

AI & Healthcare Data

Benefits & Concerns for States

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Scott Gausland

Chief Data & Analytics Officer, Rhode Island DoA



Scott Gausland leads the newly formed Data, Analytics and Artificial Intelligence Center of Excellence (DAAI CoE) within the Enterprise Technology Strategy & Services (ETSS) Division of the Department of Administration. The DAAI CoE will serve Rhode Island state agencies as the innovation hub for data, analytic and AI projects by providing strategic direction, policy formation, and technology recommendation. The DAAI CoE will also manage the development of the Integrated Data System that will connect and make available data from different state agencies to better inform policy and improve efficiencies. Scott is also charged with developing a statewide data governance program which will create standards for state agencies on classifying and sharing data.

Scott joined state service in 2004 at the Rhode Island Department of Education. He created the K12 student ID system and went on to develop several data collection platforms. Scott designed and developed a comprehensive data warehouse system, single sign-on portal and procured and installed several server farms as their Sr. Database Administrator before being promoted to CIO in 2019. Previously Scott held positions as a software engineer at American Power Conversion and as a technical sales rep at IBM.

Scott graduated Magna Cum Laude from Bryant University in 1993 with a BS in Marketing and went on to earn his MBA at Bryant in Computer Information Systems in 2001.

Dr. Jon Duke

Director of Health Analytics and Informatics, Georgia Tech

Dr. Jon Duke is Director of the Center for Health Analytics and Informatics at the Georgia Tech Research Institute and Principal Research Scientist in the Georgia Tech College of Computing. Dr. Duke has led over \$45 million in funded research for industry, government, and foundation partners. His research focuses on artificial intelligence and interoperability tools for analyzing complex health data, with applications spanning clinical care, research, safety, cost transparency, and public health. Dr. Duke was a founding member of the OHDSI consortium, an open-source health analytics collaborative now in over 80 countries.

Dr. Duke graduated from Harvard Medical School and completed his internal medicine residency at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. He completed fellowship training in Medical Informatics and holds a master's degree in Human-Computer Interaction from Indiana University. In addition to over 50 peer-reviewed publications, Dr. Duke's work has been featured in the lay media ranging from the New York Times to Consumer Reports.



Daniel Hallenbeck

Vice President of Strategy and Strategic Partnerships, Acentra Health



Daniel Hallenbeck is the former Chief Technology Officer for New York State Medicaid, where he oversaw the design and execution of one of the country's most forward-leaning Medicaid enterprise system modernizations. Today, he serves as Vice President of Strategy and Strategic Partnerships at Acentra Health.

In this role, Daniel helps shape the company's long-term strategic direction, working across teams to align offerings with emerging Medicaid priorities. His responsibilities include supporting growth initiatives, identifying adjacent market opportunities, and contributing to corporate development efforts—including evaluation of potential acquisitions and strategic partnerships. Daniel also collaborates with clinical and technology leaders to enhance Acentra's positioning across Medicaid IT, analytics, and care enablement.

He is a founding member of the Safe AI in Medicaid Alliance (SAMA), a national effort to promote responsible and transparent use of AI in public-sector healthcare.

Resources

Innovate US

Artificial Intelligence for the Public Sector

<https://innovate-us.org/workshop-series/artificial-intelligence-for-the-public-sector>

SAMA

Safe AI in Medicaid Alliance

<https://github.com/Safe-AI-in-Medicaid-Alliance/info>

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