

Kiame Mahaniah, MD, Chief Executive Officer, Lynn Community Health Center

Inspired by a childhood divided between a war-affected third world country (the Congo) and a high performing first world one (Switzerland), as well as parents intimately involved in rural development NGOs, Dr. Mahaniah brings a burning passion for social justice and the fight against health disparities to his work as CEO. Dr. Mahaniah attended medical school at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia as a National Health Service Corps scholar, and graduated from the Family Medicine Residency program at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center/SMMH in 2000. He has been working in federally qualified community health centers ever since. He worked for nearly a decade at the Greater Lawrence Family Health center (Lawrence, MA) where he successively served as Faculty, Site Medical Director, OBOT (Office Based Opioid Therapy) Program Director, Associate Residency Director and Associate Chief Medical Officer. In 2012, he was elected Chief of the Family Medicine Department for Lawrence General Hospital and joined the North Shore Community Health Center (Salem, Ma) senior management as their first Chief Medical Officer. In 2015 he became Chief Medical Officer at Lynn Community Health Center where he led the team that achieved Patient Centered Medical Home Level 3 Certification. His clinical interests lie in teaching—he holds an appointment at the Tufts University School of Medicine—and integrating opioid addiction treatment into primary care. In 2017, he became the health center's Chief Executive Officer. His twin administrative passions spring from a continuing quest for dignity: social justice for patients and excellent jobs for employees. He was the 2012–2013 Massachusetts Academy of Family Medicine Physician of the Year. He is bilingual in French and English, fluent in German and Spanish and conversant in Lingala. There is nothing he enjoys more than a novel with complex characters and a complicated plot.