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Chief Privacy & Information Security Officer

Henry Ford Health System

Biography

Meredith joined Henry Ford Health System in 2003 as their first Chief Privacy Officer after completing a consulting engagement with Health Alliance Plan where she served as a HIPAA Project Manager beginning in late 2002. Over her 23 year career, she has emerged as a strategic leader who is not just interested in processes, goals and objectives but most of all she is passionate about her greatest assets...her human capital. Her success has been attributed to her ability to manage large-scale complex projects that cross-functional areas within integrated delivery systems and health plans while advancing the skill sets of her team members.

As the industry has evolved, so has her areas of responsibilities and in 2012 her role was expanded to include leadership responsibilities for Information & Network Security, Privacy & Security Risk Management as well as Identity & Access Management. As Chief Information Privacy & Security Officer, she has responsibility for the protection of Henry Ford's provider, insurance, retail and research businesses. Her sensitivity to the operational needs of these various businesses helps her guide the objectives of her team to ensure that the operations are successfully married with the technology or regulatory requirements.

Meredith is an active member of the Health Care Compliance Association and the International Association of Privacy Professionals since 2004 where she has demonstrated her commitment to compliance by holding dual certifications in healthcare compliance and privacy. She is also certified as a HealthCare Information Security & Privacy Practitioner through the International Information System Security Certification Consortium, Inc.

Meredith is a member of HIMSS, Inforum, the PHI Protection Network, the Michigan Council of Women in Technology, Information Technology Senior Management Forum, Association for Executives in Healthcare Information Security, America's Health Insurance Plans, InfraGard, the Information Systems Audit and Control Association and Walsh College IT/Cybersecurity Advisory Board. She serves as a Governing Body Co-Chair for the Detroit CISO Executive Summit, the Chair of the Michigan Healthcare Cybersecurity Council and the President of the Medical ID Fraud Alliance.

Meredith is passionate about empowering women and minorities to embark upon careers in technology especially in information security where those populations are not very well represented. She serves on several advisory boards, one being Step IT Up America, in support of that passion and she has a unique perspective she enjoys sharing with others.

Meredith is a proud alumna of the University of Detroit Mercy where she received her Master's in Health Services Administration and her Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems. She is an avid supporter of her alma mater's mission and serves on the advisory boards for the Center for Cyber Security & Intelligence Studies and the Health Information Management program. She is currently enrolled at Loyola Chicago School of Law where is pursuing her Doctorate of Laws.

Meredith is often invited to present or speak at technology and healthcare conferences and conventions. She is also called upon to provide insight to publications focusing on cybersecurity, leadership, healthcare and IT. More information about Meredith's experience can be found on her LinkedIn profile: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/meredithphillips>