

# Ruth E. Blackwell

## Professional experience

2006 JPS Health Network – Fort Worth, TX

### **Executive Director, Quality and Risk Management**

Responsible for organizational performance improvement and risk management for integrated health network, including physician quality improvement programs, coordination of quality improvement teams and oversight of licensing and accrediting agency regulatory functions. Accountable for aggregating, analyzing and presenting overall improvement measures to the various committees, including the Board of Managers. Responsible for JCAHO ORYX reporting and for external reports for THCIC, Dallas/Fort Worth Health Value Initiative and other benchmarking projects. Direct and Supervise the Patient Safety and Facility Safety Programs. Direct and Supervise the Occupational Health Program.

2004-2006 Las Colinas Medical Center – Irving, Texas

### **Director – Quality / Risk Management and Infection Control**

Responsible for medical staff peer review and hospital-wide quality management, to include quality monitoring, process redesign and performance improvement projects. Survey Coordinator for all regulatory survey activities. Direct and supervise Risk Management and Infection Control activities for the organization. Designated the Patient Safety Officer for Las Colinas Medical Center. Responsible for JCAHO Core Measures reporting to include chart abstraction, inter-rater validation, and use of the results to make improvements in outcomes.

1999 – 2004 Osteopathic Medical Center of Texas Fort Worth, Texas

### **Vice President – Quality Management**

Responsible for all aspects of corporate-wide quality management, to include quality monitoring, process redesign, and performance improvement projects. Direct report to the Executive Team. Survey Coordinator of all corporate JCAHO and AOA survey activities. Responsible for clinical risk management activities to include incident report management, sentinel event analyses, and responses to quality inquiries from regulatory and managed care organizations. Responsible for aggregating, analyzing and presenting overall improvement measures to the various committees, including the Board of Directors. Coordinator of the patient safety program, along with disaster preparedness. Coordinator for the customer satisfaction measurement system. Responsible for JCAHO ORYX reporting and for external reports for THCIC, Dallas/Fort Worth Health Value Initiative and other benchmarking projects. Responsibilities also include oversight of Infection Control activities and the Sterile Processing Department.

1994 – 1999 Osteopathic Medical Center of Texas Fort Worth, Texas

### **Assistant Vice President – Quality Management**

Responsible for all aspects of hospital-wide quality management. Direct report to the Senior Vice President – Patient Care Services. Collaborated with Risk Management to include maintenance of incident report system, and responses to quality inquiries from regulatory and managed care organizations. Supervision of the patient satisfaction measurement system.

1991 – 1994 Osteopathic Medical Center of Texas Fort Worth, Texas

### **Director – Nursing Informatics**

Responsible for selection, implementation, maintenance and development of all systems used in the Patient Care Services division to include: the Meditech Clinical Information System, ANSOS staffing and scheduling system, GRASP workload measurement system, and Emergisoft (ED system). Developed the budget for the division of Patient Care Services (approx. 750 employees) to include working with

Nurse Managers in setting staffing plans and doing variance reports.

1990-1991 Osteopathic Medical Center of Texas Fort Worth, Texas

**Nurse Manager – ICU/CCU**

24-hour accountability for the operation of the nine bed ICU and the eight bed CCU. Management and utilization of 70 FTEs and a salary budget over \$2.3 million.

1989 – 1990 Osteopathic Medical Center of Texas Ft. Worth, Texas

**Nurse Manager – 4 Tower**

24-hour accountability of this 30 bed Med./Surg. Floor. Management of 40 FTEs.

1989 Favorite Nurses, Inc. Irving, Texas

**Branch Director**

Hired to reorganize and build the Dallas Branch office. Promoted the service to area healthcare facilities and to potential customers and employees. Responsible for the administration of the operations budget, performance of market surveys and competitive analyses, scheduling employees to meet customers' needs and maximize efficiency.

1986 – 1989 Osteopathic Medical Center of Texas Ft. Worth, Texas

**Critical Care Coordinator**

12 hour responsibility for the supervision of both ICU and CCU units. Supervised approximately 12 staff members.

**Licenses,  
Professional  
Memberships &  
Certifications**

- Registered Nurse, The State of Texas
- CPHQ (Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality) Certificate
- National Association of Healthcare Quality
- American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE)
- Association of Professionals in Infection Control & Epidemiology (APIC)

**Education**

Baylor University Waco, Texas

**Bachelor of Science in Nursing**

University of Texas at Dallas Dallas, Texas

**Master of Business Administration**

Concentration in Finance and Behavioral Management