

HEALTHCARE INNOVATION & CYBERSECURITY FORUM

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DONNY WILSON **AWS HEALTHCARE SECURITY**

Donny Wilson is a Principal Solutions Architect and Global HCLS Security and Compliance lead at Amazon Web Service (AWS). He leads the HCLS Security and Compliance Focus Area and advises healthcare customers on security strategies, compliance, threat detection and response, and building resilient architectures. Donny has over 25 years of experience in healthcare and enterprise IT serving as a chief architect and information security officer prior to his time at AWS. Donny holds a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from East Tennessee State University and currently live in North Carolina. Donny hold various certifications including the AWS Certified Solutions Architect Professional and Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP). For a little fun, Donny hobbies include creating community through grilling food and amateur car racing.



CHRIS KNIGHT **AWS EPIC TECHNICAL SPECIALIST SOLUTIONS ARCHITECT**

Chris Knight is an Epic Technical Specialist Solutions Architect at Amazon Web Services (AWS). With over 20 years of IT experience, he specializes in healthcare technology solutions, particularly HR systems and HIPAA-compliant infrastructure. Prior to AWS, Chris held key roles at SSM Health and Presbyterian Healthcare Services, leading major EH implementations. He holds multiple AWS certifications, is an active HIMSS member, and has a BBA in Management Information Systems. Chris is known for his expertise in aligning enterprise IT solutions with healthcare business needs.



ANNA WHITES, JD **OWNER/FOUNDER ANNA WHITES LAW FIRM**

A graduate of the University of Kentucky School of Law, Anna has worked in politics and election law for over 30 years, representing candidates, elected officials, county parties, PACs, and special interest groups. She represents parties before the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance and Legislative Ethics and Executive Branch Ethics Commission on a regular basis. When not working in politics or training candidates, Anna practices Health Law, with a focus on telehealth and behavioral health.



DR. ERICA GREGONIS **MD MBA, CMO and VP, Baptist Health Richmond**

Dr. Erica Gregonis completed her undergraduate studies at Spading University in 2000 and her medical degree at the University of Louisville in 2005. Her Internal Medicine residency and Pulmonary and Critical Care fellowship were earned at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas. During her Chief Residency, Hurricane Ike hit Galveston requiring swift decision making to ensure 106 residents finished training with zero interruptions in service while supporting quality patient care.

After completing fellowship, Dr. Gregonis was employed by LifePoint Health and started Central Kentucky Pulmonary Medicine in 2012. During her tenure with LifePoint Health, she successfully launched two Pulmonary Rehabilitation programs, collaborated to implement the Duke-LifePoint Quality program at Clark Regional Medical Center which translated into a National Quality Program across the LifePoint Health system which was recognized in The Joint Commission Journal in July 2018.

Dr. Gregonis completed her MBA at Ohio University in 2018 and transitioned to her current role as Baptist Health Richmond's Chief Medical Officer in March 2020 amidst the COVID-19 crisis. She was uniquely positioned as a CMO and practicing Pulmonologist to guide her facility through the pandemic with calm, effective leadership fostering collaboration across multiple disciplines to meet the ever-changing demands on healthcare.



STEPHEN BURR **CISO FOR UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY AND UK HEALTHCARE**

Stephen Burr is the Chief Information Security Officer for the University of Kentucky and UK HealthCare, overseeing Cybersecurity Operations, Information Security Policy, Identity and Access Management, Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC), and eDiscovery and Investigations. He joined UK over twenty years ago and has served in a variety of senior IT leadership roles spanning analytics, enterprise architecture, IT operations, and Cybersecurity. In his current role, Stephen leads enterprise initiatives that strengthen UK's cybersecurity posture and support mission-critical operations. He holds an MBA from UK, is a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), and recently graduated from the FBI CISO Academy.

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