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President's Message

Gary Smith, FACHE

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Greetings and best wishes for an excellent New Year of 2008! As we enter this New Year your Board of WSHEF continues to focus upon providing value of your membership and assistance in your professional growth. On January 11, the Board gathered for a retreat with the goal of developing an excellent list of educational opportunities.

As directed in our recent membership survey, we will attempt to provide our education/network program every other month as opposed to our historical monthly meetings. This approach will enable local gatherings of our colleagues for discussions and for networking. The new schedule will also enable us to generate more interest from our membership to attend timely discussion of relevant issues.

The first presentation of the New Year will occur on February 5th. The topic, "Presidential Candidate Health Care Reform Positions" is particularly important during this presidential election year. The speaker for this presentation is Aaron Katz from the UW. Professor Katz is a faculty member of the Masters in Healthcare Administration at the University of Washington and his area of expertise is health policy. What a great way to start the election year!

This summer a number of social events are being considered: "A gathering of ACHE colleagues" for a tailgate party at a Mariner's Game and a tour of eastern Washington Wine Country are two possible events. We hope we can generate an overflow of participants.

If you plan to attend the ACHE Congress in Chicago in March, please be aware that the WSHEF and the MHA program at the UW will be co-hosting a reception. If you are a member of WSHEF or a graduate of the MHA program, please join us for networking.

The last item that I would like to mention is that the WSHEF Board is looking for hard working and focused individuals. A few board positions are open and we would encourage anyone interested in working with a great group of people, dedicated to professional growth, to contact any of the board members.

Gary J. Smith, PhD, FACHE
President, WSHEF

WSHEF Upcoming Event

Tuesday 5 February 2008

*Please join us for a Networking and Educational session
(Cat II CEU is available)*

Presidential Candidate Positions on Healthcare Reform

Presented by
Aaron Katz, Senior Lecturer
Department of Health Services
Director of Packard Gates Population Leadership Program
UW School of Public Health and Community Medicine

This is an exciting election year when health care reform solutions continue to be sought at both the national and state levels. In particular, our United States Presidential candidates are each offering various proposed solutions to health care reform. With the Washington State Caucus to be held on 9 February, this is an ideal time for you to become engaged in the conversation.

Aaron Katz will explore the various aspects of the candidates' positions as well as offer his perspective on how the issues might continue to take shape in the coming months.

Please join us for
Networking & Light Snacks: 5:15- 6:00 PM
Program: 6:00- 7:00 PM
Fees: \$15.00 payable at the door

Presented at
Virginia Mason Medical Center, Seattle
St. Luke's Rehabilitation Institute, Spokane
Other Interested VTC Sites depending upon sign-up

WSHEF General Meeting Information

In an effort to make WSHEF activities more accessible to our members state wide, we are videoteleconferencing the meetings from Seattle to locations around the state.

Regular Meetings: WSHEF regularly meets on the first Tuesday of the month for networking and a guest speaker. The social with light refreshments is from 5:15 - 6:00 pm and a program follows from 6:00-7:00 pm. \$15 is payable at the door.

Click [HERE](#) To Find a Meeting Location Near You

Current WSHEF Teleconference (VTC) Sites

WEST OF CASCADES

Virginia Mason Medical Center
Madigan Army Medical Center
Providence St. Peters Hospital
Providence Everett Medical Center
Forks Community Hospital
Bremerton Naval Hospital
Oak Harbor Naval Hospital
Jefferson Healthcare

EAST OF CASCADES

St. Lukes Rehabilitation Hospital
Kennewick General Hospital
Dayton General Hospital
Yakima Regional Hospital
Tri-State Memorial Hospital
Ferry County Memorial Hospital
Lincoln Hospital
Pullman Regional Hospital



08 CONGRESS ON HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP
redefining
THE HEALTHCARE LANDSCAPE
March 10-13, 2008 - Chicago, Illinois - Hyatt Regency Chicago


ARE YOU ATTENDING CONGRESS?

**Join University of Washington MHA Program alumni
and students for a social and networking event**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 11
6:00-7:30pm**

**HOULIHAN'S
111 E. Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60601**
(a hop, skip, & a jump from the Hyatt Regency Hotel)

If you are interested in attending, please notify
Bree Rydlun of the MHA Program at
206-616-2947 or brydlun@u.washington.edu



<http://depts.washington.edu/mhap/>

For Your Professional Development: UW Executive MHA Program

The University of Washington Executive Master of Health Administration (MHA) Program prepares physicians, nurses, other experienced clinical practitioners, and health service managers to be effective leaders who can meet the challenges and expectations of the patients, families, stakeholders, and communities they serve.

The UW Executive MHA program consists of a 24-month format that combines once-a-month, 3-day intensive onsite meetings with teleconferencing, independent assignments, and team projects. Students are immediately able to apply new skills and knowledge to their everyday professions. Applications for admission are due by April 30, 2008. Classes begin late September. For details, visit <http://www.uwexecutivemha.org> or call 206-616-2947.

UW Graduate Programs in Health Services Administration

The University of Washington's Graduate Programs in Health Services Administration offers health care professionals two options for increasing their management and leadership skills: the **Executive Master of Health Administration Program (MHA)**, and the **Certificate Program in Medical Management (CPMM)**. Both programs are designed for those who want to meet the need for skilled leaders in the ever-changing health care delivery system. Physicians, nurses, other experienced clinical practitioners, and health service managers enter these programs to become more effective leaders and meet the increasingly challenging expectations of the patients and families, stakeholders, and communities they serve.

