

Utah Business Magazine 2017 Healthcare Heroes

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Jim Sheets

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Jim Sheets, now Vice President of Outreach Services Development for Intermountain Healthcare, recently was listed by Utah Business Magazine as a Healthcare Hero for Administrative Excellence! He was nominated for this award by his team at LDS Hospital where he had been CEO since 2011. We are delighted to see the chair of our MHA Community Advisory Board and one of our own distinguished faculty recognized for excellence in his field.

Awarded for Administrative Excellence

While majoring in business at the University of Utah, Jim Sheets would sometimes volunteer at Primary Children's Hospital. There, he says he fell in love with "the mission of the hospital."

"I wanted to pursue a career that would allow me to apply business principles to a service industry that touched lives in a positive way each day," he says.

Since then, Sheets went on to work at several hospitals out of the state, before returning in 2007 to Intermountain Healthcare. Sheets is credited with guiding LDS Hospital through a \$27 million remodel, as well as molding the culture of the hospital. Sheets' creativity has shown in the innovative ways the space on LDS Hospital's campus is used, such as housing Intermountain's Disaster Preparedness Center and the Simulation Lab, where clinicians can practice clinical scenarios.

Sheets also engages his staff, utilizing what he calls "mullet meetings," where the business agenda in the front of the meeting then gives way for fun activities afterward.

"I love the challenge we face every day to improve healthcare in this country. It is a dynamic and exciting industry filled with committed and passionate caregivers dedicated to helping people in their time of need," he says.