PRESENTERS

ABHE Topical Webinar 2 - Building a Data-Informed Culture

Andy Rhea, M.B.A., is the Chief Information Officer (CIO) at Cherokee Health Systems (CHS), a federally qualified community health center in Tennessee. He enthusiastically provides vision and leadership regarding the development and implementation of system-wide information technology services. He leads CHS in planning and budgeting for all information technologies. In addition, he supervises enterprise information systems to support both distributed and centralized clinical and business operations. Andy has been employed with CHS for 23 years and assumed the position of Chief Information Officer in 2014. Prior, he was the Vice President of Information Technology and Centralized Operations for CHS.

Danielle King, PsyD, is the Director of Clinical and Community Collaboration at Cherokee Health Systems (CHS) and helps leads behavioral health integration efforts across Cherokee Health Systems’ network of clinics. Her commitment to addressing health inequity in marginalized communities extends to her role as Chair of the CHS Health Equity Committee and as the Didactic Coordinator for the Tennessee Area Health Education Center (AHEC) where she supports students in understanding and addressing the complex systems influencing community health. She has spent 12+ years working as a behavioral member of the primary care team in medically underserved settings. In each of these roles, she has developed an understanding of the complex clinical and environmental factors related to team-based treatment planning and a passion for equipping healthcare teams with tools for patient-centered, integrated care.

Jerry Lassa, MS, is a 30-year healthcare quality improvement professional and statistician. He has served in quality improvement leadership roles at an academic medical center, two community health centers, a health center network, and a population health solution company. He currently consults on state-level community health initiatives across the country with a focus on building a data-driven culture through strengthening data management capacity and data governance practices. He teaches statistics at Northwestern University in Chicago and gets overly excited about pivot tables and dashboards.