dr. Rehman is Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiology, Interventional Cardiology and Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology and maintains an active cardiology practice. He is a graduate of King Edward Medical College, Pakistan and has a PhD from University of London, Kings College School of Medicine, where his research focused on cardiac ultrasound and echocardiography. In 2006 he obtained the degree of Master in Healthcare Management from Harvard University, School of Public Health.

Dr. Rehman brings a unique combination of in-depth knowledge and more than 20 years of experience in both practice of Medicine and Information Technology. He has

developed many successful software packages and is proficient in many computer languages. His group Cardiology Associates, PC implemented an Electronic Healthcare Record (EHR) seven years ago and has successfully participated in all Medicare quality initiatives using the EHR.



Hemant Gupta, MD MSc, has been the CMIO (Chief Medical Informatics Officer) of Lourdes Hospital since 2011. He grew up in Massachusetts completing his medical school at UMASS in 2003 and his residency in Internal Medicine at Rush University Medical Center Chicago in 2006. He is a board certified Internal Medicine physician. He has five years of combined experience as a community hospitalist, a primary care physician, and an academic hospitalist. He has been in medical informatics for over a decade and has extensive knowledge in clinical decisions support systems and EMRs. Previously he had been an MIO (medical information officer) at Holyoke Medical Center 2009, Holyoke, MA where he coordinated and completed the rollout of CPOE (computerized provider order entry) and physician documentation for the hospital. Recently 2012, he has been published on clinical decision support in the HIMSS official journal, Healthcare IT News and Becker Hospital Review through

close participation with Zynx Corp. He is a voting member of Ascension Health's national Clinical Leadership Informatics Council, and has been elected to Ascension's Mobility Governance Committee. He was also selected to complete Ascension's Executive Leadership Formation program and is a member of the (ACPE) American College of Physician Executives, where he is completing their MBA program. He serves on Cerner's national Inpatient Physician Council where he is guiding them on refining the EMR for inpatient care. He has helped Lourdes Hospital successfully achieve Meaningful Use Stage I in 2012.



Tom Ellerson has worked in Broome County in the Information Technology (IT) field and the health care profession of the past 32 years. Tom has been working for Ascension Health Information Services at Lourdes Hospital for 25 years, where he is currently the Director of IT and interim CIO. Tom has an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Physical Education from Herkimer County Community College, and has expanded his knowledge of IT with programming courses from BCC and RIT.

Since the fall of 2005, Tom has been the co-lead with the responsibility for the implementation of clinical systems (Cerner) at Lourdes Hospital - transforming health care at Lourdes from paper to electronic health record. Tom's strong passion for helping those in need and giving back to the community makes him very committed to the mission and goals of the Southern Health Link (STHL) organization and to being a member of the STHL Board of Directors.



Keith Chadwick retired from United Methodist Homes in December of 2012, after spending 36 years at United Methodist Homes. He served as the President and CEO for the organization for 32 years. United Methodist Homes is a not for profit 501 C3 and operates senior retirement communities in NY and PA.

Keith is currently the President of KDC Consulting Group, Inc, advising clients in areas such as board education, succession planning, strategic planning and employee coaching. He currently maintains licensure as a Nursing Home Administrator in both NY and PA. Keith obtained both his bachelors and masters degrees from Binghamton University.

In addition to sitting on the board for STHL, Keith also currently serves as Chairman of the Community Foundation of South Central NY, is a member of the Binghamton Advisory Board, and is a board member of E.L. Rose Conservancy Board, based in Montrose, PA.



Dan DeLucia is Network Vice President for Aetna's Upstate New York and Hudson Valley areas. He manages the network team and is responsible for provider relations and network contracting, assuring that Aetna members benefit from a network that delivers quality care at competitive costs. Aetna's Upstate NY operations include Albany, Syracuse, Binghamton, Rochester and the Hudson Valley serving 49 counties. Dan joined Aetna in 1991 and is a current board member of the Rochester RHIO, the East Syracuse-Minoa Education Foundation and the Village of Minoa Planning board and was a previous board member of Rosewood Heights nursing home in Syracuse. Prior to joining Aetna, Dan had experience in both physician practice and hospital administration. Dan holds a BS in hospital administration from Alfred University and an MBA from SUNY Oswego, and resides in Syracuse, NY.



