

HIMSS South Dakota

Nick Pullman is a recognized as a forward thinking member of the South Dakota Health Information Management landscape. He is a relatively new member to the organization and I asked Nick about what he expects from HIMSS.

1. Tell us about yourself?

My name is Nick Pullman and I am a Director of Information Security with Sanford Health. I have been with Sanford Health for about 2.5 years on their Information Security Team managing security operations, security engineering, and IT risk management. I was previously with Citibank in their Information Security department for 14 years handling all kinds of fun and interesting information security things including software development, identity management, and information protection. In my personal life I have a wife and daughter who consume much of my time as I really enjoy spending my time curled up with them watching a movie or during the summer, sitting on my boat at the lake just relaxing.

2. Why did you join HIMSS?

I was actually asked to speak at one of the previous meetings on the topic of Information Security in Healthcare and when I looked further into HIMSS and the community that has been built around it, it's something I really wanted to join and be a part of. When I think of information security, I always say it's a team game and the more we can help each other out and build a strong community around security awareness and best practices in healthcare, the more protected we all are. Unfortunately I didn't get a chance to present yet due to COVID but I am looking forward to getting to meet more of the members and community when we get through this pandemic.

3. Where do you earn the most value from HIMSS?

I haven't had a chance to really meet a large number of the community, but I am excited when that time comes and I think that's the most valuable part of HIMSS. As I haven't had a chance to meet many people yet, the online Learning Center has some really great information and resources out there to educate yourself on information security topics and I would highly recommend that to the membership. Information security is really everyone's responsibility and there's some great resources from HIMSS on the topic. You can filter down on information security from the himslearn.org website.

4. What could HIMSS and specifically HIMSS South Dakota do to better engage members like yourself?

It's been trying times this year and with everything that has been going on with the pandemic I think HIMSS South Dakota has done an excellent job and made really great decisions with how to operate in this trying time. There's light at the end of the tunnel so hang in there everybody as it will get better soon!!!

5. Where do you see yourself in five years?

I hope to still be here at Sanford helping keep our employees and patients data safe as Sanford has been a great organization to work for and I have been proud to work here during this pandemic and seeing our organization respond so well. We have seen some really bad guys trying to take advantage of the pandemic and the chaos it has caused with attempts to steal information. Sanford along with many healthcare organizations have come together and helped each other out to keep us all safe. I am proud of that and I really hope to continue being a part of that for a long time to come.....at least until I can retire and just hang out on the boat full time, but that's unfortunately a long ways off yet for me.

For all of the frontline caregivers out there thank you for everything that you do. We are here supporting you!!!