

Healthcare Industry Advisory Council

Mike Barrett, Executive Vice President Health Systems Direct

Mr. Barrett is a nationally recognized expert in the area of healthcare operations, business strategy, and managed care financing issues. Mr. Barrett has been published in the national managed care media on several occasions and is a sought after speaker on near and intermediate term business strategies in healthcare.

With over 25 years of experience in nearly all sides healthcare operations and financing, Mr. Barrett quickly identifies the areas and methods to improve operations, communicate shared value, and the critical elements in business planning and operations.

In addition to his client work, Mr. Barrett sits on the Board of Directors of several emerging healthcare technology companies.

Dave K. Dookerman, MPH CHE Senior Administrator, Hospital Medicine, Emory Healthcare

Mr. Dookerman manages the hospitalist program for Emory Healthcare focusing on revenue cycle, practice plan operations and business planning. Previously in his career he provided strategic planning, program development and other services while at organizations such as Hughes Spalding Children's Hospital; Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center; Dartmouth College; I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Mr. Dookerman received his BA in Biological Sciences from Dartmouth College and his MPH in Healthcare Policy and Management from the Rollins School of Public Health and Goizueta Business School at Emory University.



George G. Karahalis, FACHE, Director, Training Staff, Survey & Certification Group Centers for Medicare and Medicaid

Mr. Karahalis is responsible for developing and training staff that survey and certify provider participation in CMS programs, including Medicare and Medicaid. He has more than 35 years of senior management experience in the managed care, physician practice, hospital and consulting sectors of the health industry.

He continues to teach part time at the Emory/Rollins School of Public Health in Atlanta. Previously Mr. Karahalis was the president of HealthSystems Direct, where he led strategy development, organizational development and managed care consulting services. Mr. Karahalis has also consulted for Towers Perrin, and Premier/SunHealth. Earlier he was a hospital CEO. Earlier in his career he ran hospitals for the Air Force and later for Hospital Corporation of America.

George earned a master's degree in hospital and health administration from the University of Alabama in Birmingham and a bachelor's degree in political science from The Citadel in Charleston, SC.



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Gary E. Matthews, President Physician Healthcare Advisors, LLC

Mr. Matthews is a nationally recognized expert in the healthcare industry with nearly 30 years of consulting experience, primarily with physician practices. His consulting role focuses on group practice organization and development; healthcare mergers & acquisitions; practice governance structure: integrated healthcare delivery systems development & management; practice & ambulatory care center valuations; hospitalowned practice unwinds & re-organizations; practice financial modeling & management; managed care contract strategy planning & negotiations; and healthcare marketing & market-driven strategic planning.

Mr. Matthews received a bachelor's degree in Biology from the University of Missouri and a master's degree in Bio-Medical Sciences from Washington University in St. Louis. He was a faculty member at the University of Oklahoma, Health Sciences Center where he taught Medical Economics.

Edwin G. "Pete" Mistr, President & CEO Global Health Services

Mr. Mistr leads Global Health Services, a company that brings nurses from India to fill the US shortage . He has more than 25 years experience in healthcare financial operations. He has been a hospital CFO and financial consultant for Cambio Health Solutions. Prior to that he was a regional CFO for a multi-hospital chain.

Mr. Mistr began his career as a Medicare auditor and worked in third party reimbursement for 10 years with Tenant and Paracelsus before becoming a regional CFO. Besides the normal cost reporting functions, he worked in the acquisition of hospitals, home health agencies, skilled nursing facilities, rural health clinics and physician practices. As a regional CFO, he was responsible for all financial aspects of 12 hospitals over an 8 state area including managed. He assisted the hospitals in managed care contracting and oversaw the rewriting on physician contracts to comply with the Stark regulations. He led the development of a bad debt system that substantially reduced his hospitals' bad debt percentages.

Pete earned a bachelor's degree from Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, PA and holds a CPA certificate from the state of Texas.



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Patrick Olise, MPH, Managing Director Daisallum Group, Inc.

Dr Olise provides clinical process improvement expertise. He integrates clinical, management, and policy facets of health care practice and delivery, with special interest in health program performance evaluation. His past experiences include empathic delivery of health care to underserved populations, and the development and deployment of an adolescent sickle cell program guidelines for the Hematology/Onccology department of Oakland Children's Hospital. Dr. Olise is a general practitioner.

Dr. Olise received his medical degree from University of Lagos, College of Medicine Nigeria (1990), his Masters of Public Administration from California State University and his He earned is Masters Public Health from Emory University.



Christopher E. Press, FACHE, Partner, Morgan Healthcare Consulting, LLC.

Mr. Press has served hospitals and community faith-based healthcare systems in various executive positions, principally as chief marketing, strategy and development officer. He is sought as a practical, effective, fact-driven, planner and strategist, and imaginative, innovative problem solver able to identify and address emerging market trends. He is adjunct Assistant Professor at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University, Atlanta, where he teaches Master of Public Health candidates. A published author, he has served on the Editorial Board of *Frontiers of Health Services Management*, and the faculty of The Estes Park Institute and American College of Healthcare Executives Congress on Healthcare Administration. He is on the board of directors the Metropolitan Atlanta YMCA