



### **Bridgette Stasher, Booker, Ph.D., RHIA, CHTS-IM**

Bridgette Stasher-Booker, Ph.D. RHIA, CHTS-IM, a native of Mississippi, and currently serves as Associate Professor and Chair of Alabama State University's Health Information Management Program.

She is a graduate of Mississippi College, with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Political Science. She received her Master's degree from Jackson State University in History and has a Doctoral degree in Public Policy and Administration with an emphasis in Policy Analysis also from Jackson State University. In 2016, Booker received the College of Health Science Faculty of the Year Award. Currently, she is a Langston University Fellow. She served as Chair of the Diabetes Coalition of Mississippi (DCM) and in 2010, she was selected and honored as one of Mississippi's 50 Leading Business Women.

As Chair Dr. Booker's seeks to build a competitive program that produces knowledgeable and skillful students who are industry ready. We are progressively re-engineering our image to become a premier academic program. We are the only undergraduate health information program in the state. Her responsibilities include leading courses in the analysis and system design, electronic health record, information technology, management, research, coding, quality assurance, and finance. She also assist with the coordination of academic accreditation standards and curriculum development.

She is a certified Supervisory Manager and Electronic Health Record Implementation Manager. Additionally, she holds certificates in team building, HIPPA Privacy, Security and Health Information Exchange, as a workflow analysis and redesign specialist, Diabetes Self-Management Trainer and Chronic Disease Self-Management Facilitator.

In her previous role, she served as a Clinical Application Coordinator with the Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Services in Sisseton South Dakota. Provided ongoing support of multi-service clinical software applications, design EHR programming and system design for physicians and other clinicians. She also worked for the Mississippi Department of Medicaid as a Staff Officer III in the Office of Managed Care. Assist in determining major policies and procedures and provided input into significant agency operations. Facilitate major healthcare administration projects (managed care).

In addition, she served as the Project Director for the Mississippi Institute for the Improvement of Geographic Minority Health at the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMC), Jackson Heart Study Kids and as the Director of Administrative Services for the Mississippi Prevention Training Center. Each entity has built strong relationships with federal, state, academic; community and faith based entities as well as local stakeholders to combat health disparities plaguing the state of Mississippi. As the Project Director Booker's responsibilities include monitoring and oversight of Institute activities, surveillance of internal/external milestones and benchmarks, coordinating federal reporting and dissemination, and

assuring adherence to university and funding policy regulations and guidelines. Meanwhile, she served as Associate Director of Administrative Services for UMC's Patient Financial Services where she preside over two business offices, nurse auditors, customer services and the revamping of a million dollar indigent care program. She also served as the first African American female Evening Administrator at Mississippi State Hospital; the states' largest mental health facility.

Booker has extensive community involvement which includes coalition building, serving on advisory boards and committee ranging from the Alabama State University Faculty Senate, Information Technology Task Force, National Society of Allied Health, Eunice Kennedy Shiver's National Institute of Child Health and Maternal Health Develop Sudden Infant Death campaign, the Mississippi REACH Mid-South CEED Coalition, UMMC Health Disparities Advisory Board and UMMC Healthy Linkages.