

Leadership Profile



Jamesina E. "Jai" Henderson **Chief Executive Officer**

Jai joined Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center in July of 2009 as Chief Executive Officer following an extensive national search conducted by the Corporation's Board of Directors. She came to Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center after leading a pioneering community health center committed to underserved persons in Los Angeles.

Throughout her career, Jai has been an insightful and agile leader, collaborator and consensus builder. She has the demonstrated ability to build strong management teams able to execute at high levels of performance. She fosters a leadership culture of ownership, engagement and creativity while role-modeling a character and expectation of high values and shared accountability.

Since her arrival at Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center, Jai has directed the re-building efforts of a legacy institution with a 40-year track record of innovative patient care. She has encouraged new thinking, challenged assumptions and set the organization on a path to achieve national recognition as the best example of integrated care in a community healthcare setting in the nation.

Her leadership has resulted in the Chief Executive Officer of the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare, a behavioral healthcare industry leadership group, to state the Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center "is the best example of integrated primary, dental and behavioral healthcare in the nation."

Jai has also recognized the need to engage other stakeholders in the continuous challenge to improve health outcomes and reduce healthcare disparities. She has opened the door to partnerships with numerous community-based organizations, hospitals and other thought-leaders in the greater New Haven area to coordinate efforts directed at the critical drivers of healthcare disparities.

Working with the community is at the core of Jai's skills and experience. In addition to serving as the CEO of the T.H.E. Clinic in Los Angeles, she also worked as a project manager for Rebuild L.A., an organization created to help rebuild Los Angeles in the wake of the 1992 riots. Jai's success in that position led to her appointment by then Governor Pete Wilson as the Executive Director of the State Business Revitalization Center, a post-riot business assistance program. During her time as Executive Director of that important program, Jai was also appointed by the Mayor of Los Angeles to serve as commissioner of the city's Building and Safety Commission.

A native of Washington DC, Henderson received her B.A. degree in sociology/psychology from Howard University, and her M.B.A. from the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce at the University of Pennsylvania.