Claudia Edwards is the Public Health Director for the Broome County Health Department in Binghamton, NY. She directs the operations of the Health Department's five divisions; Environmental Health, Clinics, Maternal Child Health, Children with Special Needs, and Administration, including management of 113 staff members, an \$18,000,000 operating budget and 37 grants totaling \$3,500,000.

Ms. Edwards' responsibilities include proper regulatory control of licensed facilities to prevent food borne outbreaks, unintentional injuries and contamination of water supplies, and the prevention of the spread of designated infectious and communicable diseases. She supervises the development and quality management of the health department data management infrastructure to ensure accurate community health assessment projects, public health research and reporting. She leads strategic planning with 34 community agencies to provide countywide emergency preparedness planning and response to terrorism events and natural disasters.

Ms. Edwards holds a BA from Queens College and a MS from New York University. In addition to directing clinic services for 5 Broome County public health services, her prior experience includes direction of the Women, Infants and Children's Program. She is a Visiting Lecturer at the New York Medical College School of Public Health and SUNY Binghamton, a Board Member of the American Cancer Society and an Advisory Board Member of the Physician's Free Clinic.



Merwyn Jones, Director of the Binghamton University Linux Technology Center (LTC), is responsible for leading the LTC to become a nationally recognized leader in Linux and Open Computing. He has done this by assisting businesses, government and academia in their adoption of Open Computing technologies and products. Mr. Jones has been on an IBM Fellowship Assignment from IBM to Binghamton University since 2006 to support this role.

Prior to the Binghamton University appointment, Mr. Jones was program Director for IBM eSystems Development at Endicott, NY, with responsibility to develop the Hardware Systems Management (HSM) subsystem of IBM's largest enterprise servers, the zSeries and the pSeries. In 2004-05, Mr. Jones directed the transition of 8.5MLOC of HSM

applications to new, open standards technologies, which include Linux, Java, XML, Browser Based UI and TCP/IP. The eSystems Hardware Systems Management microcode provides the primary hardware interface for Operators and System programmers in an Object Oriented Workplace.

Mr. Jones started his career at IBM in 1977 after receiving a BS in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Clarkson College of Technology. In 1979, he received his Masters in Computer Engineering from Syracuse University. Mr. Jones spent the early part of his career in IBM's System Serviceability Engineering Department. In 1995, he took a chair assignment reporting to the Endicott Programming Lab Director to lead the development of three new internet technologies. In 1996, he was named 2nd Line Manager for z/OS (MVS) distributed computing, and in 2000 he was appointed Program Director for eServer Development in Endicott, an organization of 380 people.



John C. (Jack) Salo is the Executive Director of the Rural Health Network of South Central New York. He is a rural advocate and non-profit executive who has worked in the Southern Tier of New York State for the past 25 years. Jack's experience includes leading health, human service and youth development organizations.

As a rural health advocate, he works with a wide range of partners to address the root causes of health issues and health disparities in the South Central NY. Central to this effort has been his support for the continued development of regional food systems, and linking the health care and health education sectors to this effort. Mr. Salo is also committed to developing national and community service capacity in rural NYS, and has provided leadership to establish the Rural Health Service Corps and the Headwaters

Youth Conservation Corps. Mr. Salo received his BA degree in 1979, and his MS degree in 1984 from SUNY Oneonta. Current community service roles include serving as a board member for the Southern Tier Independence Center, and Treasurer for Central NY Resource Conservation & Development. Mr. Salo is a resident of Greene, NY.



Dr. Duncan Sze-Tu is a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Medicine. He completed his Residency and Teaching Fellowship at Wilson Memorial Hospital in Johnson City and is certified by the American Board of Family Medicine. Dr. Sze-Tu is a partner in and has an active practice at Endwell Family Physicians/The Walk-In in Endwell, New York.

Dr. Sze-Tu is also a Sub investigator for Regional Clinical Research and a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, the NY State Academy of Family Physicians, the American Medical Association, the NY State Medical Society and the Broome County Medical Society.

Dr. Sze-Tu is a Clinical Associate Professor of Family Medicine at SUNY Upstate University. He has professional interests in Family Practice, Adult and Pediatric Care, Geriatric Care, Electro-Therapeutic Point Stimulation, Colposcopy, Gynecological Care, Endometrial Biopsy, Minor Office Surgery and Clinical Research.

