

Professional Biography

Christopher Kunney, CPHIT, ESMOT

As an experienced Health IT executive and strategist, Christopher Kunney has held various positions within the Healthcare business vertical. Most recently, Christopher served as Director of Emerging Healthcare Technology for AT&T. As Director, Christopher provides guidance and direction on the overall strategy and applications specific to AT&T emerging healthcare technology offerings. He was also called upon as a healthcare technology expert to develop an industry viewpoint on AT&T offerings and represent those viewpoints and offerings to clients, partners and associations across the healthcare ecosystem.

Christopher's expertise include:

- Providing healthcare technology expertise to product, sales and marketing management teams to ensure the successful positioning of industry solutions and go to market tactics.
- Developing market-driven information for product strategy and development direction using industry expertise and direct interaction with customers, prospects, analysts, and other external resources.
- Establishing and maintaining relationships with partners, key consultancies and system integrators to establish focused and effective strategic teaming arrangements.
- Represent his clients to healthcare technology societies and advocacy groups and HIT advisory boards.
- Communicating Healthcare strategy to senior leader and peers in the market.
- Providing subject matter expertise in health information technology product and services area.
- Advising and assisting in developing and maintaining processes that govern technology pilots.
- Directing strategic issues, investment decisions, and actions regarding key regulatory demands and requirements.
- Creating risk and compliance assessment documents and white papers related to product launches and post launch positioning.
- Identifying and assessing competitor advances in the market and develop required strategic responses.

Christopher also serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for HealthNovation (www.healthnovation.com). His responsibilities included planning , directing consulting services, developing long-term strategies and resource requirements across the client and partner services. Prior to joining HealthNovation he served as Vice President and Chief Information Officer for Piedmont Healthcare located in Atlanta, Georgia. As CIO, Christopher's duties included planning and execution of an information technology vision, goals and initiatives that supported the long term objectives, mission and vision of Piedmont Healthcare. He also collaborated with executive leadership and managing a team of professionals who were accountable for the delivery of all information technology services in the healthcare system

Christopher is a 1987 graduate of Fort Valley State University, earning a bachelor of science in computer science/mathematics. He also earned his executive master of science in management of technology from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1998. In addition to his formal education, he's received various certifications in the areas of healthcare information technology (CPHIT), customer relationship management (CRM), technical management, total quality control, project management, and other various I.T. related fields of study.

Christopher's experience in information technology spans multiple industries, having spent a significant part of his career with companies such as Piedmont Healthcare, DeVry Institute, Hewlett-Packard, Verso Technologies and as a consultant for Worldsites Network International. During his career, Christopher has also served in various senior-level I.T. management positions focusing on application development, e-commerce consulting, network and data center operations, technical engineering, technical support ,quality, project management and business development. A former adjunct professor for DeVry University

School of Arts and Sciences, Christopher taught various subjects, including strategic thinking and problem solving, Advance MS Windows Applications, Database design and architecture, etc. He's also served as a faculty member for the Scottsdale Institute.

An active participant in his community, Christopher serves as an industry advisor for DeVry's University's Industry Advisory Roundtable and ITT Technical Institute's Program Advisory Committee. He also sits on the Executive Board of Directors the Men's Health and Wellness Center and Ivy Preparatory Academy. Christopher also co-chairs the GA HIMSS Annual Golf Tournament, Ben Carson Foundation (Atlanta Chapter Scholar Fund) and an active participant in the Chauncey Davis Foundation.

He currently leads the Technology Committee for National Association of Healthcare Service Executives – Atlanta Chapter. Christopher has also served as director of the Information Technology Committee and a local chapter award winner for the Atlanta Chapter of the National Black MBA Association. He's an alumni in good standing with the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME); active member of Georgia Association of Healthcare Executive (GAHE) and American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) and serves as Technology Chairman for National Association of Healthcare Service Executives (NAHSE)

Previous roles include: technology chairman for the World Conference of Mayors Corporate Roundtable; featured presenter at the Black Business Professionals and Entrepreneur's, Sage Healthcare Summit, ELFA Healthcare Financing Summit and Tenacious Women's Conferences. He's also participated in the DeKalb County Middle School Career Day.

Some of Christopher's most recent accolades include 2009 recipient of the Seaborn Lee Middle School Trailblazer Award, recipient of Minority Scholarship Award from the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME). Along with this award he also was selected to participate in the CHIME's CIO Boot Camp for high achieving business leaders. Christopher was also selected to deliver the commencement address for a recent graduating class at ITT Institute in Atlanta, GA.

Christopher has appeared in various publications including The Atlanta Business Chronicle, Modern Healthcare, 2006 thru 2010 editions of *Who's Who in Business and Industry*, *Who's Who in Black Atlanta* and was featured in a spring 2006 article on "Minorities in Healthcare" published by the Atlanta Hospital News. He's also been featured in Black Enterprise Magazine's executives "On The Move" section. He appeared as a featured presenter for various healthcare industry conferences and forums.