

**Facilitator:**

**Mike Feeser, Incoming 2018-2019 HIMSS NCA President** - Michael (Mike) Feeser is Chief Executive Officer of ALLEANT Corporation, a Maryland-based SDVO Small Business, specializing in Health IT consulting for Ophthalmology and Optometry clinics. He is a Maryland-based Optometrist with over 15 years consulting on clinically-based IT projects. Prior to his retirement from the Navy in 2017, he served as the Director of Clinical/Business Informatics for the Defense Healthcare Management Systems Modernization, the organization responsible for acquiring, testing and deploying the Cerner/Dentrix Electronic Health Record to over 300 military hospitals and clinics worldwide. In this capacity, he was responsible for leading a team of clinicians and informaticists in the development of functional success criteria for the DOD testing community, and the development and execution of a six-week Operational Assessment utilizing 19 real-life end-to-end scenarios with 50+ functional users from around the world at a testing facility in Seattle, Washington. Dr. Feeser is a Fellow in the American Academy of Optometry, the American College of Healthcare Executives, a Certified Professional in HIMSS (CPHIMS), and is CHCIO-Eligible in the College of Healthcare Management Executives (CHIME). Professionally, he has served the Armed Forces Optometric Society as the Chair of the Licensure by Endorsement Committee, and has published articles on Licensure by Endorsement in the AFOS Quarterly Newsletter. He has lectured on macular degeneration and retina at numerous national continuing education conferences including SkiVision 2011 and SkiVision 2012, and the Armed Forces Optometric Society 2011 annual conference. He has published three clinical care articles in Primary Care Optometry News, a widely read monthly newspaper for U.S. Optometrists. Dr. Feeser served on the Navy Medicine Electronic Health Records Advisory Board, and as the Navy Regional CMIO for the National Capital Area from 2007-2012. Subsequently, he facilitated the development of software interfaces to seamlessly integrate complex exam data into the electronic health record, AHLTA. Total procurements for Navy Optometry under this program exceeded 20 million dollars. Man-hours saved by the modernization have been estimated in the thousands per year. A native of Pensacola, FL., Dr. Feeser earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Marketing from Florida State University, his Doctor of Optometry degree from the Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry, and completed his Master's Degree in Government Information Leadership from the National Defense University in 2015. Mike's LinkedIn profile: [click here](#)

**Speaker/Panelists:**

**Ann Kenny, MPH, BSN, RN, Patient, HIMSS NCA Board Member/Past President and Vice President, Telligen:** Ann Kenny, MPH, RN has been active at both the HIMSS NCA Chapter and National levels since 2005. Prior to being elected to President, Ms. Kenny served as the Vice President. She also held the positions of Secretary and Scholarship Chairman. Ms. Kenny is a senior healthcare executive with over 30 years of experience in the federal government/Department of Defense sector. She is a Veteran and retired military nurse with more than 21 years of service, holding key positions, including the Director of Strategic Planning for the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs, and the Executive Officer for the U.S Army Public Health Command. Ms. Kenny has a Bachelors' of Science in Nursing and Masters' in Public Health. She has also been an active member on the AFCEA Health IT Committee. Ms. Kenny currently works for Telligen as the Vice President, Business Development for Federal Health Solutions.

**Mariann Yeager, CEO, The Sequoia Project** - has more than 20 years of experience in the health information technology field. She currently serves as CEO for The Sequoia Project, a non-profit solely focused on advancing secure, interoperable nationwide health data sharing in the US. Under her leadership, the eHealth Exchange is not only the first but the largest public-private health data sharing network in the US, connecting more than 75% of all US hospitals, four federal agencies, and supporting 120 million patients including active duty, retired, and veteran service members and their families. Ms. Yeager also led the successful launch of Carequality, an interoperability trusted exchange framework, which is now interconnecting data sharing networks much like the telecommunications industry did for linking cell

phone networks. More than 600,000 physicians are enabled to share patient data across 35,000 clinics and 1,250 hospitals under the framework. Prior to her tenure at The Sequoia Project, she worked with the HHS Office of National Coordinator (ONC) for five years on nationwide health information network initiatives. She also led the launch and operation of the first ambulatory and inpatient EHR certification program in the US.

