



ACHE of East Texas January 2019 Newsletter



A Message from Our President

Dear Healthcare Executives and Leaders,

It has been a busy and productive time for ACHE of East Texas since our organization broke for the holiday. As I reflect on the coming year, it's hard to believe that 2020 is just around the corner. Many changes will confront us over this next year. As healthcare leaders we know our work is more crucial than ever as the political, economic, social, technological, and competitive environment constantly shifts below our feet. In this turbulent time, I challenge us all to take this moment in time to "reflect, reframe, and recommit" to the critical work we do together as professionals in East Texas. Although we will continue to see transformations in the healthcare landscape, I know we are ready to tackle the very real challenges of our day.

ACHE of East Texas exists to provide a pillar of professional stability for you as our team of volunteers are charged with ensuring you have the right continuing education and networking opportunities available for you to succeed. I am honored to serve as your president and to be surrounded by colleagues and friends who share their expertise so openly in service to the healthcare industry and more broadly to leadership in general. I am pleased to announce the formation of multiple new committees that are designed to provide greater value to our members over the coming year.

I hope to see many of you at the [Congress on Healthcare Leadership](#) in Chicago in March. This year we are fortunate to partner with the ACHE of North Texas to host an informal networking event in the Windy City. For those who can't make Congress, we have a plethora of opportunities for you to receive qualified education and opportunities to network with peers, students, and senior leaders throughout the year right here in East Texas.

As we engage in our mandates to lead fearlessly into the murky abyss that is the healthcare environment, let's be mindful of the potential to transform not only our organizations, but also our communities, and most importantly, our families.

Here's to a successful year!

Jean-Paul Puryear
President
ACHE of East Texas

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First Quarter Networking Event



Featured Speaker: Jason Rounds, President, CHRISTUS St. Michael Health System - Texarkana

Date: Wednesday, February 20

Agenda:

- 6-6:15pm Registration & Opening Remarks
- 6:15-6:45pm Featured Speaker, Jason Rounds
- 6:45pm- . . . Networking

Location: Twisted Fork Grill & Lounge - Texarkana

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ETX ACHE Forum/HFMA Lone Star Chapter Tyler Roadshow

Save the Date!!

Date: Friday, March 15

Location: Ornelas Center, 3402 Pickens Dr., Tyler, TX, 75707

Panel Topic: Financial Implications: The Push from Inpatient to Outpatient Care



First Quarter Education Event

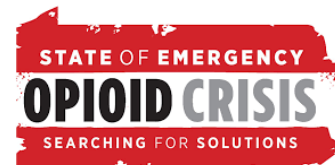
Save the Date!!

Date: Wednesday, April 11

Location: Longview

Panel 1 Topic: Accountability for the Care We Provide

Panel 2 Topic: Healthcare Executives Role with the Opioid Crisis





**2019 Spring Education Summit
Fourth Annual Joint Event
East Texas and North Texas Chapters**

Save the Date!!

Date: Thursday, May 16

Location: Terrell

Tentative Panel Topics Include:

- Ensuring Your Community's Emergency Preparedness
- Ethical Challenges in Healthcare Leadership
- Closing Gaps in Patient Care Plans: The Executive's Role in Engaging Care Teams to Improve Patient Safety, Quality of Care, and Operating Margins
- Leading Information Safety: Planning for Data Privacy & Security



Breakfast with the CEO

Save the Date!!

Date: Wednesday, June 19

Location: Longview



**ACHE of East Texas Country Christmas in July
featuring 2018 Texas County Music Band of the Year
The Darrin Morris Band**

Save the Date!!

Date: Wednesday, July 12

Location: Brewster's and Cowboys, Tyler

Panel Topic: Community Benefits Reporting



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an ACHE of East Texas preferred
Sponsor?**

Sponsorships are now open for 2019 from \$500-\$5000 with multiple advertising and exposure opportunities. For more information, please email your interest to info@acheetx.org.



**Volunteers are needed for the
following committees:**

- Programming

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- Local Program Council (LPC) – Texarkana only.

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If you haven't already, be sure to Check Out Our New Website!



Member Spotlight



Jennifer Blake
Site Manager
Family Circle of Care

Jennifer Blake was raised and graduated from secondary school in Miami, Florida. She attained a Medical Assistant License at Everest University 2006. She is an Executive Site Manager of multiple Service Lines at the Tyler Family Circle of Care. She holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Strayer University, and a master's in Clinical Sciences, with a minor in Public Health. Jennifer is the first in her family to attend and graduate from college. During this time, she held a full-time position with the Palm Beach County Health Care District where she developed a passion for community healthcare. She now has over 17 years of experience in practice management and has held various management and leadership positions in the healthcare industry throughout her career.

She currently manages multiple sites, a Dental, Family Planning, and Woman's Health programs. She has written several grants to increase access to care, for women's health, colorectal cancer prevention, Breast cancer prevention, and HPV awareness. Throughout her career, including her most recent award of \$300,000.00 for Women's Health and Family Planning, she is very involved with the community and holds outreach events such as the "Crucial Catch" – which was held to spread awareness on early detection for colon and breast cancer. She is responsible for assuring that services are delivered consistently, in line with

the organization's mission and accessible to all people in the communities she serves.

Jennifer's long-term goals entail wanting to open FQHC or health care system and become the CEO to lead the organization to providing quality and companionate healthcare. To achieve her goal, Jennifer would like to utilize her master's degree, along with her leadership experience, her knowledge of operations in healthcare management and financial business development. During her free time, she enjoys traveling with her family, leading children's church at Greater Shiloh Baptist Church, and spending quality time with her family and friends. She is passionate about working in community health and creating access to healthcare to all communities and walks of life. She is respected by those she encounters and goes above and beyond, for not only the patients, but her coworkers as well.



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