



ROCKY MOUNTAIN AHRMM NEWSLETTER QTR 1 2019

Spring Conference

Thanks to all of the attendees for making the 2019 Spring Conference and vendor fair a success. We had a great turnout and a fun day of education and networking.

The day featured speakers Kent Wilson of HoverTech International, Greg Larsen of Civica and Craig Bielik from Ogden Regional Medical Center. Kent provided some great information about patient safety and the importance of understanding that employee safety and patient safety are closely related. Greg gave some great insight into Civica, a disruptive non-profit hospital coalition providing generic drugs designed to avoid drug shortages and drive down their prices. And Craig provided the laughs! You can find their PowerPoint slides on the Rocky Mountain AHRMM website at www.rockymtnahrmm.com

A special thanks to our vendors MD Buyline, Cardinal Health, Mayo Clinic Supply Chain Solutions, for providing supply chain solutions and for supporting the Rocky Mountain AHRMM chapter!

Board elections are up and we added some new names to the team. Please see Board News below for details.

Jordan Commons was a great place for the venue and we had plenty of space for the education, vendor fair and food by Zao Asian. Thanks to Teresa Royce and Mindy Kleman for doing such a great job and helping everything run smoothly.

We appreciate everyone who attended and participated and we look forward to seeing you all again at our Fall Conference!

Board News

The RMAHRMM Board is a volunteer group who works hard to support the medical supply chain and materials management industry in our region. One of the most important things we can do as a board is to provide a well organized structure to provide consistency and continuity over time.

This year, Board Member Adam Slater, took the initiative to help us reorganize our board to ensure that continuity. Adam took a survey and used the results to re-organize the board positions to fulfill key duties that align with the National AHRMM Recognition Program. In case you aren't aware, AHRMM has a program which allows local chapters to earn national recognition by awarding points for activities. Last year, the Rocky Mountain AHRMM Chapter was proud to receive Silver Status and we hope to keep that Silver Status for 2019.

One of the key features of our board re-organization is to make the Vice-President also the President-Elect. This way we can ensure that the incoming President will have enough time to learn the ropes and be ready to take the reins when the time comes.

A big thank you to Adam Slater for all your hard work.

BOARD RETIREMENT

We'd also like to offer our sincere thanks to Mark Christensen of Intermountain Healthcare Supply Chain. Mark has been on the board of the RMAHRMM since its inception and has held several roles on the board, most recently Vice President. We are sorry to see Mark go, but he has served us well over the past several years and we offer Mark a huge thank you and best wishes!

National AHRMM

National AHRMM Conference July 28-31 San Diego, CA
Get out your bathing suit and sunscreen for this year's national AHRMM Conference in sunny San Diego! Come join materials management and supply chain colleagues from around the country from July 28-31. Gain knowledge, network with other professionals and gain CE credits at the leading event and central meeting place for providers, affiliates and exhibitors working in all facets of health care supply chain. If you're not a member of AHRMM yet, we encourage you to join now!

JOIN THE CQO MOVEMENT

In today's rapidly shifting health care landscape where declining reimbursements and changing payment policies are set to be the new norm, how do you ensure your health care organization delivers quality care at a more affordable cost? As health care executives increasingly recognize that their organization's success relies on the performance and effectiveness of the supply chain, how will you manage their expectations? The AHRMM CQO Movement frames the critical role supply chain professionals play in driving high quality care, at a more affordable cost, to deliver greater value to patients.

Join the Cost, Quality and Outcomes (CQO) Movement and add

your voice to a thriving and ever-growing health care community dedicated to sharing and learning from each other to advance the supply chain strategy. Explore the Resources, Education, Leading Practices and Case Studies to help you align with the CQO Movement at <http://www.ahrmm.org/cqo-movement/index.shtml>

AHRMM CHAPTER NETWORKING

The Rocky Mountain AHRMM works to extend our reach outside of Utah and connect with other hospital materials management professionals across the country using the National AHRMM Mentorship program. Through this partnership, chapters share best practices and guide each other in ways to be more productive and effective in our industry. It's also a great way to get to know what other chapters do to support the industry and its members.

CHICAGO AHRMM

Board Member Tim Loftis has initiated a mentor/mentee relationship with the Chicago AHRMM Chapter and attended 3 of their events. Chicago AHRMMs next event is a Educational Meeting and Vendor Fair at the Eaglewood Resort in Itasca, IL on April 18th. Speakers include Stephen Grothouse & Erin Rozycki of Hall, Render, Killian, Heath & Lyman, P.C. ("Channeling your Supply Chain Potential Through Value Based Purchasing and Innovation") and Faith Roberts, MSN, RN Director Magnet/Professional Practice and Parish Nursing Carle Foundation Hospital ("From Wedding Rings to Nose Rings – Generational Differences at Work").

If you're interested in networking with any of the more than 30 AHRMM Chapters you can find them on the national AHRMM website at <http://www.ahrmm.org/get-involved/connect/chapters/index.shtml>

The Hospital Cooperative

In addition to networking with other AHRMM Chapters, the Rocky Mountain AHRMM also shares a networking relationship with The Hospital Cooperative (THC). The Hospital Cooperative is a dynamic organization consisting of seventeen hospitals in southeastern Idaho and western Wyoming. Our mission is to strengthen regional health care by providing support and increasing value to members through shared resources, knowledge and information. With guidance from an executive board of hospital leaders, the staff of The Hospital Cooperative plans and organizes programs and activities that enable member hospitals to accomplish more together than would be possible alone.

We were pleased to have Chancey Butters of the Franklin County Medical Center join us for our Spring Conference and Vendor and represent The Hospital Cooperative. Thanks for making the trek down, Chancey!