

Featured In This Issue:

- [President's Message](#)
- [WSHEF Upcoming Events](#)
- [Community Service Update](#)
- [ACHE News](#)
- [UW Executive MHA Program](#)
- [Career Opportunities](#)
- [WSHEF Committees](#)

WSHEF 2006-2007 Board:

President:

Jim Sapienza, FACHE

President Elect:

Gary Smith, CHE

Treasurer:

Jennifer Nazarko, CHE

Secretary:

Martin Benning

Immediate Past President:

Pam Rock, CHE

At Large Board Members

Sandra Slater-Duncan

Joe Marotta, FACHE

Leo Greenawalt, FACHE

Brian Kuske, CHE

Marcel Loh, FACHE

Scott M. Tackett

Steven M. Saxe, FACHE

Military Representative:

Maj. Brain J. Bender, CHE

Student Chapter Presidents:

Cole White – WSU

Catherine Murphy – UW

Marissa Hagman – EWU

ACHE Leadership in

Washington:

Marcel Loh, FACHE – Regent

Newsletter – December 2006



Washington State Healthcare Executives Forum
An Independent Chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives



President's Message

James Sapienza, FACHE

james.Sapienza@vmmc.org

Dear Healthcare Executives – 2006 has been a very eventful year for our members and the core program and networking services that your Board aims to deliver for you. We had record attendance of 378 attendees at our 9 sessions, averaging 42 attendees -- largely in part to our stellar line-up of speakers and topics, and the statewide reach of the Videoconference Network.

ACHE and the rollout of the Chapter Model has made WSHEF a stronger organization since our adoption of bylaws on September 9, 2003. We are now over 3 years old. So much is happening that I encourage you to take advantage of the offerings and get more involved.

Board and Officer Elections. We are recruiting for at least 2 new Board Members, and among the Board – we will be electing a new President-elect. If you are interested yourself or choose to nominate a candidate, please contact me and send a CV in support of the candidate. The Nominating Committee will name candidates in the mid-winter months and ballots will be presented for a vote of the WSHEF membership by mid-March. Terms begin April 1, 2007.

ACHE Congress. ACHE's 2007 Congress on Healthcare Leadership! is in New Orleans, LA from March 19–22, 2007. **Last year more than 4,500 healthcare leaders attended Congress. Will you be part of the excitement in 2007?** Register today at <http://www.ache.org/Cong2007/congressintropage.cfm> .

Credentialing Changes. The ACHE current credentialing program will be altered to create a multi-faceted system leading to a single credential – the FACHE. A brief Summary of the Criteria are:

- Post baccalaureate degree
- Three years tenure as an ACHE Member
- Board of Governors Examination

- Five years healthcare management experience
- Three Fellow references—including a structured interview
- 40 Hours of CEU—at least 12 Category I (ACHE education)
- Professional and community/civic participation

The new requirements will take effect on January 1, 2007, but candidates who are in the process of advancing to Fellow may advance under the old requirements until January 1, 2009.

Chapter Choice Model Approved. On November 6, 2006, the ACHE Board of Governors considered recommendations from the Chapters Committee regarding the *Chapter Choice Model*. Concurring with the Chapters Committee recommendation, the Board of Governors made a preliminary decision to proceed with development and eventual implementation of the *Chapter Choice Model* and directed the staff to work with Regents, chapter presidents, and the Chapters Committee to develop new chapter agreements for the Board's review and approval in March 2007. The target date for implementation of the new model is January 1, 2008.

The *Chapter Choice Model* calls for all ACHE affiliates to be full members of their local ACHE chapter automatically with no local chapter dues. If a chapter chooses the contingent model, only ACHE affiliates may be members of the chapter. If the chapter chooses the hybrid reciprocal model, the chapter may have non-ACHE affiliated chapter members and may charge them local chapter dues. The WSHEF Board will be discussing the implications of this for WSHEF members at its January 9 Board Meeting. We have already set up our database to include all WSHEF members who are not ACHE members to receive the the e-mail newsletter and invitations to all member meetings. I do encourage you to join ACHE to receive all benefits of WSHEF membership. I will report more details during the course of the year.

We are the leaders in our profession – a noble profession where we focus our attentions on serving the healthcare needs of patients. We strive daily to ensure that patient care is given safely, with quality and fiscal responsibility. WSHEF is here to provide you with the continuing education to meet your need to stay current in the profession. Thank you to those who joined us at member meetings in 2006. I hope to see all of you in 2007. Happy Holidays.

Jim Sapienza, President

Remember WSHEF
now meets the 1st
Tuesday of the
month!

WSHEF Upcoming Events

Please join us as WSHEF proudly presents:

February 6, 2007

Current Topics in Health Information Technology Legislation

**Jac Davies, MS, MPH – Director of Program Development
Inland Northwest Health Services**

Other Meeting Dates:

March 6, 2007 – The National Quality Agenda:
A Short History of Healthcare in the 21st Century

April 3, 2007 – Topic TBD

May 1, 2007 – WSHA Legislative Update

June 5, 2007 – UW and WSU Top Capstone Project Presentations

WSHEF 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.

