

MODERATOR: TONYA JONES

Director of Learning & Development, VCU Health



Tonya Jones currently serves as the Director of Learning and Development at VCU Health, with a rich professional background exceeding 25 years in Learning and Development, coupled with a notable career as an international teacher and speaker. Her expertise encompasses a diverse array of audiences from healthcare, nonprofit organizations to state and federal government settings.

Previously, as the Director of Patient Relations at Sentara Health, Tonya managed several critical aspects of hospital operations, including Patient Experience, Guest Services, Patient Advocacy, Spiritual Care, and Decedent Affairs.

Prior to her role as Operational Director, Tonya held the position of Manager of Learning and Development at Sentara Health. During this tenure, she spearheaded the development and delivery of comprehensive learning programs tailored for leaders and emerging leaders across the organization. Noteworthy is her contribution to the establishment of the Sentara Leadership Institute, guiding the graduation of over 5,000 leaders under her stewardship.

Tonya's academic credentials include a Graduate Degree in Organizational Counseling and an Undergraduate Degree in Early Childhood Education. Currently, she is pursuing her Doctorate in Strategic Leadership at Liberty University.

Her mission statement pretty much sums up the focus and purpose of her life's work "I want people to be better both professionally and personally as a result of meeting me".

PANELISTS

RICHARD D. BOTTONE, LNHA

Vice President of Administrative Services, Pinnacle Senior Living



Richard D. Bottone serves as the Vice President of Administrative Services and has been with Pinnacle Senior Living since June 1995. Mr. Bottone holds master's degree in human resource management and a B.S. in Business Administration. Bottone is a licensed nursing home administrator and an aging services surveyor for the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). During his tenure with Pinnacle Living Bottone has served as an Executive Director, the VP of Construction and Development and the VP of Mission Implementation.

CHRIS BRANIN, MBA, FHFMA, FACHE

Director of Budget, UVA Health



Chris Branin is a corporate finance leader currently serving as Director of Budgets at UVA Health. In this role, he leads capital and operating budget processes (\$2.7B NPSR), as well as long range financial planning, for UVA Health University Medical Center.

Branin formerly served as Regional Operations Director for DaVita, Inc., a Fortune 200 company setting worldwide standards for clinical, social, and operational practices in kidney care. In this role, Branin led DaVita's multimodal clinical operations across central and western Virginia -

\$42M P&L, 15 clinics, and 200 FTEs.

Prior to joining the healthcare industry, Branin was a finance and operations leader in the media industry, serving at both The Washington Post and Philadelphia Inquirer.

Branin earned his bachelor's degree from the Robert H. Smith School of Business at University of Maryland and holds an MBA degree from the Darden Graduate School of Business at University of Virginia. He is a Fellow of both the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE), and the Healthcare Financial Management Association (FHFMA), for which he currently serves as President of the Virginia-DC Chapter. Branin is an active board member and advisor for a variety of professional associations and community-based NPOs. He lives in Charlottesville, VA, with his son.

AARON DISE

Director of Enterprise Resource Planning Systems, VCU Health



24 years of IT experience focusing primarily on ERP for the last 22 years. 16 years as a consultant and people leader who has seen more 30 companies and the culture they provide.