

2026 CHEAC Annual Meeting Workshop Session Biographies Manifest MedEx

Joe Prado, Director

Joe Prado is the Director of Fresno County's Department of Public Health. In his 29-year career with Fresno County, he has had the opportunity to work in multiple departments: Behavioral Health, County Administrative Office, Public Works and Planning, and currently Public Health. Joe leads multiple local cross-sector partnerships in addressing social determinants of health (SDoH) with local transportation agencies, school districts, social services, community-based organizations, healthcare providers, and behavioral health. Joe leads the development of Fresno County's Community Information Exchange (FCIE) for data sharing and research to improve care coordination through various cross-sector partnerships.

Joe has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from CSU Fresno in Psychology.

Jason Buckner, Chief Information Officer

At Manifest MedEx, Jason is the Chief Information Officer and leads technical strategy and drives innovation in health data infrastructure across the state.

Jason has been at the forefront of the nonprofit HIE industry for over two decades, holding pivotal leadership roles at NC HealthConnex and The Health Collaborative. Throughout his career, he has leveraged deep expertise in interoperability, informatics, and analytics to advance strategic initiatives and bring innovative solutions to some of healthcare's most complex data challenges. Jason's contributions extend beyond his organizational roles. He has participated in state and national committees, including the California Data Exchange Framework Policies & Procedures Committee and the eHealth Exchange Coordinating Committee, where he helped shape the future of health and human services information exchange and strengthen state health data infrastructure.

Jason holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Queens University of Charlotte.