



### **AJ Stephens, DNP, MBA/HCA, RN-BC, CMSRN, NEA-BC**

Dr. AJ Stephens began his nursing career at Lea Regional Medical Center in rural Hobbs, New Mexico in 2005 practicing in Surgical and Emergency services, eventually entering into leadership roles. He moved to UMC Health System in Lubbock, Texas and served as the Health Services Administrator and Chief Administrator for Regional Correctional Health Care Services overseeing multiple health care programs. In 2012, he joined Methodist Health System in Dallas, Texas and continues his practice there as the Nurse Manager for inpatient Cardiology.

Dr. Stephens has an Associate's in Applied Science in Nursing from New Mexico Jr. College in Hobbs, New Mexico, a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, New Mexico, a Master's in Business Administration Specializing in Health Care Administration from Ashford University in Clinton, Iowa and a Doctorate of Nursing Practice Specializing in Executive Leadership from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock, Texas. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa National, Golden Key International and Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Societies.

Dr. Stephens is a lifetime member of the Texas Jail Association, member of the American and Texas Nursing Associations, member of the Texas Organization of Nurse Executives and a member of the planning panel of the Nursing Management Congress Conference. He is board certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center as a Nurse Executive – Advanced and in Medical Surgical Nursing and is also certified by the Medical Surgical Nursing Certification Board.