



Walter Davis

Speaker press kit

Inspiration and innovation from experienced healthcare speakers

Providing on-site training for your leaders is a fast and economical way to bring your entire team up-to-speed on the industry's hottest topics and create organization-wide urgency to execute change. Huron's speakers and authors bring up-to-the-minute knowledge from their work in healthcare organizations across the U.S. and beyond.

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Prior to your event, Huron speakers and our support team work side-by-side with you to develop a fully customized presentation to meet your needs, regardless of the topic, size of your group, or purpose of the training. From physician retreats to Leadership Development Institutes (LDIs) to senior leader meetings, Huron speakers deliver the perfect balance of inspiration and education for every audience.



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HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP, NATIONAL SPEAKER

As Chief Executive Officer of Nevada Health Centers (NVHC), Walter B. Davis has guided the state's oldest and largest federally qualified health center through more than a decade of transformation. NVHC now serves over 45,000 patients annually across Nevada. Under his leadership since 2012, NVHC has added clinical trials, a physician residency program, a robust executive leadership team, and a fleet of medical and dental mobile units that bring high-quality care to communities throughout the Silver State. His experience and skill set give him a broad perspective on patient, provider, and payor needs — insights that fuel his passion for health equity and community health improvement.

Professional experience

With more than 30 years of healthcare operations and management experience, Walter has held leadership roles at Renown Health, Carondelet Health Network, Cigna, MedPartners, Inc., and KPC Medical Management. In addition to serving as CEO of NVHC, he currently chairs the Nevada Primary Care Association board, a role he has held for three terms. This board leadership complements his work developing physician networks, integrating providers and advancing organizational strategy. Walter holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of Redlands and a Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management from the University of La Verne.

Industry speaking engagements

- Huron's Annual What's Right in Healthcare Conference, 2021
- National Association of Community Health Centers Panel, 2021

Education and certifications

- B.S. Healthcare Management, University of La Verne, La Verne, California
- M.B.A., University of Redlands, Redlands, California

Professional associations and board service

- Board Chair, Nevada Primary Care Association (three terms)
- Board Member, Community Service Agency
- Board Member, Nevada Hopes Clinic
- Board Member, Mercy Care Health Plan
- Board Member, Dependable Health
- Board Member, Carondelet Medical Group
- Board Member, American Lung Association
- Board Member, Teacher's Health Trust

Popular topics include:

Building healthier communities: The future role of public health

Audience: All leaders, All healthcare roles

Focus: Leadership, Communication, Patient and Consumer Engagement, Employee Attraction and Engagement, Organizational Culture

Length: Keynote, Half-day

Public health blends science and art to prevent disease, prolong life, and improve quality of life. During and after the COVID-19 pandemic, hospitals, community health centers, and public health departments forged new partnerships at unprecedented speed. Drawing on personal experience leading NVHC through this period, Walter shares lessons learned about collaboration and explores how cross-sector partnerships can strengthen the health of communities today and in the future.

Learning objectives:

- Understand the lessons learned from collaborations among public health, community health centers, and hospitals.
- Discover strategies for sustaining these partnerships to address long-term community health needs.

Creating an engaged and accountable culture

Audience: All Leaders, All Healthcare Roles

Focus: Alignment and Accountability, Leadership, Communication, Employee Attraction and Engagement, Organizational Culture

Length: Keynote, Half day

Engagement and accountability are foundational to high-quality, patient-centered care. Walter examines how leaders can model and cascade accountability throughout their organizations, using performance management to identify strengths and opportunities for improvement. He shares practical tools to build a culture where providers feel valued, resources are used responsibly, and patient trust flourishes.

Learning objectives:

- Implement effective board leadership and rigorous performance standards.
- Develop scorecards and follow-up processes to achieve organizational goals.
- Evaluate leadership performance and cultivate accountability at every level.
- Enhance employee engagement through communication and recognition.

Can we talk? A leader's truth behind improving inclusion

Audience: All Leaders, All Healthcare Roles

Focus: Leadership, Communication, Patient and Consumer Engagement, Employee Attraction and Engagement, Organizational Culture

Length: Keynote, Half-day

Inclusion requires more than policies — it demands courage and empathy. Walter offers an honest account of his own journey to cultivate inclusive workplaces. He explores the human need to feel valued, the leader's responsibility to create safe spaces for diverse voices, and the steps necessary to transform vision into action. Participants will leave with ideas for embedding inclusivity throughout their organizations and improving patient experience.

Learning objectives:

- Define value within your organization and connect it to inclusion.
- Navigate difficult decisions as a leader within your cultural environment.
- Envision inclusivity for patients and implement strategies to cascade it across teams.

Creating a winning team: Strategies for cultivating high-performance cultures

Audience: Senior Leaders, Executives, Clinical Directors

Focus: Team Dynamics, Leadership Development, Talent Management, Organizational Culture

Length: Keynote or Half-day

Building a winning team is both an art and a science. Drawing from his experience scaling NVHC's leadership team and expanding service lines, Walter outlines how to attract, develop, and retain top talent. He discusses creating shared purpose, empowering individuals, and fostering resilience in the face of change. Attendees will learn how to harness diverse strengths to drive innovation and deliver exceptional care.

Learning objectives:

- Identify the characteristics of high-performing teams and how to cultivate them.
- Develop strategies for recruiting and developing talent aligned with organizational mission.
- Foster psychological safety and collaboration to support continuous innovation.

Board management: Governance for impact

Audience: Board Members, Executive Teams, Governance Professionals

Focus: Governance, Strategy, Leadership Effectiveness, Accountability

Length: Keynote or Half-day

Effective boards are key to mission success. As a three-term board chair for the Nevada Primary Care Association, Walter demystifies the board's role in shaping strategy, ensuring accountability and driving community impact. He shares governance models, best practices for board-management collaboration and insights on building a board culture that supports diversity and innovation.

Learning objectives:

- Clarify board responsibilities versus management responsibilities.
- Implement structures and processes that facilitate strategic oversight and accountability.
- Enhance board diversity and engagement to reflect community needs.

Transforming corporate culture: Strategic road maps for health organizations

Audience: CEOs, Senior Executives, HR Leaders

Focus: Culture Change, Strategy, Leadership Communication, Employee Engagement

Length: Keynote or Half-day

Organizational culture shapes every experience—staff and patient alike. Walter guides leaders through assessing current culture, defining desired culture, and developing a road map for transformation. Drawing on NVHC's journey to an inclusive, accountable environment, he provides tools for aligning culture with strategy, communicating effectively, and measuring progress over time.

Learning objectives:

- Assess your current organizational culture and articulate a clear vision for change.
- Build and execute a culture transformation plan aligned with strategic objectives.
- Foster transparency and open communication to sustain momentum and accountability.

What organizations are saying

“Walter brings a fresh perspective and contagious energy. His ability to connect strategic vision to everyday experiences makes him a powerful and down-to-earth speaker.”

“Our team left inspired and equipped with practical tools we could implement immediately. Walter is a compelling storyteller whose authenticity resonates across all levels of an organization.”



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