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### **Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services Partners with Blue Cirrus Consulting selected as Speakers for HIMSS19**

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Greenville, South Carolina – HIMSS has named **Susan Langeland VP of Continuum Development at Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services** and **James Smith Sr. Project Manager at Blue Cirrus Consulting** as speakers for the [2019 HIMSS Global Conference & Exhibition](#), held February 11-15, 2019 in Orlando, Florida at the Orange County Convention Center. HIMSS19 brings together 45,000+ health information and technology professionals, clinicians, executives and vendors from around the world. Exceptional education, excellent speakers, cutting-edge health information and technology products and powerful networking are hallmarks of this industry-leading conference.

On Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm EST, **Session 255: The Power of One: A Transformational Journey** will be presented. Here is a brief synopsis of the session contents:

Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services in Grand Rapids Michigan is the largest free-standing behavioral health system in the United States. For the past year, the organization has been laser focused on creating a unified Pine Rest known as “One Pine Rest”. This new strategic plan drove a full clinical and organizational transformation forcing silos to work together, a major renovation of clinical and financial support, governance, change management and staffing models. **The new EHR implemented was completed in the fastest time on record at 9 months!** Throughout the implementation their service lines including inpatient/partial hospitalization, residential and outpatient would be THE transformational catapult for the organization. This session is an opportunity to share a story of how an EHR implementation effort jump started the journey to be a unified organization; to recognize that shared success blurs divisional lines and continued success requires a diverse and collaborative team.

The HIMSS Annual Conference Education Committee selected over 300 educational sessions on the conference program. Proposals under review by the ACEC have gone through a peer-review selection process for enhanced efficiency and quality in selection of the educational offerings at the conference. This committee, comprised of HIMSS volunteers, reviews and selects all presentations with those representing an organization or non-commercial interest given preference, a guideline followed to achieve continuing medical education or CME requirements.

**Michelle: “The partnership between Blue Cirrus and Pine Rest resulted in a win for Pine Rest with the value add of providing governance and leadership advice throughout. We were honored to work with such a mission-oriented organization and help them achieve their goals!”**

#### About Blue Cirrus Consulting

Blue Cirrus Consulting LLC is a premier management consulting firm providing skilled advisors, technicians, clinicians and project leaders to support or help define and achieve your goals. Blue Cirrus partners with you to find the solution you need to achieve the highest results. We are skilled in analysis, planning, support and optimization; specializing in telehealth, interim leadership, business planning and technical redesign. Our Team averages over 25 years of healthcare experience and has serviced clients nationwide. Our experience matters. We make the investment by building a partnership with our clients, providing the highest quality resources and assuring positive outcomes.

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