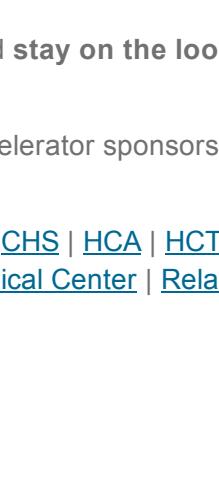


TN HIMSS Workforce Accelerator Marches On Despite COVID-19 Crisis



HIT Workforce Accelerator

The TN HIMSS HIT Workforce Accelerator's first digital semester has come to a close. Our chapter would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the [Spring semester graduates](#) and recognize their incredible adaptability, determination, and eagerness to continue building upon their industry knowledge during these challenging times. [Eric Thraikill](#), TN HIMSS President and SVP, BI and Analytics at [Envision Healthcare](#), was able to join the class via Zoom on March 23.

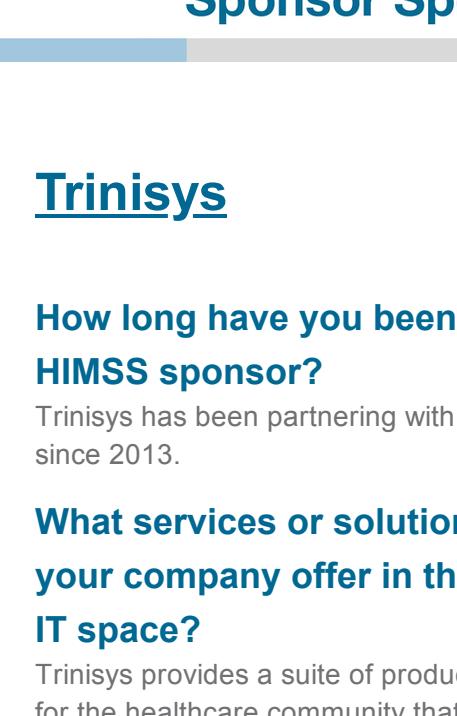
"The "original" plan was to join one other healthcare CIO and participate in a panel discussion regarding the roles, responsibilities, and changes in IT. Who would have imagined a discussion of IT and CIO response to COVID-19 would take much of the presentation?" said Eric Thraikill.

[Read more](#) from Eric Thraikill on the TN HIMSS blog and stay on the lookout for Fall semester registrations!

A special thank you to our TN HIMSS HIT Workforce Accelerator sponsors for enabling us to provide this unique experience:

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Chapter News



Telehealth During and After the COVID-19 Pandemic

While telehealth is not new, it is experiencing unprecedented demand as well as an easing of regulations during the coronavirus crisis. [Miriam Paramore](#), President of [OptimizeRx](#), speaks about the opportunities to extend the reach of quality care by offering telehealth on a more permanent basis. [Read more.](#)

Pandemic-Era Hospice Care Challenges Addressed by "Tele-Hospice" Technology

Over the past three years, [Alive Hospice](#) has deployed hundreds of Tele-Hospice iPads to patients who prefer to receive palliative care in their own home. With the advent of COVID-19, the tele-hospice iPads are now mission-critical and bring unexpected benefits. [Read more.](#)



Help For Job Seekers!

For TN HIMSS members who have been laid off or furloughed, the [Greater Nashville Technology Council](#) has a site allowing tech job seekers to connect with employers. By completing a survey, the NTC will distribute a job seeker's information to more than 500 member companies. The survey is available [here.](#)

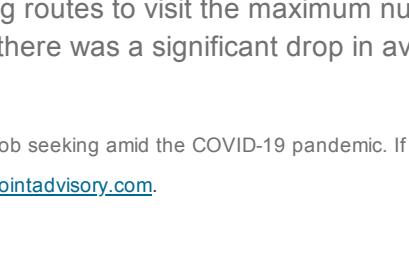
Donald Rucker Speaks on Growing Importance of ONC Info-Blocking Rules in HIMSS20 Digital Session

National Coordinator for Health IT, Dr. Donald Rucker, spoke with HIMSS CEO Hal Wolf about what the new info-blocking and patient access regulations will mean for healthcare organizations, especially healthcare consumers, and how they fit in with the "new normal" of post-coronavirus care delivery. [Read more.](#)



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Trinisys



How long have you been a TN HIMSS sponsor?

