



2025 Emerging Leaders Summit Agenda

8:30–9:00 REGISTRATION

9:00–9:30 WELCOME

- Cathy Bennett, President & CEO, NJHA
- Mark Stauder, NJHA Board Chair, President of the Hospitals & Health Services Divisions & COO, Hackensack Meridian *Health*

9:30–10:30 WHERE HEALTHCARE IS HEADED

Hear about the outlook for the year ahead and gain insights into navigating the complex and dynamic healthcare environment, optimizing resources and capabilities, creating value for patients and communities and partnering to drive better outcomes and experiences.

- Kevin Lenahan, Chief Business and Strategy Officer, Atlantic Health System
- David Stephens, Chief Strategy Officer, Hackensack Meridian *Health*
- Mary Ditri, Vice President, Community Health, NJHA

10:30–10:45 BREAK

10:45–11:45 AI, MACHINE LEARNING & THE FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE

Learn about the potential of AI and machine learning as we reimagine care delivery, the patient experience and training for the next generations of healthcare professionals. Our panelists will explore how healthcare can ensure how a technology that is in its infancy may help us deliver the best possible care, fill care gaps, protect against bias and inequity and lift up all people and communities.

- Dustin Riccio, MD, President & CEO, St. Joseph's Health
- Dustin Hufford, Senior Vice President & CIO, Cooper University Health Care
- Patrick Boyle, Vice President & Deputy CFO, NJHA

11:45–12:15 LUNCH BREAK

12:15–1:00 **FIRESIDE CHAT WITH JUDY PERSICHILLI**

Join us for a fireside chat with Judy Persichilli, leader, influencer and philanthropist. Well known as New Jersey's 22nd Health Commissioner and as “the woman who needs no introduction” during New Jersey's COVID response, Judy built an impactful career guided by her personal philosophy that brought her from bedside nurse to the C-suite as CEO of St. Francis, Catholic Health East, Trinity Health and University Hospital. Judy has given her time and experience to many organizations by serving on their boards, including her recent appointment to the Board of Trustees for Hackensack Meridian *Health*. She has received numerous awards and recognitions throughout her career for her commitment to improving the health and wellness of the people and communities she serves.

- Judith M. Persichilli, RN, BSN, MA
- Joy Lindo, General Counsel, NJHA

1:00–1:15 **BREAK**

1:15–1:45 **NJHA ANNUAL MEETING**

- Bill Arnold, Executive Vice President and Vice President, Southern Region, RWJBarnabas Health
- Cathy Bennett, President & CEO, NJHA
- Mark Stauder, NJHA Board Chair, President of the Hospitals & Health Services Divisions & COO, Hackensack Meridian *Health*

1:45–3:30 **CHAIR'S RECEPTION**

CONTINUING EDUCATION DETAILED INFORMATION

LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Identify at least one macro trend influencing direct care delivery in the year ahead
- List a strategy on how to optimize resources to deliver high quality, accessible, and equitable care
- Describe the potential impact of AI and machine learning while care is being reimagined and designed and the guardrails needed to prevent bias or inequity
- Discuss the importance of having and aligning values and philosophy with career evolution

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