



Dennis Ford, MHA, CHFM, CHC, FASHE **2024 Candidate for Advisory Board President-elect** **Bio**

Dennis Ford has been in Healthcare Facilities Management (FM) for over 25 years. He currently serves on the ASHE Advisory Board and teaches an online course for the University of Texas San Antonio (UTSA) Facility Management Master's Program on Quality, Productivity and Technology in FM. He received his degree in Civil Engineering and started his career at Eglin Regional Hospital in Ft Walton Beach, Florida. He served 6 years in the Air Force, in FM roles and at headquarters where he led the development of a Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS) currently in use at all military hospitals (DMLSS-FM).

Dennis has presented at several ASHE Annual and ASHE PDC. He is very passionate about technology, CMMS, the transition from construction to maintenance, pressure dependent spaces, CHFM training, hospital design and compliance and many other healthcare FM topics and is glad to share his experiences with others. He has also published many articles, including ASHE HFM articles on CHFM training and pressure dependent spaces.

Dennis spent most of his career in Texas and was an active member of the Texas Association for Healthcare Facilities Management (TAHFM), serving on the TAHFM board twice, as director for two separate regions within Texas. He has served on multiple ASHE initiatives including the ASHE Annual Experience Task Force, ASHE Body of Knowledge Task Force and the ASHE Annual Abstract Review committee. With this experience, he earned ASHE Senior (SASHE) and then Fellow status (FASHE).

Before arriving at Atrium Health (a system of over 67 hospitals under Advocate Health), Dennis served as Director of Engineering at the world-renowned Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, Texas (a 4-hospital system), Program Director of Healthcare Facilities at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) in Galveston, Texas, (a 5-hospital system with a prison hospital) and as Director of Facilities Management at Baptist Health System in San Antonio, Texas (a 5-hospital system).

Dennis is a Certified Healthcare Facilities Manager (CHFM), Certified Healthcare Constructor (CHC) and received his Master of Health Administration from Texas A&M.