Meeting Locations:

****Seattle Area****

Virginia Mason Medical Center

DIRECTIONS TO VMMC VTC SITE:

VMMC is located at the corner of 9th and Seneca on First Hill in downtown Seattle. 1100 Ninth Ave. Seattle, WA 98101 Main Line: (206) 223-6600

<u>Traveling south on I-5:</u> Take Union Street exit Turn right on 7th Avenue Turn right on Pike Street Turn right on 8th Avenue Turn left on Seneca Street	<u>Traveling from Pier 52 – State Ferries:</u> Go east from Ferry on Marion Left on 4th Ave. for two blocks Right on Spring Left on 9th Ave.	<u>Traveling north on I-5:</u> Take Exit 164A, Madison Street Turn right on Madison Turn left on Ninth
---	--	---

Parking is hourly in the garages, and Arrive at the main hospital campus front door on Seneca Ave. The main entry is on the 4th floor.

Turn right down the hall to go the cafeteria. Enter the cafeteria and ask for Correa A and B Conference Rooms. The reception and videoconference will be in these fourth floor conference rooms. The normal fee of \$15 will apply to all non-student attendees.

****Eastern Washington****

St. Luke's, Rehabilitation Institute, Room 200, 711 S. Cowley Street, Spokane.

To arrive at St. Luke's from Sacred Heart Medical Center: Drive east on 8th Ave to Cowley. Turn North, approx 2 blocks to the parking lot on the south end of St. Luke's. Go through the front doors of the Medical Office Building. Room 200 will be on the right side of the entrance. If you have any questions, call Gary Smith, 509-220-5923. (No reservation required)

****Tri-Cities Site**:**

Kennewick General Hospital - Battelle Meeting Rooms in the basement of the Family Health Center building on the Medical Park Campus; 203 West Eighth Avenue.

If planning to attend at this site, please RSVP to Angel Trump at angel_trump@kphd.org or 509-586-5119, or fax 509-586-5718.

****OakHarbor**:**

NAVAL HOSPITAL OAK HARBOR (NHOH) 3475 N. Saratoga Street, Oak Harbor, WA 98278 POC - LT Andre Hoburg, Department Head, Managed Care 360-257-9549 achoburg@nhoh.med.navy.mil Please contact Lt Hoburg if you would like to attend the WSHEF meeting via VTC at NHOH as civilians need to be placed on a list to be admitted on base.

****Bremerton****

Bremerton - Executive Conference Room - 1 Boone Road, Bremerton, WA 98312. Please contact Donna Corser (360-475-4486) if you would like to attend the WSHF meeting via VTC at Naval Hospital Bremerton - Civilians must contact Donna ahead of time to be allowed on base.

New sites:

Dayton - Dayton General Hospital
Clarkston - Tri-State Memorial Hospital
Republic - Ferry County Memorial Hospital
Davenport - Lincoln Hospital
Forks - Forks Community Hospital

(Details for these sites were unavailable at time of publication - if you are near one of these sites, wish to attend, but do not know the details, please contact Gary Smith)

Are these sites too far from where you are?

Interested in linking your site and hosting a WSHF VTC Site? Contact Gary Smith Promotion/Outreach Committee Chair, smithgj@st-lukes.org

WSHEF Community Service Update

UPDATE ON THE HEALTHIEST STATE IN THE NATION CAMPAIGN

Washington ranks 15th in overall state health in the America's Health Rankings report released this week by United Health Foundation (www.unitedhealthfoundation.org/ahr2006/survey2006.asp). The report praised Washington Health Foundation (WHF) and its Healthiest State in the Nation Campaign (www.whf.org) as a model other states could follow. The Healthiest State Campaign currently involves more than 725 participating organizations, nearly 30,000 individuals and more than 200 schools across the state - making it the largest civic engagement project for health in state history.

WA STRENGTHS: low rates of smoking, low premature death rates, and low infant mortality.

WA IMPROVEMENTS:

- Smoking rates decreased, improving Washington's rank from 9th to 5th
- High school graduation rates increased, improving Washington's rank from 35th to 31st
- Childhood poverty rates decreased, improving Washington's rank from 24th to 21st

WHAT'S NEXT

Community Health Bowl Play-offs are in full swing and soon to be followed by the New Year's Challenge. *Also, WHF is working with our Community Services Group to design a WSHF Health Challenge. Stay tuned!*

Check it out at www.HealthiestState.org or contact Sandy Duncan for more information at (206) 598-9139.

American College of Healthcare Executives News

From: www.ache.org

Experience the Benefits of Being a Mentor

Protégés aren't the only ones who benefit from a mentoring relationship. As a mentor, you can help discover and cultivate talent, improve your coaching skills, and use your experience to influence future leaders.