Position Profile

Chief Information Officer
Blanchard Valley Health System, a non-profit, integrated health system with historical roots, exists to serve their community in Northwest Ohio.

Dating back 125 years, Blanchard Valley Health System (BVHS) has grown from a single hospital to a comprehensive health system offering a full continuum of care. What hasn’t changed is their reason for being in the community. In 1891, the hospital was formed to provide a vital service to Findlay area residents – doctors and nurses were caring for their friends and neighbors. That is still true today. The health system has grown, advanced and improved, but still exists to serve the healthcare needs of the community through quality services from caring, skilled individuals.

Strong Community Ties

Based in Findlay, a unique micropolitan community in Northwest Ohio, BVHS is governed by a community board of trustees, representing large and small business, education, law, medicine and finance; BVHS oversees all operations.

As one of the largest employers in the area with more than 3,000 associates BVHS serves an eight-county area that includes Hancock, Allen, Putnam, Henry, Wood, Seneca, Wyandot and Hardin counties. In addition, a dedicated group of more than 400 volunteers support BVHS through their contributions of both time and money.

Key Network Indicators

- 3,000 associates
- 175 total licensed beds
- 7,713 admissions
- 1,504 births

Source: BVHS 2014 Annual Report
Working to Make a Difference

Blanchard Valley Health System offers its employees rewarding careers that positively impact the lives of those in the community. BVHS values such things as, integrity, compassion, skill, collaboration, innovation, and humor. Their employees fill more than just a role, but rather are partners in helping to grow the organization and further their mission of “Caring for a lifetime.”

Recognition

- **Birchaven Village**, a division of Blanchard Valley Health System (BVHS), has been named, for the fourth time, to the list of Best Nursing Homes 2018-19 by U.S. News & World Report.
- **Blanchard Valley Hospital** achieved straight “A’s” for the ninth consecutive time since October 2014 in The Leapfrog Group’s Fall 2018 Hospital Safety Grade.
- **Blanchard Valley Hospital** named in Top “100 Great Community Hospitals” for 2018.
- **Blanchard Valley Hospital** named a Watson Health Top 100 Hospital six times, including 2018.

Learn more about Blanchard Valley Health System [here](#)
Hospitals

BVHS is comprised of two hospitals: Blanchard Valley Hospital and Bluffton Hospital.

Blanchard Valley Medical Practices

Blanchard Valley Medical Practices is a group of primary and specialty care physicians and providers owned by BVHS that includes a wide range of primary and specialty care physicians, from family practice to cardiology and neurosurgery.

Cancer Screening and Prevention

The Armes Family Cancer Care Center provides a full spectrum of cancer care services within a centralized community campus for expert cancer care that offer integrated programs and facilities.

Home Health Services & Hospice

Bridge Home Health is one of the top 25% of home care providers in the US, according to HomeCare Elite and offers comprehensive health services including:

- Skilled nursing care
- Physical, occupational and speech therapies
- Medical social services
- Nurse’s aide assistance

Senior Living

Birchaven Village is a retirement community with all of the perks of small town living without the work. The award-winning facility includes a bank, beauty salon, chapel, restaurant and more.

Independence House is a unique nursing care facility that offers non-traditional programs such as aquatic therapy, a Farm to Table program, Music in Memory and OMA (Opening Minds through Art).
Cardiology

The Jane & Gary Heminger HeartCare Center, part of Blanchard Valley Health System, offers cardiac care services including prevention and rehabilitation, testing, and procedures such as cardiac catheterization, stenting, angioplasty and open heart surgery.

Orthopedics

Blanchard Valley Orthopedics & Sports Medicine specializes in the treatment of sports injuries, arthroscopic surgery, and minimally-invasive open surgery including total joint replacements, degenerative joint disease care, carpal tunnel surgery, fracture care, and concussion management.

Medical Equipment

Northwest Ohio Medical Equipment (NOME) is a full service home medical store that offers a wide variety of products and services to assist patients in their recovery process. NOME provides home delivery, setup and personalized instruction for use of all equipment.

