

**Walter B. Jones, Jr., AIA, LEED, EDAC**  
**Senior Vice President, Campus Transformation, The MetroHealth System**



Walter Jones provides the strategic vision and leadership for the planning, design and construction of the transformation of the main campus of The MetroHealth System, the public health care system in Cleveland, Ohio, and the anchor institution on the city's West Side. The transformation is an initiative announced by Dr. Akram Boutros, MetroHealth's CEO, in May of 2014 and is committed to creating an environment of excellence for care delivery, education and research in support of MetroHealth's mission and nearly 180 years of service to the community.

Jones was recruited to The MetroHealth System in October 2014 and is responsible for more than 100 employees in the departments of Construction Management, Facilities Management, Space Management and Real Estate. He came to MetroHealth following 11 years as Senior Vice President of Facilities Planning and Development for Parkland Health and Hospital System where his duties included the development and construction of Parkland's \$1.3 billion, 865-bed hospital and medical campus.

Since joining MetroHealth, he has successfully led two significant construction projects that collectively represent the largest investment in capital work for the organization in the past 10 years: an \$82 million, 100,000-square-foot vertical expansion of the hospital's Critical Care Pavilion (CCP), housing 85 new intensive care rooms; and a \$48 million, 70,000-square-foot Health & Surgery Center in Brecksville. The CCP project began in January 2015 and was completed in July of 2016. It was on time and under budget on a tight 18-month timeframe for design and construction to coordinate with the start of the 2016 Republican National Convention. Together, these projects employed more than 350 union and non-union workers.

Jones received his undergraduate degree from Princeton University and his master's degree in Architecture from Clemson University. He is LEED certified in sustainability design by the U.S. Green Building Council and EDAC certified by the Center for Health Design in the principles of evidence-based design.

He is a frequent speaker about the health care design subjects of evidence-based design; project management; and sustainability and technology for philanthropic, civic and professional audiences.

He is active in contributing to, advocating for and advancing his profession and community as a member on several boards including the Healthcare Design magazine advisory board, the Institute for Patient-Centered Design, Cogence Alliance and The Institute for Healthcare Infrastructure Research. In addition, he co-chairs the local West 25<sup>th</sup> Street Coalition.