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MBA | PMP | CISSP | CCP

Cybersecurity Consultant & Strategic Advisor

Cybersecurity
Security Program Delivery
IAM Strategy & Governance
M&A Security Integration
Risk & Compliance Advisory

SUMMARY

Seasoned cybersecurity executive consultant with 20+ years of experience delivering high-impact security programs for large organizations. Founder and principal of a boutique security consulting and project management practice, serving a variety of industries. Deep expertise across security domains — from threat architecture and security operations strategy to IAM transformation, regulatory compliance, and enterprise-scale M&A security integrations. Trusted advisor to C-suite stakeholders on security posture, risk mitigation, and technology project investment decisions.

CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

Principal Consultant & Owner | *Brandi Narvaez Consulting, Inc.* | 2007 – Present

Practice Focus: Cybersecurity Programs & Projects | IAM Strategy & Governance | Cybersecurity Maturity Models

Strategic Advisory & Security Program Leadership

- Direct engagement executive for a $56M+ annual security portfolio spanning 20+ concurrent programs and 6 project managers, serving ~200,000 end users across a U.S. healthcare enterprise.
- Architect and deliver enterprise cybersecurity roadmaps encompassing threat detection, security operations, identity governance, and infrastructure hardening.
- Serve as a trusted C-suite advisor on cybersecurity risk posture, technology investment prioritization, and vendor selection. Translating technical and cyber risk into business impacts and alignment.
- Lead security program governance including structured risk and issue escalation frameworks, executive reporting cadences, and integrated change management across complex multi-workstream engagements.

Cybersecurity Domain Expertise

- **Security Operations & Threat Management**: Led enterprise deployments of SIEM (Sentinel, Splunk), SOC Transformations; policies, procedures, and playbooks. Advanced Threat Detection (FireEye), IDS/IPS, Web Proxy/Filtering, and Email Security platforms.
- **Identity & Access Management**: 20+ years designing and implementing IAM strategies — identity lifecycle management, privileged access governance (CyberArk), and zero-trust access frameworks.
- **Endpoint & Network Security**: Directed implementation of Palo Alto Networks next-gen firewalls, Network Access Controls (NAC), Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR), Mobile Device Management (MDM), along with core network and wireless infrastructure protection projects.
- **Data Security**: Deployed Data Loss Prevention (DLP) and Governance products along with Microsoft security suite integrations to address sensitive data exposure and insider threat risks.
- **Regulatory Compliance** & Audit Response: Guided clients through PCI DSS assessments, HHS Office of Civil Rights inquiries, internal/external audit findings, and penetration test remediation. Deploy and build Governance Risk Compliance (GRC) platforms. Recently certified with CCP designation to support consulting in the Federal Government's Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC).
- **M&A Security Integration**: Led security due diligence and post-acquisition integration programs — standardizing enterprise security platforms across acquired organizations, applying and refining corporate standards.
- **Business Continuity & DR**: Designed and validated Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery programs including business impact analysis, RTO/RPO definition, and tabletop exercises.
- **Incident Response:** Prepare IR policies and detailed plans including orchestrating Table-Top events with key stakeholders to represent ownership, activities, with simulated real-world scenarios.

Representative Client Portfolio

Kaiser Permanente — National Health Plan & Provider	Keck Medicine of USC — Academic Medical Center
Blue Shield of California — Healthcare Payer	Asante Cloud – Compliance Services
Iowa Health System — 28-Hospital Regional System	Blue Shield of Arkansa — Healthcare Payer
Nebraska Medical Center — Academic Medical Center	Virtua Health — 5-Hospital System, New Jersey

PRIOR LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Chief Operating Officer / Chief Customer Officer | *Aventura (Security Solution Provider)*

- Reported to CEO and Board; led company-wide operations, P&L management, and a ~30-person team with a $10M annual operating budget.
- Secured $4.6M in venture capital recapitalization; oversaw software development, client delivery, and technical support functions.
- Directed client deployments of two-factor authentication security software across healthcare organizations, optimizing workflow security.

Program Manager | *Sentillion, Inc. (IAM Solution Provider, acquired by Imprivata)* | Pre-2007

- Governed concurrent delivery of 9 enterprise IAM programs — $14M revenue, 56K users, 69 servers, 35K endpoints — from contract close through enterprise rollout.

Director, Information Technology | *Integres Global Logistics* | Pre-2007

- Led full software product delivery lifecycle; reduced project slippage by 50% and eliminated scope creep through first formal SDLC implementation.

CERTIFICATIONS

CISSP
(ISC)² Certified Information Systems Security Professional, Sept 2016

PMP
Project Management Professional, PMI, June 2003

CCP
CMMC Certified Professional, Dec 2025

EDUCATION

MBA
St. Mary's College
Moraga, CA
2006

B.S., Business Administration
University of Phoenix
1998

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Cybersecurity Strategy & Advisory
- Security Program Governance
- Identity & Access Management
- Threat Detection & SIEM
- Healthcare Regulatory Compliance
- M&A Security Integration
- Risk Management & Audit Response
- Business Continuity & DR
- Portfolio & Stakeholder Management
- Vendor Selection & Management