

BelHealth Investment Partners Welcomes Healthcare Staffing Entrepreneur Jay Somera as Partner

Thaxton founder and a key force behind BelHealth's successful AHSG exit

Proven builder of a nationwide top-10 healthcare staffing platform

Fort Lauderdale, Florida – October 12, 2026 – BelHealth Investment Partners, LLC (“BelHealth”), a healthcare-focused private equity firm, today announced that Jay Somera has joined the firm as a Partner. A proven healthcare entrepreneur and a key architect of BelHealth’s successful 2021 exit of American Health Staffing Group (“AHSG”), Somera brings a track record of building, scaling and exiting companies to BelHealth and its portfolio.

Somera is best known as the founder of Thaxton Interim Leadership, LLC (“Thaxton”) a premier provider of interim healthcare leadership. Under the AHSG umbrella, Thaxton grew into part of a nationwide top-10 healthcare staffing powerhouse. Before founding Thaxton in 2013, Somera led high-level talent acquisition strategy for Kaiser Permanente across the Pacific Northwest. Today, as owner of Healthcare Executive Placements and Azad, Inc., he applies deep operating and executive recruitment expertise to drive strategic growth. He holds a degree from Western Oregon University and is based in Las Vegas, Nevada.

“We are thrilled to welcome Jay to BelHealth as a partner,” said Harold Blue, Founding Partner of BelHealth. “He played a key role in our successful exit of AHSG in 2021, and we saw firsthand how he builds teams, scales businesses and creates value. Jay is a natural fit for private equity and for BelHealth, and his ability to strategically grow and exit companies will add tremendous value across our portfolio.”

“I have tremendous respect for the BelHealth team. I watched them work side by side with our management team at AHSG on strategy and growth, all the way through a very successful exit,” said Somera. “Joining BelHealth as a partner is an exciting new chapter in my career, and I look forward to helping our portfolio companies and their leaders reach their full potential and I look forward to our next Fund.”

About BelHealth Investment Partners

BelHealth Investment Partners, based in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is a healthcare private equity firm focused on lower middle market companies. BelHealth acquires majority positions in entrepreneur-owned companies that it believes will benefit from its extensive investing, executive management and entrepreneurial experience.

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