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Education: Ms. Smith holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and Biology from San Francisco State University and a Master of Public Health degree in Health Policy and Management from Boston University. She holds the Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Healthcare Certification from University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She is a graduate of Tenet Leadership Academy and Detroit Regional Chamber Leadership Detroit Class XL.

Experience: Ms. Smith has built her career in pediatric health care strategy, currently serving as the VP, Strategic Partnership & Business Development at Rady Children's Health. In this role she is responsible for driving enterprise growth, new programs and ventures, as well as other strategic relationships. With oversight for health system business development teams as well as Orange County's four institutes (Heart, Cancer, Neurosciences, and Orthopedics), she cultivates internal and external partnerships as well as spearheads the development and activation of the institute strategy. Prior to the Rady Children's Hospital and Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC Children's) merger in January 2025, Ms. Smith served as CHOC Children's Chief Strategy Officer, in which she developed a fresh, focused, and transparent approach to strategic planning, delivered CHOC Children's next three-year strategic plan, restructured the institutes as well as strategy activation, and oversaw CHOC business development operations.

Prior to CHOC, she served as the Chief Strategy Officer at Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit (CHM), where she was responsible for provider outreach and relationship development, strategic initiative and service advancement, and nurse navigation (fetal care, high risk maternity, neurosciences, and primary care). In this role, she led the launch of multiple physician partnerships with hospitals to elevate pediatric specialty services across the region, as well as cornerstone programs such as the Fetal Care Center and NeuroNICU. Ms. Smith also served as the Director of Business Development at CHM to lead pediatric service line development and physician engagement, Director of Project Management and Executive Initiatives at Detroit Medical Center (DMC), Manager of the Project Management Office at DMC, System Project Manager at DMC, and Senior Administrative Fellow at CHM. Prior to her career in Detroit, Ms. Smith served as the Health Systems Administrative Intern at Veterans Affairs Boston Healthcare System and completed multiple process improvement initiatives at Boston Medical Center.

Community Involvement: Ms. Smith is an active member of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), previously serving as Chair of the Midwest Chapter of ACHE (MCACHE) Sponsorship Committee and Chair of the MCACHE Emerging Leaders Keystone Planning Coalition. She has served as a judge at TechTown Detroit's Hacking Health III Windsor-Detroit competition, and as a panelist for Inforum HealthcareNEXT as well as at University of Michigan School of Public Health's Women in Health Leadership Summit and Michigan Healthcare Executive Student Association Career Expo.

Honors: In 2018, she was named as one of Crain's Detroit Business 40 Under 40 as well as awarded with the 2018 American College of Healthcare Executives Regent's Award.