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Russ Thomas joined Availity as executive vice president and chief operating officer in early 2008 and oversees enterprise-wide operations. Prior to joining Availity, Mr. Thomas was CEO of Gold Standard, an industry leader in clinical information, and served in several operating and executive capacities at Gold Standard and its parent company, Elsevier Health.

He is currently chair of the Tampa Bay RHIO and is a founding Board Member of Hillsborough Kids, Inc. which, in concert with the Department of Children and Families, provides oversight and resources for over 5,000 seriously disadvantaged children in Hillsborough County.

Mr. Thomas earned his undergraduate degree at Virginia Tech and his Juris Doctorate at the University Of Virginia School Of Law.