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Chris Bailey

Christopher Bailey has worked at the World Health Organization for the last eight years, helping establish eHealth and informatics at the WHO and pioneering the open standards and architectural approach to national eHealth strategies in resource poor settings. Through this work, Bailey sponsored the initial pilots of OpenMRS outside of Kenya and was a key developer of the collaborative peer learning approach that has been a hallmark of the OpenMRS community. Prior to his work at WHO, Bailey was in charge of the research division at the Rockefeller Foundation and introduced the discipline of Knowledge Management to the Foundation.

Mitchell Baker

As the leader of the Mozilla Project, Mitchell Baker is responsible for organizing and motivating a massive, worldwide collective of employees and volunteers who are breathing new life into the Internet with the Mozilla Firefox Web browser and other Mozilla products. Mitchell was born and raised in Berkeley, California, receiving her BA in Asian Studies from UC Berkeley and her JD from the Boalt Hall School of Law. Mitchell has been the general manager of the Mozilla project since 1999. She served as CEO of Mozilla until January 2008, when the organization’s rapid growth encouraged her to split her responsibilities and add a CEO. Mitchell remains deeply engaged in developing product offerings that promote the mission of empowering individuals. She also guides the overall scope and direction of Mozilla’s mission.

As Executive Chairwoman of Mozilla, Mitchell continues her commitment to an open, innovative Web and the infinite possibilities it presents. TIME Magazine profiled Mitchell under “Scientists and Thinkers” in its 2005 TIME 100. She has also appeared on “The Charlie Rose Show” and “CNN Global Office” to discuss open source software and the Firefox phenomenon. In 2009, Mitchell was honored as winner of the Anita Borg Institute’s 2009 Women of Vision Award. In 2010 she was the recipient of the Aenne Burda Award for Creative Leadership and was honored as the recipient of Frost & Sullivan’s 2010 Growth, Innovation and Leadership Award. She is also a part of the Henry Ford Museum’s Innovator Program.

Jan Flowers, Chair

Jan Flowers is the Director of Global Health Informatics, and a Clinical Faculty member and Research Scientist in the School of Nursing at the University of Washington. She has worked in technology her entire career – as a programmer and innovator in corporate companies in her early years, delving into the field of health informatics over the past decade. She has received her BS in Psychology, and Bioethics and Medical History, from University of Washington, and her MSc in Health Law from UC San Francisco. Her passion is social justice and health equity, so she focuses her work on using health information systems to improve patient lives in resource constrained settings. In her role at the University of Washington, she directs the technical strategy and architecture for global health informatics programs in resource constrained settings, with projects based in Mozambique, Kenya, Cote d’Ivoire, Haiti, Vietnam, and Namibia. Her focus is on design and implementation of national and facility-level eHealth architectures; legislation, policy, and regulation overseeing eHealth; development of health information systems; standards-based health data exchange; and capacity building for long-term sustainability through open source communities and mentoring programs. In her work, she has directed national OpenMRS development and implementations for ~1000 health facilities across Mozambique, Kenya, and Vietnam.

In addition to her roles at the University of Washington and OpenMRS, Jan also serves as a health informatics advisor for the Washington Health Access Alliance, as a member of the Board of Directors for OpenELIS Foundation, and as a member of the Seattle Colleges Human Subjects Review Committee for student and faculty research.

Tom Oluoch
Tom Oluoch is a health systems expert with a special interest in the strategic planning, design, implementation and evaluation of health information systems (HIS) in resource-limited settings. He has led large digital health projects in Kenya and provided technical assistance and consultancy services to over 10 countries in Africa. His health informatics work supports clinical care, program monitoring, disease surveillance and epidemiologic studies. He holds a PhD in medical informatics and has published several informatics and epidemiology papers in peer-reviewed journals.

Steven Wanyee Macharia

Steven Wanyee Macharia, is a digital health specialist with over 20 years years experience designing, developing, implementing, supporting, maintaining and using digital health interventions in research for health (RCTs mainly) in research for health and and health service delivery in low and medium income countries. Born in Kenya and currently working out of Nairobi, Steven's work in digital health has seen him support direct service delivery as well as top level planning, management, strategy and policy functions in the health sector. His work has seen him directly work in and support more than 10 countries across Africa. Globally, Steven works with organisations including WHO, USAID, CDC, World Bank, GIZ, DFID, and others supporting countries and providing digital health leaderships. He is active and serves in local, regional and global informatics initiatives including; Founder Secretary General of the Kenya Health Informatics Association (KeHIA); Secretary of the Health Informatics in Africa (HELINA); Member of the Health Data Collaboratives’ Digital Health and Interoperability Working Group; Serves on several Ministry of Health Working Groups across Africa. Steven is a holder of a double Masters degree in software engineering and health informatics. He is currently a PhD student in Information systems focusing on Biomedical and Health Informatics with specific interests to utilise implementation science in improving the effectiveness of digital health implementation.

Gibril Gomez, Community Representative

Gibril has a long and rich history in the information and communication technology industry. A health informatics specialist, Gibril brings extensive experience with eHealth, mHealth systems, database development. He has led several teams and initiatives to support integration of IT strategies across countries. He is also adopting a comprehensive strategy to provide market and consumer information services on the use and implementation of digital health systems. In 2011, he became one of Nigeria’s OpenMRS pioneer, establishing his experience and involvement in dialogues with a variety of stakeholders, such as Government of Nigeria (GoN) agencies, National Aids Control Agency (NACA), National AIDS and STDs Control Programme (NASCP), Implementing Partners (IPs) and others. Eleven years later, Gibril is now the Director of Health Informatics at Public Health Information, Surveillance, Solutions, and Systems (PHIS3) in Nigeria. In this role, he oversees the sub region's largest EMR system adopted from the OpenMRS and institutionalized as NigeriaMRS. By 2021, NigeriaMRS has over 4,052,512 patients ever registered and 1,042,399 patients currently active on treatment in 19 of Nigeria’s 36 states with all NigeriaMRS data feeding into Nigeria’s National Data Repository (NDR).

Open Seats

Currently, the OpenMRS Board of Directors has 2 seats available. If you're interested in fulfilling this role, please contact community@openmrs.org

Former Board Members

- William M. Tierney, M.D., Chair 2011-2017
- Joaquin Blaya, PhD, Community Member Seat 2011-2015