



## 2025 CHEAC Annual Meeting Workshop Session Biographies Manifest MedEx

### **Jason Buckner, Chief Information Officer, Health Information Exchange (HIE)**

Jason has been at the forefront of the nonprofit Health Information Exchange (HIE) industry for over two decades. He has held pivotal leadership roles at NC HealthConnex and The Health Collaborative, where he leveraged his extensive technical expertise in interoperability, informatics, and analytics to drive significant advancements in healthcare.

Jason's contributions extend beyond his organizational roles. He actively participates in state and national committees, including the California Data Exchange Framework Policies & Procedures Committee and the eHealth Exchange Coordinating Committee. Through these platforms, he has played a crucial role in strengthening state health data infrastructure and shaping the future of health and human services information exchange.

Jason holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Queens College in Charlotte, NC.

### **Joe Prado, Assistant Director, Fresno County Department of Public Health**

Joe Prado serves as the Assistant Director for the Fresno County Department of Public Health, bringing over 27 years of dedicated service to Fresno County. Throughout his career, he has held key roles across several departments, including Behavioral Health, the County Administrative Office, Public Works and Planning, and Public Health.

In his current role, Mr. Prado leads several local cross-sector initiatives aimed at addressing the social determinants of health (SDoH). He collaborates with a diverse range of partners—including transportation agencies, school districts, social services, community-based organizations, healthcare providers, and behavioral health systems—to drive coordinated strategies that improve community health outcomes.

Mr. Prado also spearheads the development of the County's Community Information Exchange (CIE), a data-sharing and research platform designed to enhance care coordination through improved collaboration across sectors.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from California State University, Fresno.