Board of Directors for 2019

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District E Representative - Lana Comstock, Iowa Healthcare Collaborative

Congratulations and welcome!

Upcoming Meetings:
District A - TBD
District B - TBD
District C - Friday, January 18th, Davis County Hospital in Bloomfield
District D - Thursday, December 20th, Red Oak
District E - TBD
District F - TBD
District G - TBD

IAHQ to Adopt NEW IHA Districts

Recently the Iowa Hospital Association updated the district lines. The IAHQ Board of Directors will mirror those districts. This will mean slight changes for some counties however, the Iowa Association for Healthcare Quality will ensure continued benefits to members. More to come!
Happy Fall!

I would like to start my final letter as your IAHQ president with an reflection. With Thanksgiving right around the corner, we like to stop and think about the blessings we have been given and the things we are thankful for. Of course, my family, friends, clients, vendors and coworkers come to mind but that is just the tip of the iceberg. We have so much to be thankful for. We try to live our life in a way that we can give back. There is a Hawaiian Proverbs: Ahuwale ka po ‘okela I kau hana ia ha ‘I, which means “it is through the way you serve others that your greatness will be felt.”

As I reflect on the past year as your IAHQ president. The association has worked diligently on the strategic plan to tailor it to benefit its membership. First, as the seasons change, there is change in the organization. Secondly, as the harvest in Iowa is underway, IAHQ has also seen a return on its yield this year regarding membership. Finally, the board has work diligently on many objectives. But there is much more that can be accomplished by the board along with the membership.

Iowa Hospital Association will be changing its district boundaries. IAHQ will align with these changes. The IAHQ board will go from six districts to five. Currently, the districts have one representative but the bylaws have been adjusted to allow two for each district. Nominations are open for each of the districts. The ballot this year reflects an opening for districts needing one more or possibly two representatives. With this change, it engages more of the membership in the heart and soul of the organization; gleaning new insights to help grow the organization. With that said, this past year membership has increased,

IAHQ has increased its members from 67 in 2017 to 72 members in 2018. The word is getting out! There is strength in numbers. Promoting the organization is a positive!

Finally, as a board, we have accomplished many objectives. The board has worked on

- Revamping the scholarship process,
- Educational opportunities-Spring conference
- Aligning agendas for district meetings that have educational/networking returns
- CPHQ promotion
- Utilization of the email List Serve
- Fellowship program

The work doesn’t stop here, it takes everyone’s input to make an impact which is how the organization’s greatness will be felt. As your 2018 president, I would like to thank everyone for a great year with IAHQ!

Phyllis McDonald
Membership Benefits

Quality Professional Award
IHAQ annually grants the Outstanding Iowa Quality Profession Award to recognize a dynamic and passionate IHAQ member who has demonstrated enthusiasm and leadership with local, state and/or national health care associations and has made contributions to health care quality through consultation, publications and presentations.

Scholarships
Apply for a scholarship with IAHQ! There are some minimum requirements to be eligible, an application and reference letters are needed. Scholarships are extended to members who are eligible to be used towards an advanced degree, a certification exam or a certification exam review course.

Check out these great membership benefits at:
https://www.ihaonline.org/Members-Groups/Personal-Membership-Groups/iahq

Keep in touch & network with our IAHQ List Serve!
Subscribe at:
https://www.ihaonline.org/Members-Groups/Personal-Membership-Groups/pmg-listserve-info

Rising Star Award
The Rising Star Award is presented to an IAHQ member who has shown signification participation in local, state and/or national health care associations.
Compass HINN

Compass HIIN Virtual Learning Community is December 6th. It is scheduled 09-12.

Register online at https://zoom.us/webinar/register/ WN_qS7g1dYsQfKchvkpm6CWig.

Compass HIIN started a Podcast station in September - it is called Navigating withHIIN. The goal of Navigating withHIIN is to deliver support resources, education and updates to Compass HIIN participants in a convenient and easy to access manner. You and your team members will be able to simply subscribe to our channel and listen to short pre-recorded podcasts on your phone, electronic device or computer at a time that is most appropriate for you! Let any member of the HIIN team know if you need assistance in subscribing. We encourage our hospitals to provide feedback to us for topic idea and we’ve already received a few, so keep those coming!

HIIN Work Plan: The HIIN work plan is intended for each hospital to have a working document to aid the structure of their quality works with actionable goals around the HIIN measures. Please be sure to update your work plan prior to January 1, 2019!
Save the Date!

NAHQ Next is September 16-18, 2019, in Phoenix, AZ

A conference designed exclusively for healthcare quality professionals!

Left: Amanda Schwerdtfeger, IAHQ member
Presented “Physician Engagement: Mission Impossible?” at NAHQ Next in November!

Picture Source: https://nahq.org/education/nahq-next-conference
Events:
- Compass HIIN Virtual Learning Community, 12-6-2018, webinar
- DETECT Falls: Closing the Case, 12-11-2018, webinar
- Swim Towards Stewardship, 12-19-2018, webinar

Events:
- Governance Webinar Series
- Human Resources Hot Topics Webinar Series
- Finance & Supply Chain Essentials for Clinical Leaders - 12-12-18
- National Safety Healthcare Network Basic Training webinar, 12-11-2018
- 2019 IHA Leadership Development Program
- 2019 Advocacy 101 Training - 2-26-19
The Telligen Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO) strives to create better health, better care and better value for people with Medicare in Colorado, Illinois and Iowa. They partner with healthcare providers, community stakeholders and people with Medicare and their families to spread best practices and evidence-based healthcare processes across the region. Telligen’s tools, resources and an “all teach, all learn” philosophy afford healthcare providers the opportunity to connect with peers, learn from others and share their innovations and successes. Their consulting services and technical assistance are offered at no cost to eligible organizations.

Check out some resources at:

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