



Doug Dunlow BSHA, CHFM, CLSS-HC 2022 Candidate for Advisory Board Region 5 Representative

Bio

Thurman Douglas Dunlow Jr, an Air Force Veteran and Interim Program Director, System Environment of Care and Life Safety with Indiana University Health, Indianapolis, Indiana has been passionate about healthcare since his first encounter with Joint Commission while stationed at Bitburg AB, Germany. This early encounter with The Joint Commission sparked the interest to work for healthcare facilities as the surveyor was a teaching type person who spent the time to enlighten then TSgt Dunlow on the requirements for life safety within a healthcare facility. It was after that survey and subsequent retirement from the military that led me to apply for an Engineering Supervisor job with Kootenai Medical Center in Coeur D'Alene Idaho.

After the military, staying in one place for longer than 4 years proved difficult as he was used to deploying and/or moving his family every 3-4 years so that led to job offers as a Project Manager for construction from nearby Benewah County to work on a critical access hospital ground up build. After completing that project, he was offered a role as an Assistant Director of Facilities in Longview Texas.

Preparing facilities for The Joint Commission seemed to be his calling as he spent the next several years moving around Texas working with Tenet Healthcare. Once again, after receiving a call from a colleague who needed help in a healthcare facility in Indiana, Mr. Dunlow was on the move to Indiana to work as Director of Plant Operations at Clark Memorial Health. During the tenure there at Clark Memorial and a successful survey and accreditation, Indiana University Health opened a Program Manager role for Environment of Health and Life Safety so again, he moved into a new role to work with a new healthcare system.

It has been his goal to make positive impacts in the healthcare facilities where he was employed as well as the local communities as demonstrated by his involvement with community projects to rebuild a playground and being a member of the local Rotary Club. Mr. Dunlow is excited to have the opportunity to serve a 2nd term as the Region 5 Advisory Board Representative and to continue to promote ASHE and the healthcare facilities profession..

Candidate Questionnaire

- 1. As the health care landscape continues to change, what are some of the common challenges facing the entire ASHE membership?**
Succession planning, travel for education funding, deferred maintenance, lower budgets.
- 2. What can ASHE do to ensure that the needs of all members are being met?**
Online education, aligning with Skill Bridge program to attract military members, in person and online conference options.

- 3. The Advisory Board sets the vision and strategic direction for the organization. What specific initiatives would you like to accomplish to help advance the ASHE strategic plan?**

Succession planning, education

- 4. What professional or personal experiences have helped prepare you to serve as an ASHE leader?**

Started as Engineering Supervisor and now work at system level with all IU Health Facilities.