Trinisys has been partnering with TN HIMSS since 2013.

What services or solutions does your company offer in the health IT space?

Trinisys provides a suite of product offerings for the healthcare community that provide them with greater organizational efficiency, improved quality in the delivery of patient care, enhanced security features, and significant near-term cost savings. These offerings include [Convergence](#), a premier data management platform, [ClearView](#), a complete Legacy Clinical Archive Solution, and ClearView Patient Financial Services and Practice Management Solutions, including offering Platform as a Service (PaaS).

What do you see as the biggest value of being a TN HIMSS sponsor?

The biggest value is being able to remain better aware of HCIT trends, share insights, and formulate ideas with a network of peers and industry leaders in healthcare.

What events have you previously sponsored, and which was your favorite?

Trinisys has been a Gold and Diamond sponsor of TN HIMSS for the last two years and makes every attempt to support additional ancillary events whenever possible. We have sponsored board meetings, annual summits, events at the national HIMSS conference, etc. Our favorite was the reception at the national HIMSS conference. We had a great turnout of people from our chapter, various regional chapters, and customers. Even students who were attending HIMSS stopped by to learn more about Trinisys. It brought peers and industry leaders together and gave us the opportunity to share insights and ideas in a great forum.

How is your company responding to COVID-19?

Trinisys is currently operating in a fully virtual environment and is working closely with channel partners and customers to best support their unique requirements during this time. Our team continues to enable our customers with technology solutions, allowing them to deliver the highest quality of care to patients while increasing organizational efficiency and reducing operating costs. We are proud to be providing these benefits for several new customers at ground zero for COVID-19, and the fact that they are initiating new projects with Trinisys given their other demands speaks to the value we feel blessed to be able to provide.

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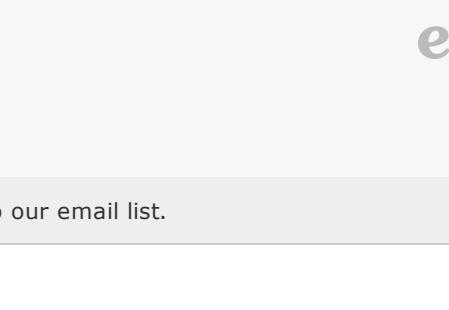
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Member Spotlight

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What do you see as the biggest challenges and opportunities in HIT following the COVID-19 crisis?

The COVID-19 crisis has shown us how invaluable freeing up clinicians is, so they're able to spend more time on patient care instead of administrative work that could potentially be automated.

Workflows, like prior-authorization, clinical decision, and utilization management, often require an exchange of unstructured clinical data between healthcare organizations. Reviewing pages of clinical documents to get the information needed to make a decision is time-consuming. These processes could be automated using OCR, Natural Language Processing, Artificial Intelligence, and Robotic Process Automation tools.

What do you see as the biggest value of being a TN HIMSS member?

The biggest value a TN HIMSS membership brings is the opportunity to network with a diverse group of highly talented people to exchange ideas and share insights.

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Industry News

Change Healthcare Gives Away APIs to Help Health Plans Comply with CMS Rules

The tools could help payers manage the demands of standards-based interoperability challenges, and also offer security, identity management and consent management.

[Read more.](#)

HCA Healthcare Joins COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma Study

172 of its affiliated hospitals are participating in a national study to test whether plasma from recovered COVID-19 patients may help in the treatment of individuals currently sick from the virus. [Read more.](#)

Melding Behavior Science and Technology to Improve Patient Outcomes

Knoxville-based company Lirio's recent funding will help develop a program to influence patient behaviors or actions, like attending annual exams or complying with health protocols. [Read more.](#)

Premise Health Delivers Comprehensive Virtual Care to Clients and Members

Premise Health delivers nearly 20 of its products in a virtual-first environment as part of an overarching response to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. [Read more.](#)

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