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# JHAWK

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The Jayhawk Healthcare Administrators Working for Kansas student organization promotes leadership, marketability, relationships, and knowledge for students pursuing a career in health services administration through personal and professional development activities.

## Health Care Reform: Where We Stand Now

By: Becky Miller

Healthcare reform has become the major topic of discussion in America over the past several years. Most people agree that the current healthcare system needs to be reformed. However, they do not all agree on *how* to reform our current healthcare system. According to President Obama, he is “committed to working with Congress to pass comprehensive health reform in his first year in order to control rising health care costs, guarantee choice of doctor, and assure high-quality, affordable health care for all Americans”.

The house has passed the current healthcare reform bill which is now in the Senate. Providing affordable health care insurance is the primary goal for our elected officials. According to Garrett et al, “If we do nothing, by 2019 the number of uninsured people will grow by more than 30 percent in 29 states and by at least 10 percent in every state, The amount of uncompensated care provided will more than double in 45 states. Businesses in 27 states will see their premiums more

than double.” (2009). These figures for the future are alarming to those working and seeking healthcare in the United States. Secretary of the Depart-



ment of Health and Human Services, Kathleen Sebelius and President Obama are feverishly working on finding a plan that both the house and senate can agree to help change the future of healthcare in the United States.

The bills that were introduced to the house differ from the initiatives on the bill set forth to the Senate. For in-

stance, some of the suggested funding for the new health reform come from increases in taxes to places such as indoor tanning services. The bill suggests a 10% tax on these types of services which was at 5% previously (healthcare reform, 2009). The bill also suggests an increase in Medicare payroll tax from 1.45% to 2.35% for people making more than \$200,000 per year and families making more than \$250,000 per year. There is also more stress to ensure insurance companies are being held accountable for their services by paying for medical care and supporting their clientele. This will raise funding to approximately \$87 billion dollars over the next nine years. As current and future healthcare administrators, it is important to stay abreast of these issues as they may soon become law.

Please checkout [www.healthreform.gov](http://www.healthreform.gov) for more information.

# Project Eagle Holiday Adoptions By: Becki Carl-Stutz

Since 1989, Project EAGLE Community Programs of the University of Kansas Medical Center has provided comprehensive child development and family support services to over 4000 children and families in Wyandotte County. One of these programs offered is the Holiday Giving Program, and this year there were over 500 children on the list to be adopted.

In late November an email went out asking for you to consider giving a small donation to help provide one of the children from the list, 19 month old Ricardo, with gifts for Christmas. I am so pleased to announce that not only were we able to do that, but we collected enough money to provide Christmas gifts for four additional children as well!

In addition to Ricardo, we adopted two month old Maliyah, and three 18 month old boys

from the same family-Logan, Zander and Jacob. With the money collected from students and faculty, we purchased nine gifts for each child, including both toys and clothing.

A huge thank you to each of you who made a donation to support the Project Eagle Holiday Giving Program. I sincerely appreciate your generosity and making it possible for these children to have a merrier Christmas.

# Kansas City Local Program Council By: Brett Kollars

Kansas City Local Program Council (KCLPC) has been brought into many discussions recently in regards to more involvement. KCLPC is designated under the Missouri Healthcare Executives Group (MHEG) which is under the national American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). Currently KCLPC has seven approved ACHE category I programs for continuing education, local senior executive support with speaker participation, and active member committee leadership. All these factors are contributing to growing the local program notoriety. In the future KCLPC looks to improve Kansas/Missouri bi-state communication, continue scheduling ACHE category I continuing

education programs, and involve more student representation from the area.

KCLPC is a great resource to provide needed communication links for the Kansas City area and provide a contact database for local students in the area. The recent growth of the local program council has the opportunity to open more situations for students to connect with local healthcare executives building a stronger bond between local providers and educational programs in the area.

Leaders of KCLPC include: Kate Conrad (VP Children's Hospital Corporation of America), Ron Baker (CEO Cushing Memorial Hospital), Jeffrey Eye (Director of Acute Inpatient and Emergency Services Saint

Luke's Northland), Matt Wenzel (Director Ancillary Services Hedrick Medical Center), local student representatives from Park University, Rockhurst University, and University of Kansas Medical Center, and faculty representatives. To become more involved in this local chapter of ACHE, please contact either Dr. M. Grasso or Brett Kollars This chapter is a terrific opportunity for networking and improving networking skills.

Luke's Northland

# Professor Spotlight

Meet a Professor

## Robert Bonney, J.D., FACHE, Assistant Professor



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Mr. Bonney is currently senior vice president for business development for the Saint Luke's Health System in Kansas City, Missouri. He has more than 30 years of health care experience, including serving simultaneously as a senior vice president of a

multi-hospital system and the chief operating officer of the system's two largest hospitals and as the executive director of a 170,000 member managed-care company.

Bonney holds masters' degrees in both business administration and health services management from the University of Missouri – Columbia and a law degree, *summa cum laude*, from the Michigan State Law School (formerly Detroit College of Law). He is a prolific author and has held faculty positions at several universities including the University of Missouri – Columbia and the University of Kansas.

Mr. Bonney is board certified in healthcare management and a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. He has been an American College of Healthcare Executives faculty member for 23 years, most recently teaching the ACHE course "Pay for Performance and Consumer-driven Health Care: Implications for Providers."

## JHAWK Guest Speaker – Matt Wenzel – ACHE Presentation

On November 19, 2009, Matt Wenzel conducted a formal American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) presentation for the JHAWK student organization and its members. Mr. Wenzel is the Director of Ancillary Services at Hedrick Medical Center (HMD) in Chillicothe, Missouri, which is part of the St. Luke's Health System. In this position, he has executive oversight for pharmacy, radiology, laboratory, physician clinics and all support services at the hospital. He also has overall responsibility for growth and business development at HMD and is an active member in the strategic planning process.

