



2024 Leadership Awards and Annual Convening June 20, 2024

Opening Guest Speaker



Erik Mikaitis, MD, MBA, FACP, CPE

**Interim Chief Executive Officer
Cook County Health**

Dr. Erik Mikaitis was appointed as the Interim Chief Executive Officer for Cook County Health in November 2023 by the Cook County Board of Commissioners. Dr. Mikaitis provides executive leadership to advance the health system's strategic imperatives and ensure the provision of high-quality care and services, in collaboration with CCH's medical and business leaders.

Since joining CCH as Chief Quality Officer in 2022, Dr. Mikaitis has served as a champion of quality and compliance, implementing evidence-based processes to improve the delivery of care across the system. He implemented numerous quality initiatives to improve patient outcomes across CCH, including a new multifaceted strategy deployment system that resulted in significant improvement in the system's sepsis prevention and treatment. Dr. Mikaitis enhanced the system's quality and safety dashboard and deployed a regulatory readiness program. In this role, he also provided guidance for utilization management, coding and documentation, and hospital throughput.

Dr. Mikaitis previously served as Vice President and Chief Medical Officer for Franciscan Health Crown Point, where, among other duties, he led the development of safety protocols and processes during the COVID-19 pandemic and developed a new dashboard for communicating quality improvements to the board. Prior to assuming that role, Dr. Mikaitis served as Medical Director of the Franciscan Health Accountable Care Organization in the northern Indiana and south suburban Chicago regions.

A board-certified Internal Medicine Physician, Dr. Mikaitis earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of Illinois at Chicago, a Master of Business Administration from DePaul University, and a medical degree from Ross University.

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Keynote Speaker



Chief David T. Jones

Chief Behavioral Health Officer State of Illinois

Gov. Pritzker has named David T. Jones an Associate Secretary at the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS), where he will serve as the statewide Chief Behavioral Health Officer (CBHO). David T. Jones joined IDHS as the Director of the Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery (SUPR) in October 2020.

David T. Jones has served as the Commissioner of the Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual Disability Services (DBHIDS) for the City of Philadelphia, a city with more than 1.5 million residents, since 2017. Prior to that, he was Deputy Commissioner at DBHIDS, beginning in 2013. Prior to his time in Philadelphia, Jones was Chief of Behavioral Health and Crisis Services for the Montgomery County (Md.) Department of Health and Human Services. There, he administered a wide range of diverse programs addressing child and adult mental health, substance use disorder, crisis centers, victim's assistance and consumer services.

As a behavioral health administrator for more than 25 years, David has developed in-depth knowledge of state and federal regulations, including Medicaid managed care and mental health rehabilitation standards. He has managed urban and suburban public behavioral health systems challenged to increase access to care and expand the range of services available to residents with behavioral health care needs. Additionally, he has national experience developing multidisciplinary coalitions to affect sustainable community level change.

Jones earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a Master of Science in Community School/Clinical Child Psychology from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

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