Endwell Family Physicians, L.L.P. is a primary care group practice composed of doctors, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and other trained health care personnel committed to providing healthcare consumers with the best possible care. They strive to allow their patients to see “their Provider” whenever possible. An important advantage of the Endwell Family Physician group practice is that patients have medical coverage 24 hours a day, even though their specific health care provider may not be available. EFP also offers a full array of online services via their Patient Portal.

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Christina Galanis has been Executive Director of Southern Tier HealthLink since 2006. Ms Galanis oversees the activities of the STHL regional health information organization (RHIO), managing financial, regulatory and legal aspects of the operation and developing strategic initiatives for its expansion and presence in the HIE landscape. She has a particular expertise on consumer/patient participation in electronic health records and privacy and governance issues related to electronic exchange of community-wide health information.

Ms. Galanis is actively involved in the Policy and Operations Council of the New York eHealth Collaborative (NYeC) and a frequent contributor on issues relating to health information technology and transformation.

Previously, Ms Galanis served over ten years in web based marketing and communications systems, most recently in the healthcare industry. She continues to champion a patient-centered healthcare delivery system in her current work as the Executive Director of Southern Tier HealthLink, the Regional Healthcare Information Organization for central New York.

Paul Almy is STHL's Deputy Director. Paul is an experienced project manager in the information technology field, with many years at IBM. He received his Project Management Professional (PMP) certification in 2001 and has a Master's Degree in Computer Science from the National Technological University (NTU) in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Patricia Blackman is STHL's Administrative Secretary. Patricia holds an AAS Degree in Secretarial Science from Broome Community College. She held many positions during her long career with the IBM Corporation. Most recently she was part of the Information Technology team providing Contractor Management support for commercial accounts across the United States. "I am very excited and honored to embark on a new and different phase of my career working in the healthcare community." Patricia was born and raised in Endicott, NY and currently lives in Silver Lake, PA.

Marie Santare-Shaver is a STHL Project Coordinator. Marie's focus will be to provide technical support for the planning and coordination of the STHL clinical information system project. Her job responsibilities include gathering requirements and planning for system design, testing, implementation, integration, training, and support and/or maintenance of assigned projects. Marie holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Le Moyne College. She started with IBM in Burlington Vermont, and relocated to Endicott. While at IBM, her career evolved from computer programming mainframe applications, to System Analysis providing programming requirements. Additionally, Marie also provided programming requirements while working as Process Developer at BAE Systems.

Kirsten Griffin is STHL's Project Coordinator focused on maintaining the patient and provider databases, provider outreach, and consent management. Kirsten earned her AAS in Health Information Technology from Broome Community College and holds the Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT) credential. She has a strong background in customer service and provider enrollment for Medicare Part B.

Staci Molyneaux is a Project Coordinator working with STHL's end users to enhance STHL's Health Information Exchange Services. She works with providers, staff and technical liaisons from STHL to find ways to better display information for ease of use, workflow, functionality and simple access. Staci also coordinates web portal training for new users and assists with integrating new provider offices through consent collection, setup, user agreements and training.

Staci graduated from SUNY Morrisville and has held many different positions at United Health Services (UHS). Her first assignment was in Community Relations where she gained a great knowledge of UHS site locations and staff. Staci also worked on a nursing unit for several years and has an in-depth understanding of healthcare practice. She transferred to STHL from the UHS Clinical Systems Department where she was an integral part of building and maintaining many of UHS's current systems, including NextGen and the new Soarian project.

Michelle Cleveland is the Administrative Officer for STHL. She has prior experience at Lockheed Martin Owego, where she worked as a Financial Analyst. She earned a Master's Degree in Accounting from Binghamton University.

Crystal Felker is STHL's Database Coordinator. Crystal manages and maintains the STHL Enterprise Master Patient Index (EMPI) to ensure proper record consolidation. She also manages the STHL Patient Portal tool and coordinates organizational marketing efforts, including social media management.

Crystal is a Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT) and holds both an AAS in Health Information Technology and an AS in Business Administration from Broome Community College.

Christina Anastos is the Help Desk Support Specialist for STHL. Her work includes data support for the health information exchange as well as technical support for the HIE users and STHL staff. Christina has prior work experience with EFX Internet where she worked on website development. She graduated from the Networking and Technical Support program at Ridley Lowell in 2002.