

O'Connor, a Greater New Yorker, joins First Moves editorial board



Christopher O'Connor, FACHE, Executive Vice President for GNYHA Ventures, an affiliate of the Greater New York Hospital Association, has joined the First Moves editorial advisory board. O'Connor takes the "GPO seat" on the magazine's editorial board that was held by Dr. Charles Saunders, chief executive of San Francisco-based Broadlane. The GPO seat is a revolving position that changes about every six months.

At GNYHA Ventures, O'Connor is responsible for all non-pharmacy supply chain initiatives, including the activities of Nexera Consulting and the GNYHA Services/Premier group purchasing arrangement, specifically its regional contracting, technology, and data support initiatives. He was hired by GNYHA Ventures in 2003 to start Nexera Consulting, which was formerly known as GNYHA Consulting.

GNYHA Ventures, a business subsidiary of the Greater New York Hospital Association (GNYHA), manages an array of health care services, consulting and group purchasing programs. GNYHA is a trade association representing more than 250 not-for-profit hospitals and continuing care facilities, both voluntary and public, in the metropolitan New York area and throughout the State, as well as in New Jersey, Connecticut, and Rhode Island.

O'Connor began his career teaching English at Lehman High School in the Bronx. In the New York City school system, he taught emotionally handicapped teenagers and points to that experience for his success in consulting. After completing an MBA in Production and Operations Management at Iona College in New Rochelle, N.Y., he was hired by The Mount Vernon Hospital (part of Sound Shore Medical Center) as an Inventory Control Specialist. There, O'Connor gained a tremendous amount of supply chain and general health care experience through a variety of positions over a five-year period. He later spent time as a consultant with firms such as KPMG Consulting and Deloitte. O'Connor led Deloitte's supply chain practice for public sector where he joined a leadership team building a supply chain practice within state, local and U.S. Federal Government Practice. O'Connor led initiatives around Homeland Security, the United Nations and the U.S. Postal Service.

O'Connor and his wife, Colleen Walsh O'Connor, have three sons, Mark (12), Timmy (10) and Jack (6). They live in Pelham Manor, N.Y.