



2025 CHEAC Annual Meeting Workshop Session Biographies

Social Health Information Exchanges: Integrating Cross-Sector Data for Whole-Person Care Transformation

Timothy Lutz, MBA, Director of Health Services

Tim has served as Director of Sacramento County Health Services since November 2022, overseeing the Public Health, Behavioral Health, and Primary Care programs for the County. Prior to Sacramento County, Tim served as the Agency Director of the Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency and the County Administrative Officer for Calaveras County. Data and data analytics is a career-long passion for Tim, where he's implemented new data reporting and tracking systems in his two prior roles. The Social Health Information Exchange implementation in Sacramento presents a tremendous opportunity to implement a truly robust data analytics system to enhance care delivery and linkage to services for the community the County serves.

Tim earned a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a Master of Business from California State University, Fresno. In his spare time he enjoys photography, hiking, traveling, and cooking.

Dr. Brian Thomas, MBA, EdD, Director, Alameda Social Health Information Exchange

Dr. Brian Thomas is a visionary leader in healthcare technology and operations, currently serving as Director of the Social Health Information Exchange (SHIE) at Alameda County Health. With more than two decades of experience, Dr. Thomas leads complex, multi-stakeholder initiatives focused on advancing data interoperability, system integration, and real-time information exchange to improve community health outcomes. His work bridges healthcare, public health, and social services—aligning data strategy with the core principles of health equity, accessibility, and accountability.

Throughout his career, Dr. Thomas has championed transformational change at leading organizations such as Kaiser Permanente, United Health Group, and Philips Medical. He is known for architecting high-impact solutions that modernize infrastructure, streamline analytics, and enhance service quality. At Kaiser, he led enterprise-wide strategies to embed equity-centered data governance and developed the nationally recognized Health Equity Portal—a platform supporting Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility (DEIA)-driven reporting and outcomes analysis. He consistently applies principles of predictive innovation and relationship-centered leadership to deliver results that serve both systems and the individuals within them.

Dr. Thomas holds a Doctorate in Organizational Leadership and Education and an MBA in Technology Management from Pepperdine University. An active mentor and member of the Pepperdine School of Education Alumni Council, Dr. Thomas is deeply committed to community well-being—from youth equine therapy advocacy to technology solutions that close care gaps. His dedication to data as a vehicle for justice makes him a compelling voice at Civitas 2025, where cross-sector leaders unite to build a more connected, equitable future in health.

Jenine Spotnitz, MPP, Health Program Manager

Jenine Spotnitz is a Health Program Manager for Sacramento County Department of Health Services. She oversees the policy and programmatic development of the Sacramento County Social Health Information Exchange (SHIE). Jenine relies on her background in applied research, policy analysis,

and community engagement to help generate actionable insights that improve community health. She is passionate about developing and scaling collaborative, cross-sector solutions to address systemic social problems.

Jenine holds a Bachelor's degree in Community and Regional Development from UC Davis and a Master in Public Policy from UC Berkeley.

Reddy Gurram, MS, Division Chief, Information Technology

Reddy Gurram serves as the Information Technology Chief at Sacramento County Department of Technology supporting the IT Services for Health and Social Services Departments. Reddy worked in Health Care Services for the past 10 years and 35 years in the field of Information Technology Services. Reddy also oversees the technical implementation of Social Health Information Exchange (SHIE) at Sacramento County.

Reddy received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and holds a master's degree in computer simulation. Reddy has been married to his love of his life for 31 years and has two sons. Reddy's elder son is an MD from Keck School of Medicine and working as resident at Los Angeles General Medical Center. Reddy's younger son is currently working as Software Engineer for a Tech Start up in Silicon Valley.