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<p>Dimitrios Alexiou, FACHE</p>	
<p>President/CEO, Hospital Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties</p>	
<p>Mr. Alexiou joined the Hospital Association in December 2014. As President/CEO of HASD&IC, Mr. Alexiou provides leadership, representation, advocacy, and acts as an advisory on behalf of over 35 hospitals and health systems in the 2-county region. Mr. Alexiou was previously the Regional Vice President for the Hospital Association of Southern California (HASC). He is also adjunct faculty at California State University, San Bernardino, teaching in the master's in health administration program. Mr. Alexiou has a Master's degree in Health Administration from California State University, Northridge and a Bachelor's degree in Biology from the University of Arizona.</p>	
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<p>Timothy Collins, FACHE</p>	
<p>Corporate Vice President of Operations and Research Scripps Health and Scripps Proton Therapy Center</p>	
<p>Mr. Collins joined Scripps Health in November 2006 as the Chief Operations Executive for Scripps Memorial Hospital Encinitas, a 138-bed hospital, and later served as Chief Operations Executive for Scripps Green Hospital. In 2010, Mr. Collins assumed the role of Corporate Vice President of Operations, responsible for all system-wide support services for the organization's five hospitals and outpatient locations. He came to Scripps with more than 17 years of health care systems experience. Mr. Collins is a graduate of University of Southern California where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and a Master's of Science degree in Health Care Administration. Collins is a Fellow of the American College of Health Care Executives, a licensed Emergency Medical Technician, and currently pursuing his doctoral degree in interdisciplinary and organizational leadership.</p>	
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<p>Donald C. Fithian, MD</p>	
<p>Physician in Charge, Department of Orthopedic Surgery and Podiatry Kaiser Permanente</p>	
<p>Dr. Fithian has enjoyed a productive career spanning more than 25 years as a partner with Kaiser Permanente. With financial support from Kaiser Permanente and the Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation, he completed several award-winning studies on athletic knee injuries. He helped design and build the Kaiser Permanente Joint Replacement Registry, which is now the largest implant registry in the United States. Most recently, Dr. Fithian transitioned to "Partner Emeritus" status with Kaiser Permanente, allowing him to split his clinical practice between Kaiser Permanente and Torrey Pines Orthopaedic Medical Group in La Jolla. He has served as visiting professor to numerous residency programs in the US and overseas. Dr. Fithian is fluent in French and Spanish and travels yearly to South America or the Caribbean to provide orthopedic services to indigent patients.</p>	
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<p>Nicole Howard, MPH</p>	
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<p>Mrs. Howard is part of the Health Center Partners of Southern California family since 2007; she previously served as Director of Programs and Fund Development and has been managing public health programs since 1991. Prior to joining Health Center Partners of Southern California, Mrs. Howard held posts in academia, medical research and primary care administration. She has been on faculty at University of Phoenix, San Diego, and San Diego State University, and Program Manager at Rady Children's Hospital, San Diego. She holds a master's in public health from San Diego State University, with an emphasis in health promotion. Fluent in Spanish, she earned a bachelor's in history & Chicano studies from the University of California, San Diego, and studied at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México.</p>	
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<p>Leticia Ibarra, MPH</p>	
<p>Director of Programs, Clínicas de Salud del Pueblo, Inc.</p>	
<p>Mrs. Ibarra completed her academic training at Harvard University where she obtained her BA in Psychology (1995) and her MPH from University of California Los Angeles School of Public Health (1998). She has completed several peer-reviewed publications, received numerous service and academic honors, and has 14 years of professional experience in research, project management, working with clinics and consulting in areas related to Latino and immigrant communities using community-based, collaborative health communication and promotora interventions for improving the health and well-being of the community.</p>	
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<p>Nick Macchione, FACHE</p>	
<p>Director and Deputy Chief Administrative Officer San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency</p>	
<p>With 30 years' experience in the delivery, management and public policy of health and human services, Mr. Nick Macchione serves as San Diego County's Director of the Health and Human Services Agency. Under Macchione's leadership, the Agency has earned state and national recognition for its innovative, cost effective solutions in improving the health, safety and well-being for its one million clients. The Agency is one of the largest health and human services networks in the nation, supporting all of its 3.2 million residents residing in San Diego County. With a passionate focus on practical innovation for improving the quality of life of San Diegans, Mr. Macchione directs the delivery of health and social service safety net programs, including public health services; emergency medical services and disaster response; behavioral health services; Medicaid managed care and other safety net health insurance programs; nutrition assistance for the indigent; child welfare, adult protective services; family and community violence prevention, public housing and community development services, parenting and early childhood development programs, support services for active duty military, veterans and their families, as well as numerous other services. Mr. Macchione implements policy direction of an elected Board of Supervisors and also oversees the operations of the County's Psychiatric Hospital; Edgemoor Skilled Nursing Facility; Children's Emergency Shelter; and a residential high school academy for foster youth.</p>	
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<p>Christian B. Ramers, MD, MPH</p> <p>Assistant Medical Director of Research/Special Populations Family Health Centers of San Diego</p> <p>Dr. Christian Ramers serves as the Assistant Medical Director for Research & Special Populations at Family Health Centers of San Diego. He earned his medical degree from the University of California, San Diego in 2003 and completed his internship and residency at Duke University Medical Center in internal medicine/pediatrics. While attending medical school at UCSD he was honored with the “Dean of Students” award in 2001. He completed a fellowship specializing in adult infectious diseases at the University of Washington. He received a graduate degree in public health from the University of Washington School of Public Health and has worked with ministries of health in several African countries to develop HIV-related educational programs. Dr. Ramers is currently leading several clinical and educational programs supporting HIV and hepatitis C treatment. He is board-certified in internal medicine, infectious diseases and pediatrics, and is fluent in Spanish and Portuguese. Dr. Ramers has been part of Family Health Centers of San Diego since 2012.</p>	 <p>christianr@fhcsd.org</p> <p>823 Gateway Center Way San Diego, CA. 92102</p> <p>619-798-3649</p>
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<p>Dr. Tellez currently serves as Chief Medical Officer of North County Health Services headquartered in San Marcos, California. His professional experience encompasses medical practice, medical management and executive leadership experience within payer and provider owned commercial and Medicaid/Medicare health plans, private multispecialty medical group practice under both capitated and/or FFS environments and, most recently, medical leadership of a multi-center community health center practices. Dr. Tellez is a graduate of the University of Minnesota School of Medicine; is Board certified, American Board of Pediatrics and the American Board of Immunology & Allergy. He holds a Master's in Public Health from UCLA and Master of Science in Health Administration from University of Colorado Graduate School of Business. He is a member of the American Medical Association, California Medical Association and of the Board of Directors, San Diego County Medical Society.</p>		
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