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Mr. Chikelue is Chief Investment Officer at Memorial Hermann Health System (MHHS) and responsible for managing MHHS's investment program. Prior to becoming CIO in January 2021, he managed the Public Markets/Hedge Fund portfolio of MHHS. Prior to joining MHHS in 2013, Mr. Chikelue worked at Crestline Investors, a multi-billion dollar asset management firm that evolved from the Fort Worth Bass family office. At Crestline, he was responsible for investments in a range of niche hedge fund strategies including global macro, convertible bonds, and commodities. Prior to joining Crestline in 2011, he worked at Ranger Advisors, a Dallas-based fund of hedge funds. Earlier in his career, Mr. Chikelue worked as a management consultant, including as a Business Analyst at McKinsey & Company. Mr. Chikelue received a BA in Economics from Rice University and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

MEGAN HOTARD MS '16



Megan Hotard is a graduate of Rice University (MS: Bioscience and Health Policy) and Rhodes College (BS: Chemistry). Megan has a combined four years of experience in medical communications. After graduating from Rice, she joined DAVA Oncology as a medical writer for solid tumor competitive intelligence tools. In June 2017, she was promoted to project manager and was responsible for the creation and oversight of the advisory board team. As a project manager, she served as the client liaison between the internal science and logistics teams. In October 2018, she became the scientific content lead responsible for non-CME hematology meetings including expert forums, regional, and global summits. In November 2020, Megan joined Lighthouse Medical Communications, where she is currently a senior medical writer. In her spare time, Megan runs a four-acre hobby farm with her husband and their five dogs in Wills Point, TX with the goal of self-sustainability. She has recently joined Pets Going Places and CASA for Kids of East Texas as a volunteer.



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Ken Janda is Founder and Managing Principal of Wild Blue Health Solutions, a Texas-based consultancy advancing new care and payment models, increasing coverage options and connecting our most vulnerable populations to health care access. Prior to starting Wild Blue, Ken served for 11 years as President and CEO of Community Health Choice, a nonprofit health insurer that included over 400,000 enrollees in Medicaid, CHIP and the ACA's subsidized individual Marketplace. A 40-year veteran of the health industry, Ken previously held executive positions with Prudential, Aetna and Humana. Ken is also a Lecturer at Rice University's Jones Graduate School of Business, teaching the essentials of health insurance and health care financing, and is an Adjunct Professor in Population Health at the University of Houston College of Medicine. He is passionate about connecting every Texan to quality, affordable care.

ZAINAB SHIPCHANDLER '14



Zainab Shipchandler, MPH is a public health promotion consultant based in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Her company, ZRF Group Inc., focuses on partnering with healthcare organizations to promote health literacy and public health best practices through research, training, and strategic planning. Her areas of focus include healthcare provider-patient communication, health equity, and maternal and child health. Her expertise is in developing health promotion materials that are accurate, accessible, and action-oriented through collaboration with subject matter experts, stakeholders, and end-users. Zainab's experience includes health literacy promotion at Children's Health in Dallas, clinical practice guideline development at the American Heart Association, and maintenance of certification assessment development at the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. She holds a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Texas School of Public Health and a Bachelor of Arts from Rice University.

