

Board Leadership

BigBendHealth.com was originally organized by five stakeholders and has grown to the current fifteen. We have established a board of directors and appointed Dr. L. Dan Kaelin from Vascular Surgery Associates as chairman and our 2 hospital CEO's are serving as Co-Vice Chairs. The board member representatives are the decision makers for their organizations and can commit to our mission and initiatives.

Board Members

Capital Health Plan
www.chp.org

Southern Medical Group
www.southernmed.com

Capital Medical Society
www.capmed.org

Tallahassee Community College
www.tcc.fl.edu

Capital Regional Medical Center
www.tallahasseehospital.com

Tallahassee Ear Nose & Throat
www.tallyent.com

ElectroNet Broadband Communications
www.electronet.net

Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare
www.tmh.org

KWB Pathology Associates
www.kwbpathology.com

Tallahassee Orthopedic Clinic
www.tlhoc.com

North Florida Health Alliance

Tallahassee Primary Care Associates
www.tallahasseeprimarycare.com

Patients First
www.patientsfirst.com

Radiology Associates of Tallahassee
www.radassociates.com

Vascular Surgery Associates
www.vsaf.com

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What We Are

Mission: *Improve the safety, outcomes, privacy and efficiency of health care.*

BigBendHealth.com is a first-of-its-kind health resource that brings with it economic benefits, a connected workforce, improved medical care and a breakthrough in records management. "BigBendHealth.com will be the essential communication resource for health care in the Capital region," said Martin Shipman, CEO of Tallahassee Orthopedic Clinic and chair of the EDC Health care Roundtable. "Never before have so many resources been offered in one place." BigBendHealth.com initiatives involve every major component of our local health care system from physician's offices to HMOs to hospitals, laboratories and pharmacies. BigBendHealth.com will put Tallahassee ahead of the curve and on the map in the delivery of safer, more cost-effective health care. It will place our community at the head of the line for federal and state research dollars and make Tallahassee a model for other communities seeking to control the cost and improve the quality of local health care. BigBendHealth.com is anchored in Tallahassee, Florida and represents Leon and surrounding rural counties.

History

Over the course of the last several years BigBendHealth.com has focused on addressing the many needs of our regional health care community. Our predominant focus has been creating consensus, facilitating cooperation of stakeholders, and identifying solutions to migrate current paper-based information exchange into the electronic world that is commonplace for all other major industries. During this brief journey we have accomplished a tremendous number of the goals, tasks and objectives that were identified not so very long ago. Following is a list of a few key points in our history:

- **Jan 2005:** Originally founded by 5 visionaries as the Big Bend Regional Health care Information Organization or BBRHIO.
- **Nov 2005:** Established board of directors comprised of key health care stakeholders and filed Bylaws & Articles of Incorporation for 501.(c) (3) not for profit.
- **2005-2008:** Awarded 3 rounds of funding from the Agency for Health Care Administration FHIN Grants Program totaling \$810,375 plus stakeholders donated over \$1 million of in-kind products and services to develop a community Health Information Exchange (HIE).
- **Nov 2007:** Collaborated with the AHCA on grant applications to the Federal Communications Commissions (FCC); the awarded \$9.6 million FCC grant represents a two year project to construct a dedicated broadband network to connect nine rural hospitals around the Big Bend with gigabit fiber.
- **Jan 2008:** Opened the production HIE system to community health care providers.
- **Sep 2008:** Partner with the Tallahassee Economic Development Council to sponsor a health care jobs portal and jointly launch BigBendHealth.com.
- **2009:** Continued growth and expansion!

Services

Physicians Portal

A private website for credentialed health care providers to share patient records electronically and communicate securely.

My Records Portal

A low cost Personal Health Record (PHR) for residents in the Big Bend that allows users to securely organize their basic medical history online for access by their physician and safe storage in the event of a natural disaster.

Careers Portal

A health care specific job site with openings for the area's health care industry, plus details about each occupation and available local training to become employable.

Future Portals

Check our website to learn about new initiatives and exciting resources that BigBendHealth.com is developing!

BigBendHealth.com is expected to become the single point of reference for health care in the capital region and a model for other sites throughout Florida. Coming together for the good of the community, project stakeholders have aimed to provide a service that will build careers and economic development while improving access to health records and information for all residents.