Ambulance Services

Hanco EMS has been serving Findlay and Hancock County for more than 40 years and provides professional and expedient ambulance services and pre-hospital emergency medical care.

Sleep Wellness

The Daniel J. and Maria H. Sak Sleep Wellness Center is a full service diagnostic and treatment facility for sleep disorders.

View the full list of BVHS services here.
Overview

Reporting to the CEO, the CIO of Blanchard Valley Health System is a key member of the senior executive team. With incredibly strong community support, the organization plays a vital role in the Findlay area. BVHS has implemented Cerner EHR and PeopleSoft ERP and is ready to move forward with technology as a key part of their health system strategy.

This broad, senior level executive role has multiple facets:

- Serves as a member of the Executive Steering Committee. In that role, you will function as a senior decision maker, where decision making is frequently outside your area of primary expertise. In addition, the CIO will be actively involved in community activities.
- Serves as the senior IT professional and is the key senior contact with key vendors to ensure they meet their commitments.
- Serves as Chief IT strategist and ensures a cogent implementable plan to prepare for future IT needs.
- Ensures a robust, well communicated, and well implemented educational plan and program for end users.
- Serves as IT futurist.
- Leadership of a dedicated and tight knit group of IT professionals.

BVHS is an active and integral part of the local community. Cultural fit is paramount and living in the community is required. BVHS measures itself against the very best top-performing health care organizations. This is the core to who they are as an organization and the level of care they strive to deliver. A high benchmark goal every year is to win the national Baldrige Award, which is America’s national quality award.

BVHS is committed to performance levels that are among the best in the U.S, with goals of zero patient harm and zero OSHA reportable associate injuries. They seek top decile performance that is superior to benchmarks among these key metrics:

- Clinical quality
- Service
- Safety
Key Responsibilities:

- Responsible for technology and increasing the ROI from their Cerner implementation
- Mentor and grow the IT team, currently consisting of approximately 35 individuals
- Increase communication within the organization and improve customer service
- Embrace and deliver on the philosophy that technology can be an organizational enabler
- Be the face and voice of IT and engage and interact at all levels within the organization
- Build relationships both within and outside of BVHS
- Understand the pulse of new and cutting edge technology and how such technology will fit with the vision, strategic plan and financial goals of the organization
- Improve physician communication and involvement

Qualifications:

- Bachelor’s Degree; Master’s Degree preferred
- Leadership experience in a complex healthcare environment
- Ten or more years of experience in management and support of healthcare IT
- Varied IT experience including shared and outsourced solutions
- Experience on an executive leadership team strongly preferred
- Experience with practice management, financial management and clinical management information systems a plus
- Cerner experience a plus
Findlay, Ohio

“Best Hometown in Northwest Ohio”
- Ohio Magazine

Nestled on the banks of the Blanchard River, Findlay is small town living at its best, named by Ohio Magazine as one of their Best Hometowns of 2018-2019. Findlay is part of the Findlay-Hancock County region that is made up of 11 villages, all dating back 200 years.

The sense of community is strong in Findlay with family gatherings in city parks. Downtown Findlay is vibrant with many neighborhood shops and restaurants, as well as arts and entertainment venues. For outdoor enthusiasts, Findlay offers numerous parks, bike trails, and playgrounds.
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*Index versus U.S. average value of 100
Cost of Living Data Source: Sperling’s Best Places
6 colleges & universities
21 public parks
300 acres of parkland
15 minutes average commute
43 miles from Toledo
~41K population
Community Recognition

“Top Micropolitan Community in the U.S. for New and Expanding Facilities”
Site Selection Magazine

“Dream Town”
BizJournals

“100 Best Communities for Young People”
America’s Promise Alliance

“Best Hometown in Northwest Ohio”
Ohio Magazine

“Best Small City in Northwest Ohio”
WalletHub

“Top 10 Best Places to Live in Ohio” - Movoto Real Estate

“No. 2 in U.S. for Dining” - Nielson’s Restaurant Growth Index

Top 10 Ice Cream Parlors in U.S. (Dietsch’s)"
TripAdvisor
Procedure for Candidacy

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