

Lee Barron, Southern Inyo Healthcare District

I am currently in my fourth year of my position with Southern Inyo Healthcare District (SIHD) as their CEO and CFO. SIHD is located in a frontier area of CA along the eastern sierra in Lone Pine at the base of Mt Whitney. This area offers many challenges not only geographically but economically too, as much of our economic base is fully dependent on traffic along HWY 395 and the tourism trade. Over the past four years SIHD has gone from a bankrupt district to an economically viable entity, we have expanded our service capability, invested in new and updated technology, and are strategically planning our future. Current activities include expansion of our telehealth network, opening our geriatric assessment psychiatric in-patient/out-patient program, and incorporating our pain management/wellness program with an expansion of our rural health clinic.

My college educational journey began over 25 years ago when I received my AA degree from Pasadena City College. I came back to school several years ago and received my bachelor's degree in business management from the University of Phoenix and then my MBA two years later. I am currently in my 4th year as a Clinical Psychology Doctoral student with Walden University. My career life in-between has been diverse covering several different industries but has remained focused in management now for well over 32 years, concentrating in the healthcare field for 10 years.

On a personal note I have been married to my husband for over 27 years now. We have embraced our rural lifestyle through our enjoyment of fly fishing, hiking, riding our quads, and long walks with our jack russell terrorst Jake. We became proud Grandparents in October of 2007 with the birth of our first grandchild, a girl Kylee Lynne, who is definitely my greatest accomplishment!