**Marc Wine, MHA, Adviser and Consultant** - Marc has served for more than 30 years within the federal government providing advisory guidance to federal health agencies. Included in his experience Marc established the VA-Federal Health IT Sharing Program; as well as served in Health IT and policy roles within the U.S. Department of Defense, Telemedicine and Advanced Technology Research Center (TATRC) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration. For a period of time Marc worked in the private sector, serving within PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), in the position of Director Washington Federal Practice, Health IT. Marc's focus was on developing business strategies and solutions for health IT and informatics. He led a group that won more than \$10 million of federal health IT projects. Marc served within Northrop Grumman Health Systems Management as Senior Adviser, Health IT. He provided leadership in the collaboration of the nation's initial mobile Health Applications, Blue Button for MyHealthVet, for the first time for Veterans to receive their personal health records on smart phones. Marc was appointed as a professor adjunct in Health Informatics, The George Washington University School of Public Health. He has published more than 50 articles on Health IT systems. He co-authored the benchmark book, "Medical Informatics 20/20: Quality and Electronic Health Records through Collaboration, Open Solutions and Innovation." Marc earned his Master Degree on Hospital Administration at George Washington University. Attended Harvard University, studying Health Policy and Finance. Marc delivered more than 200 public presentations on national health and reform on behalf of the White House in support of President Clinton's health care reform legislation initiatives.

**Jacob Aaronson, DO, MS, MMAS, COL, MC, USA, Defense Health Agency (DHA), Office of the Chief Health Informatics Officer, (OCHIO)**: COL Aaronson has over 28 years combined working for the Army. Dr. Aaronson completed his Family Medicine residency at University of Texas Southwestern University, the last year as chief resident, and board certification in 1999, and completed a M.S. in Health Sciences Informatics at the Johns Hopkins University College of Medicine in 2009. COL Aaronson has held several positions within the Army Medical Department and the Defense Health Agency (DHA), including Chief of Clinical Informatics, DeWitt Healthcare Network; Chief of: Health Informatics, Business Process Management, Knowledge Management, IM/IT Governance and Strategy, Office of the Army Surgeon General; and Chief Medical Information Officer for the Department of Defense Health Management System Modernization. Currently he works in the Office of the Chief Health Informatics Officer in the DHA. He is married to Hadassah, also a physician who is board certified in Adult and Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Hospice and Palliative Medicine.

**Shahid Shah, Co-Founder and Chairman, Citus Health**: Shahid is a cofounder, CTO, and Chairman of the Board of this emerging home care industry tech leader. He designed all the technology for Citus Health's patient-first and AI powered SaaS-based automated triage, secure messaging, e-signatures, and supplies management solution. Shahid runs some of the web's top Health IT thought leadership sites and is an award-winning Government 2.0, Health IT, Medical Device Integration software expert with over 28 years of technology strategy, software engineering, entrepreneurship, speaking, and writing experience.

**Dr. Wyatt Smith, CEO, ABLEVETS LLC**: Dr. Wyatt Smith is a board certified internist and pathologist with specialty boards in hematology and oncology. He has extensive experience in health information technology in the federal sector, physician adoption of healthcare technology, measuring healthcare quality, clinical trials, and personalized high-risk prevention. Before his selection as the Deputy CIO for the Military Health System (MHS), Dr. Smith was the Executive and Commanding Officer for the Navy's medical information technology command. There, he modernized privacy and security of the Navy's healthcare systems and implemented AHLTA, the military health system's electronic medical record, to Navy healthcare providers around the globe. He has served as the head of the Information Management Department at Health Affairs where he was responsible for the MHS information technology \$500 million annual budget and portfolio, served on the Presidential Task Force to Improve Health Care for Our Nation's Veterans, and founded

several DoD/VA sharing initiatives. Dr. Smith graduated from San Diego State University. He received his medical degree from Western University and trained at Oakland Naval Hospital and the Naval Medical Center in San Diego. While on staff at the medical center he founded and was head of the comprehensive Breast Cancer Center. He also served as associate professor at San Diego State University and steering committee member to the National Cancer Institute's patient and provider website. After his military career he provided oversight of many programs for both the Department of Veterans Affairs and Defense. Programs in the VA include the Mobile Application Environment (MAE), implementation of VA's National Mobile Device Management (MDM) system, patient scheduling applications, provider mobile applications and patient support mobile applications. Dr. Smith also implemented applications from the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED). Additional areas of responsibility have included strategic healthcare planning for the Department of State; consultative support for the Office of the National Coordinator for Meaningful Use and the HITECH Act; and implementation support for the Department of Defense's Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record (VLER). Dr. Smith is the owner and Chief Executive Officer of AbleVets LLC, a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small business.