



NJ HIMSS 2018 Winter Event: "CIO Panel Discussion and Fund Raiser"

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Forsgate Country Club, Monroe Township, NJ

The NJ HIMSS Chapter proudly held our 2018 Winter Event at the Forsgate Country Club in Monroe Township, New Jersey. This year's event featured a panel of some of New Jersey's leading hospital and health system chief information officers, moderated by the former Barnabas Health chief information officer; Luis Taveras. Our panel included Tom Pacek, CIO, Inspira Health Network, Tom Gordon, CIO, Virtua Health System, Linda Reed, CIO, St. Joseph's Health and David Reis, CIO, Hackensack Meridian *Health*. Taveras lead a spirited and insightful conversation with the panel members and the audience, which also included a number of other state healthcare information technology leaders, including Judy Comitto, CIO Trinitas Regional Medical Center and John Ulett, CIO, CentraState Healthcare System. Traveras' discussion topics included innovation, cybersecurity, patient engagement, EHR provider adoption and other new emerging technologies categorized as "bright and shiny objects". In addition to providing insightful panel and audience dialogue, networking during the cocktail hour and a dinner, the evening was dedicated to support the 2017 hurricane victims relief efforts in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico. The event's proceeds and donations collected from the silent auction and other fund-raising activities will be donated to qualified hurricane relief organizations focused on rebuilding and healthcare related support efforts. The NJ HIMSS membership fully understands that based on our Hurricane Sandy experience, we need to do everything possible to ensure a full recovery, which can take years. We urge our membership to continue donating and supporting all the 2017 hurricane restoration efforts.