The Executive MHA Program has a 24-month format that combines three-day intensive onsite meetings with teleconferencing, independent assignments, and team projects. Applications for admission are due by April 30, 2008. For details, visit: <http://www.uwexecutivemha.org>.

The CPMM is a four-course program that takes place once a week from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. It begins with autumn quarter, and ends the following autumn. Courses can be taken on a single-course enrollment basis, and include:

Medical Practice Quality Measurement and Management (autumn)
Strategic Management of Health Care Organizations (winter)
Leadership and Change Management (spring)
Health Services Financial Management (autumn)

Course credits may be applied toward the Executive MHA program. For details, visit: http://www.extension.washington.edu/ext/certificates/mem/mem_gen.asp.

To ask questions about either program, contact Bree Rydlun at brydlun@u.washington.edu or 206-616-2947.

2008 ACHE Congress on Healthcare Leadership

The American College of Healthcare Executives will host the 2008 Congress on Healthcare Leadership from March 10-13, 2008. Don't miss the opportunity to participate in one of the 103 conference sessions with both local and national healthcare leaders.

Click [HERE](#) for more details!

Here's what our local ACHE Regent has to say about Congress:



"I have been attending ACHE's Congress for more than 25 years, and year after year I have been impressed with the comprehensive selection of educational seminars that are offered. All seminars focus on current and future challenges within healthcare and provide practical advice and solutions. As a healthcare executive, I find ACHE's Congress to be a one-stop shop for my personal and professional development, and seeing colleagues and classmates is an added benefit!"

Marcel C. Loh, FACHE
Chief Administrative Officer and Senior Vice President
Swedish Medical Center/Cherry Hill Campus
Seattle, Wash.

Call for Nominations

Jim Sapienza, Chair of the Nominating Committee, is accepting all nominations for the Board of the Washington State Healthcare Executives Forum (WSHEF). You may nominate a trusted colleague or yourself. Please provide a brief statement of interest and resume with the nomination. Board candidates can be a Member, or a Fellow of the College. There are 3 open positions for 2-year terms that run from April 2008 through March 2010. Thomas Dolan, CEO of ACHE, stressed the importance of supporting your chapter in the Jan/Feb edition of Healthcare Executive. What better way to support your College and your Chapter than to run for election as a Board Member.

The Nominating Committee will name the final candidates in February, and ballots will be presented for a vote by the WSHEF membership by mid-March. Terms begin April 1, 2008.

ACHE's Fund For Innovation

Support for ***the Fund for Innovation in Healthcare Excellence***. The Fund was established by the Foundation of the American College of Healthcare Executives in 2006 as a way to bring innovation to the forefront of healthcare leadership. Currently District 5 has raised more than \$25,000 from its members. I believe we can raise substantially more before the end of the year.

The *Fund* is designed to:

- **Import Innovation** by collecting ideas and best practices from other industries and explore ways to implement them into healthcare organizations.
- **Implement Innovation** by funding grants to extend health services research into healthcare settings to improve quality, broaden access to care and decrease costs.
- **Instill Innovation in Future Leadership** by exposing emerging leaders to the latest innovations in the healthcare field.

Please take a moment now to consider how you can become a part of this legacy of innovation. The Fund for Innovation in Healthcare Excellence is supported by voluntary contributions to the Foundation of the American College of Healthcare Executives. For those who already have contributed to the Fund for Innovation in Healthcare Excellence during 2007, please accept our thanks. Your support is greatly appreciated. Learn more about the *Fund* and make a donation [online](#)

For questions about the *Fund for Innovation in Healthcare Excellence*, please contact [Laura Wilkinson](#), assistant director, Development, at (312) 424-9305 or me at (707) 522-1515, (707) 321-3456 or george.perez@stjoe.org.

Advancement

Find Out How to Become a Board Certified Healthcare Executive by visiting the [ACHE](#) website or by contacting the WSHEF Advancement Chair, Steve Saxe at Steven.Saxe@doh.wa.gov.

Career Opportunities

[Click Here](#) to visit the career section of the ACHE website.

WSHEF Committees and Chairs:

<p>Outreach/Promotion Committee Chair: Jim Steinruck jim@wwmedgroup.com</p>	<p>Community Service Committee Chair: Sandra Slater-Duncan sduncan2@u.washington.edu</p>	<p>Audit Committee Chair: Gary Smith smithgi@st-lukes.org</p>
<p>Advancement Committee Chair: Steve Saxe Steven.saxe@doh.wa.gov</p>	<p>Communications Committee Chair: Martin Benning mfbenning@evergreenhealthcare.org</p>	<p>Nominating Committee Chair: Jim Sapienza james.Sapienza@vmmc.org</p>
<p>Program Committee Chair: Sandra Slater-Duncan sduncan2@u.washington.edu</p>	<p>Sponsorship Committee Chair: Jim Steinruck jim@wwmedgroup.com</p>	<p>If you are interested in serving on a committee, please contact one of the committee chairs!</p>

REMINDERS:

- The Washington State Healthcare Executives Forum is a fully chartered chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives. Members of ACHE have access to many benefits including education, networking, board certification, career support, leadership development and many more. WSHEF helps bring these valuable benefits right to your community. If you are not a member of ACHE visit www.ache.org to sign up today. If you would like to join the state chapter, visit www.wshef.ache.org and click on membership. For more information, contact one of our [chapter officers](#).
- Have you joined ACHE? A portion of ACHE dues supports WSHEF activities – join today! Visit the website at www.ache.org
- If you have events, news or other content that members may find useful, please email them to: Jeffery.perez@vmmc.org