

CHIME Panelists Profiles



Russ Branzell is the president and CEO of the College of Healthcare Information Executives (CHIME).

Before joining CHIME in April 2013, Branzell served as **CEO for the Colorado Health Medical Group**. He previously was the vice president of information services and CIO for Poudre Valley Health System and the president/CEO of Innovation Enterprises (PVHS' for-profit IS entity). Before joining PVHS, Branzell was the regional deputy CIO and executive director of information services for Sisters of Mercy Health System in St. Louis, MO. Branzell served on active duty in the U.S. Air Force and retired from the Air Force Reserves in 2008. While on active duty, he served in health care administration positions, including **CIO for the Air Mobility Command Surgeon General's Office**. In 1996, he was selected for the Air Force Medical Service Fellowship program and completed a CIO internship at the Unity Health System in St. Louis.

A native of San Antonio, Branzell earned an undergraduate degree in business administration specializing in human resource management and labor relations from the University of Texas. In addition, he earned a master's degree in aerospace science from Embry-Riddle University with an emphasis in management.



Eli Tarlow - Committee Member, Assistant Vice President at NYC Health and Hospitals

Assistant Vice President, Network Chief Information Officers
NYC Health and Hospitals

Chief Information Officer - South Manhattan Healthcare Network
NYC Health & Hospitals Corporation
October 2011 – Present
* Bellevue Hospital Center
* Metropolitan Hospital Center
* Gouverneur Healthcare Services
* Coler / Goldwater Specialty Hospital & Nursing Facility

Corporate Director - Information Technology
Continuum Health Partners
February 2008 – October 2011



Timothy Stettheimer, Ph.D. serves as senior **vice-president** and **chief information officer** for **St. Vincent's Health System in Birmingham, Alabama**. St. Vincent's Health System includes four acute care hospitals and one ambulatory facility and is part of St. Louis based Ascension Health. In addition to his CIO duties at St. Vincent's Health System, Dr. Stettheimer also holds the title of **Regional Chief Information Officer for Ascension Health**. His regional leadership includes responsibility for hospitals in Nashville (TN), Birmingham (AL), Mobile (AL), Pensacola (FL), Destin (FL) and Jacksonville (FL).

Dr. Stettheimer is a Fellow with both the College for Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME) and the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). He is also certified as a **professional in healthcare information management systems** (CPHIMS) as a member of the Healthcare Information Management Systems Society (HIMSS). In 2005, Dr. Stettheimer was named the John E. Gall Jr. CIO of the Year by CHIME and HIMSS. He was also recognized as a Medical Informatics Fellow under a National Institute of Health Grant (1993-1995) during his doctoral studies.

He holds faculty positions with the University of North Texas and the University of Phoenix where he teaches Master's and Doctoral classes in information systems and medical informatics. Dr. Stettheimer previously served as a regional information services executive in Fort Worth, Texas for Florida-based Adventist Health System.

His Ph.D. was earned from the University of North Texas, focused in the field of medical informatics.



Charles E. Christian, FCHIME, LCHIME, FHIMSS, CHCIO
VP/Technology & Engagement at Indiana Health Information Exchange

Mr. Christian is the Vice President of Technology and Engagement of the Indiana Health Information Exchange (IHIE), the nation's largest Health Information Exchange.

Prior to joining IHIE, Mr. Christian served as the Vice President / Chief Information Officer of St. Francis Hospital in Columbus, Georgia. Before his role at St. Francis, Mr. Christian served as the Chief Information Officer for Good Samaritan Hospital, in Vincennes, Indiana. A position he held for almost 24 years