

David M. Zechman, FACHE

CORE Advisor



Career Summary

David Zechman is a seasoned healthcare executive with over 35 years of healthcare experience, including 20 years of executive management and CEO tenure. This experience includes three large integrated healthcare systems comprised of tertiary teaching hospitals, community hospitals, urban, and rural hospitals.

Healthcare Consulting

Corazon, Inc.

2020 - Present

CORE Advisor

Provides consultation to hospitals and health systems across the country for the full continuum of care delivery development and strategy. Provides expertise on operational and financial management turnaround for hospitals, along with strategic service line development and management tactics. Interacts with leadership and staff at client sites on a peer-to-peer basis. Participates in site visits to present to Boards, hospital leadership, and/or internal and external stakeholders on the clinical, operational, and financial aspects of best practice services.

Healthcare Experience

Founder, Keynote Speaker

The Zechman Group, Fort Myers, FL

January 2019 - Present

Hospital President & CEO

McLaren Health Care, Petoskey, MI

November 2013 - December 2018

President & CEO

Ozarks Medical Center, West Plains, MO

June 2008 - October 2013

- Provided senior leadership for a health care system that serves 11 counties in south central Missouri and northern Arkansas. The system included an acute care hospital and 19 clinics, of which 9 are designated Rural Health Clinics, 4 satellite outpatient clinic departments of the hospital, and a full service home care and hospice agency.
- Successfully recruited 57 new physicians over the past three years, resulting in an approximate 7% growth in market share over the same time period.
- Reported to a 15-person community board, which included 5 physicians.
- Led successful completion of a 3-year strategic plan, a 12-year master facility plan, and total refinancing of hospital bond debt to a significantly lower interest rate.

Chief Executive Officer

Glades General Hospital, Belle Glade, FL

April 2007 - May 2008

- Provided leadership to a 73-bed acute care facility that provided community based medical/surgical, critical care, obstetrics, general surgery, and emergency room and outpatient services.
- Reported to a 9-member community board and was responsible for strategic growth, physician recruitment, operations management.
- Involved in planning for a new hospital that successfully opened in late 2009.

President, Jewish Hospital Healthcare Network & Senior Vice President

Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's Healthcare, Louisville, KY

2005 - 2007

- Responsible for the strategic and operational oversight of the regional network in Kentucky and southern Indiana.
- Managed the cardiovascular program, which provided open heart surgery and interventional cardiology at Owensboro Medical Health System in Owensboro, Kentucky.
- Responsible for building physician relationships throughout the region and network business growth.
- Served as a Senior Vice President for the Jewish Hospital and & St Mary's Healthcare System, which included active membership on the system senior management team.

Chief Executive Officer, Jewish Hospital Heart & Lung Institute**January 2002 - October 2005**

Jewish Hospital Healthcare Services, Louisville, KY

- Reported to the President of Jewish Hospital and was responsible for the full spectrum of cardiovascular, pulmonary, and lung cancer services.
- Coordinated planning, marketing, and operations.
- Worked closely with the University of Louisville School of Medicine and Department of Surgery in the implementation and management of numerous cardiology and cardiac surgery clinical trials at the Heart and Lung Institute.
- Negotiated and provided financial oversight for the clinical research agreement with Abiomed for the first totally implantable heart device clinical trial in the United States.
- In collaboration with the Jewish Hospital Heart and Lung Institute cardiac surgeons, successfully developed and implemented a cardiac services management agreement at Owensboro Medical Health system in Owensboro Kentucky.

Vice President, Cardiovascular Services**October 1992 - December 2001**

Saint Luke's Shawnee Mission Health System, Kansas City, MO

- Reported to the System CEO and Service Line Executive Medical Director
- Responsible for the administrative operations/planning for the following services: Non-invasive Cardiology, Invasive Cardiology, Cardiac Surgery, Anesthesia, Cardiac Transplant, Heart Institute Inpatient Nursing (202 beds), Stroke Center, and the Diabetes Center.
- Responsible for Health Enhancement services, such as Cardiac Rehabilitation, and Community/Corporate/Employee Wellness Programs.
- Coordinated the planning and implementation of the Women's Cardiac Center, and the Congestive Heart Failure Clinic.
- Responsible for development of cardiac product line for Saint Luke's-Shawnee Mission Health System (8 hospitals) that included planning, marketing, and operations.

Administrative Director, Cardiovascular Services**April 1991 - October 1992**

St. Vincent Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA

- Oversaw operations management for the following services: Electrocardiogram, Echocardiography, Cardiac Catheterization, Stress Labs, Cardiac Rehabilitation, Cardiac Perfusion, Electrophysiology, and EEG Lab.
- Coordinated cardiovascular cost effectiveness and operations improvement project, which yielded net annual savings of approximately \$1,000,000.
- Developed and implemented a clinical outcomes database.
- Served on the Advisory Board of the Northwest Ohio Heart Center.

Manager, Division of Cardiology**April 1985 - April 1991**

MetroHealth Medical Center, Cleveland, OH

Acting Administrator, Department of Medicine

May 1989 - September 1989

Management Specialist, Dermatology, Renal Hemodialysis

March 1987 - March 1989

Staff Development Instructor

August 1986 - March 1987

Supervisor/Clinical Instructor, Respiratory Therapy

April 1985 - August 1986

Education & Training

Bachelor of Science, Education
Miami University
Oxford, OH

Masters of Public Administration, Health/Health Care Administration/Management
Cleveland State University
Cleveland, OH

Accelerated Respiratory Therapy Program
Northwestern University
Evanston, IL