Plenary 1: “Who is Serving on the Picket Line for the Miracle of Life?”

Ron Banks is the Director, Division of Comparative Medicine for the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences here in Oklahoma City. He received his veterinary training from Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine after which he entered military service in the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps. His research medicine residency at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Washington DC was followed by several assignments supporting research seeking improved survivability for the soldier, sailor, airman or marine. Dr. Banks joined the OUHSC program in 2016 after serving for over a decade as the Director, Office of Animal Welfare for Duke University and Duke University Medical Center.


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Ted Streuli is the President and Executive Director of Peaceful Family Solutions, an organization that provides free therapy to children whose parents suffer from addiction. For 14 years, he served as the editor of The Journal Record newspaper. He is the recipient of a Voice Award from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). In addition to a 30-year career in journalism, he has worked as a professional square dance caller, an ice hockey referee, and a circus clown.

HLIS Luncheon: “Awakening Health Literacy and Interactive Accountability to Solve the “Triple/Quadruple Aim” - Better Health | Better Healthcare | Lower Costs | Patient/Provider Satisfaction”

Jeff Greene is the CEO and Founder of MedEncentive. Greene is an entrepreneur, award-winning innovator, population health expert, and human factors engineer. From 2005 to 2018, he was the recipient of the Journal Record Innovator of the Year award an unprecedented 7 times. In 2018, he was named the Patient Advocate of the Year for the state of Oklahoma by the Oklahoma Academy of Family Physicians.