ACHE has a strong vision: to be the premier professional society for healthcare executives dedicated to improving healthcare delivery. Mr. Wenzel's presentation was very informative for the attendees not fully knowledgeable of ACHE along with its purpose and benefits. The

presentation was geared toward prospective Student Associates interested in joining the organization. Mr. Wenzel discussed in length the membership benefits of joining as a Student Associate, which include:

- Access to the Affiliates Only area of **ache.org**
- Career Services
- Publications and Newsletters
- Reduced fee for the Congress on Healthcare Leadership
  - Financial Assistance
  - Community and leadership opportunities through your local ACHE chapter
- Access to healthcare leaders

There are also many resources for students seeking fellowship and employment opportunities. Members can also view publications and newsletters including *Healthcare Executive* magazine, *Journal of*

*Healthcare Management*, *ACHE-news*, and *Student Associate Newsletter*. Educational opportunities are available which consist of the Student Track at the annual Congress on Healthcare Leadership, and national and local continuing education programs. Student associates also are eligible to apply for various scholarships as well as the Stuart A. Wesbury, Jr., Postgraduate Fellowship.

The cost to join ACHE as a Student Associate is \$75 annually and prospective members can get up to five years of Student Associate membership. Graduates are encouraged to transfer from Student Associates to full Members to enjoy benefits throughout your career.

For more information on ACHE, Visit

**[www.ache.org](http://www.ache.org)**; **[ache.org/students](http://ache.org/students)** or e-mail: [membership1@ache.org](mailto:membership1@ache.org).

Thank you.

*Vishal Patel*

JHAWK Planning Officer

# ACHE Update



Mark Your Calendars!

ACHE Congress Planning Meeting

January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010

7:00 PM\*, 1014 Orr-Major

\*(immediately following JHAWK Board Meeting)

If you have any interest in attending ACHE Congress 2010, please join us for a planning meeting on Wednesday night!

## Agenda:

- Answer questions about becoming an ACHE Student Associate
- Offer pointers for making Congress registration go smoothly
- Discuss opportunities for funding your trip
- Discuss travel/lodging arrangements
- Suggest ideas for entertainment
- Explain deadlines

**\*\*\*Interested in attending Congress, but can't make the meeting?\*\*\***

Email Heidi Waldschmidt at [hwaldschmidt@kumc.edu](mailto:hwaldschmidt@kumc.edu) *no later than January 29<sup>th</sup>* in order to receive future updates!

# ACHE Congress 2010 Checklist

## Suggested Deadlines:

## To-Do Items:

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| January 18 <sup>th</sup> | Join ACHE as a Student Associate<br><a href="http://www.ache.org/APPS/StuMem.cfm">http://www.ache.org/APPS/StuMem.cfm</a>   |
| January 19 <sup>th</sup> | Preview the ACHE Congress sessions online or download the Congress Brochure. Make a tentative schedule of the sessions you are interested in attending.<br><a href="http://www.ache.org/congress/">http://www.ache.org/congress/</a><br>Links: "View Events" or "Download Brochure" |
| January 20 <sup>th</sup> | Go to the ACHE Congress Planning Meeting<br>7:00PM in 1014 Orr-Major  |
| January 21 <sup>st</sup> | Register online for ACHE Congress 2010<br><a href="http://www.ache.org/congress/">http://www.ache.org/congress/</a><br>Links: "Register Online"   |
| January 29 <sup>th</sup> | Reserve Lodging<br>Contact Heidi at <a href="mailto:hwaldschmidt@kumc.edu">hwaldschmidt@kumc.edu</a> for information on the block of rooms our group has reserved in Chicago.   |
| February 1 <sup>st</sup> | Turn in Travel Fund Application   |
| February 5 <sup>th</sup> | Reserve Airfare<br>Due to proximity and convenience, flying into Chicago-Midway airport is recommended over Chicago-O'Hare.   |

## Extras to Consider:

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| Business Cards         | It is a great idea to have business cards with all your contact information when networking. You can have KU logo student business cards printed through the University Career Center. Place your order at <a href="https://www.nationsprint.com/clients/ku/">https://www.nationsprint.com/clients/ku/</a> |
| Professional Portfolio | Consider bringing a nice professional folder, portfolio, or binder for taking down important notes and contact information during sessions.  |
| Resume                 | Make sure to update and print copies of your resume  |

# Upcoming Events



Click on the above picture to access information regarding ACHE Congress being held in Chicago, IL.



## Alumni:

Don't forget to check out the HP&M website from time to time. You can even update your own information through this website:

<http://www.kumc.edu/hpm/alumni.html>

## Mark It!

### Mark Your Calendars!

#### January

**Jan. 14th**— 1st day of Spring Classes

**Jan. 20th**— JHAWK Meeting at 7pm

**Jan 25th**— Networking event 7pm BO18 SON

#### February

**Feb. 2nd-** 7pm Happy Hour @ Jaywalkers

#### March

**Mar. 13-21** — Spring Break!!

**Mar. 22-25th** — ACHE Congress in Chicago

### Jan-March Birthdays

E. Ware	1/16
M. Ross	1/7
K. Perdue	1/22
A. McMinn	1/20
A. Hattock	1/24
K. Dempsey	1/8
R. Fullbright	1/1
C. Art	2/22
N. King-Whitlow	1/31
M.B. Smith	2/12