



## Kyle Mertens | Health Information & Data Analytics Program Manager

Kyle Mertens joined CHAD in September 2019 as the health information and data analytics program manager. Kyle is responsible for managing the Great Plains Health Data Network (GPHDN). He assists the eleven participating health centers in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming to improve access to care, enhance the quality of care, and achieve cost efficiencies through redesigning practices under the Health Center Controlled Network (HCCN) grant. The purpose of the network is to support health centers to leverage health information technology (HIT) and increase participation in value-based care.

Kyle has been working in health care IT focusing on interfaces and interoperability for over twenty years. His career began as a senior software engineer responsible for designing and developing interface functionality for a cardiovascular information system. He advanced his career into leadership as a software engineering manager for an IT startup, which developed software for urgent care clinics. Kyle was also the lead technical analyst for a large Midwest health system. He assisted with converting their electronic health record (EHR) to a new vendor during this time.

Kyle has degrees in software development from Dakota State University and management from the University of Sioux Falls. Originally from Kennebec, SD, Kyle has made Sioux Falls his home since 1999.