

## Message from the Executive Director

HBCH Executive Director, Dr. Chris Skisak, outlines 2016 plans. Best wishes for a happy, healthy and productive 2016! I am excited about what we can achieve in 2016 as a community. In a little more one and a half years we have grown to represent 71 organizations, 300,000 local employer lives and more than 1 million nationally. I visited with scores of Houston employers in 2015 and will continue to reach out to all of our stakeholder organizations. That said, I want to encourage all members to contact me with suggestions on how HBCH can improve our value to your organization. We may be able to assist you in ways that are not obvious through our current programming or resources. I am constantly reminded that employers of different size often require different strategies to achieve improved outcomes in the cost, quality and employee experience in health care benefits design and delivery. Toward that end and consistent with our mission, I am excited with the diversity of employer size represented in our organization and on our 2016 Board of Directors. We will continue to provide actionable educational programs of which there will be 6 in 2016. New in 2016, HBCH will be hosting a variety of roundtable discussions intended to provide open dialogue among employers based on size, industry and issue. HBCH will also form several new committees (Membership, Programming, and Communications) and will be looking for leadership volunteers among our membership. Our ability to impact through collective influence can only be realized through active participation of our health stakeholder community. We hope you stay or get involved in 2016!



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