

Sent: Friday, January 31, 2014 8:51 AM

Subject: Wisconsin Association for Healthcare Quality (WAHQ) News Blast - January 2014 (important conference information/dates included)

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WAHQ News Blast

IMPORTANT DATES

WAHQ ANNUAL CONFERENCE- "CHANGING LANDSCAPE IN HEALTHCARE QUALITY"

March 7, 2014

Glacier Canyon Conference Center at the Wilderness, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin
Online registration and payment. Save if you renew your membership when registering.
<http://www.wahq.org/conf/2014/default.asp>

A block of rooms at the hotel has been **reserved until Feb. 4, 2014 - no exceptions!!!**
Conference brochure -> <http://www.wahq.org/docs/2014AnnualConf/2014%20WAHQ%20Conference%20Brochure.pdf>

CALL FOR STORYBOARDS!

This is a great opportunity to share your successes and lessons learned with your professional peers
AND

A great networking opportunity to gather information for the community standard practice and best practice.
If you are interested, a storyboard that demonstrates a progressive topic highlighting Healthcare Quality = **1 free
WAHQ membership for each storyboard accepted for the conference**

Storyboard submission deadline: Due by Monday, February 5th, 2014

Please contact Sheri Krueger Dix with any questions at email sdix@froedterthealth.org or phone 414-805-2801.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS!

The Wisconsin Association of Healthcare Quality is looking for nominees for the following positions:

- President Elect
- Secretary
- Southwest Representative
- North central Representative
- Southeast Representative

More information on the positions can be found on the WAHQ web page at www.wahq.org or you may contact Lisa K. Rowe-Peplinski directly (email rowlis@rhahealthcare.org or phone 715-422-9251) with questions or if you would like to **nominate yourself or another WAHQ member by January 17, 2014.**

HQF CERTIFICATION GRANT

Apply for the Certification Grant by TODAY, January 31, 2014!

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE QUALITY WEEK: QUALITY ACROSS THE CONTINUUM

<http://www.nahq.org/membership/content/celebratehealthweek.html>

October 19–25, 2014



Wisconsin Association of Healthcare Quality

- **Time to re-up!** If you haven't already done so, renew your WAHQ membership for 2014.
<http://www.wahq.org/docs/WAHQMembershipApplication.pdf>
- Events <http://www.wahq.org/eduoff.asp>

WAHQ Annual Conference – “Changing Landscape in HealthCare Quality” -

March 7, 2014, Glacier Canyon Conference Center at the Wilderness, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin (see **“IMPORTANT DATES”** above for more information)

- Watch for next edition of **“News & Views”** coming soon! <http://www.wahq.org/news.asp>
- Job Offerings <http://wahq.org/jobs.asp> (There are currently no postings but check the site often!)
 - Core Measures/ Concurrent Review/ Performance Improvement/ ACC/STS NCDR Registry/Clinical Data Abstractor/Manager - No geographical restrictions - remote position, enjoy working from home.
- Contacts for WAHQ <http://www.wahq.org/board.asp>



- Regional Representatives:
 - North Central - Val Freund fval@rhahealthcare.com
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 - Southwest – Paul Frigoli paulfrigoli@gmail.com



National Association for Healthcare Quality (NAHQ)

- Events <http://www.nahq.org/education/events/calendar.html>

2014

- **NAHQ's 39th Annual Educational Conference, September 7–10, 2014**, Music City Convention Center, Omni Hotel and Resort, Nashville, TN *Save the dates.*
- **CPHQ Review Course, November 4-5, 2014**, Richmond, VA *Registration information coming soon.*



Healthcare Quality Foundation (HQF)

• Grants

Each May, the Healthcare Quality Foundation (HQF) team awards up to 15 individual grants to deserving applicants. Use those funds to attend the NAHQ Annual Educational Conference and other NAHQ educational programs or to pay for Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality (CPHQ) certification examination or review costs. **Stay tuned for 2014 grant opportunities!**
<http://www.nahq.org/hqf/content/individualgrants.html>

Career Development Grant The HQF Career Development Grant is awarded to a NAHQ member who has been employed in the healthcare quality field for at least 5 years and holds CPHQ certification. The grant is valued at \$1,000, which can be used for travel and registration expenses for attendance at either a NAHQ CPHQ Review Course or the annual educational conference. One grant will be awarded annually. **2014 Career Development Grant applications will be available Spring 2014.**

Certification Grant The HQF Certification Grant awards financial assistance to healthcare quality professionals who have not yet attained the CPHQ credential by sponsoring their examination fee. These grants are awarded twice year in January and July. 14 grants will be awarded in 2012: 7 in February and 7 in August. **Apply for the Certification Grant by TODAY, January 31, 2014!**
http://www.nahq.org/uploads/2014_Cert_Grant_Application_fillable.pdf

Leadership Development Grant The NAHQ Past Presidents' Council sponsors the Leadership Development Grant, intended to further professional leadership development opportunities. A \$1,000 stipend is awarded in support of educational that enhances professional skills and nurtures leadership potential. The recipient will also receive mentoring from a NAHQ Board of Directors member or past president and complete a strategic project under the direction of the board. The applicant agrees to conduct a project under direction of the NAHQ Board of Directors. An example of a potential project might be completing an association award application on NAHQ's behalf or working with a board member to complete a project charter. A grantee could expect to spend about 15–25 hours annually, but this amount may be adjusted for changes in scope. One grant will be awarded annually. **Applications for 2014 grants are not yet available.**

Janet A. Brown New Quality Professional Grant The HQF New Quality Professional Grant is awarded to a NAHQ member who has been employed in the healthcare quality field less than 2 years and is not yet a CPHQ. The grant is valued at \$1,000, which can be used for travel and registration expenses for attendance at either a NAHQ CPHQ Review Course or the annual educational conference. One grant will be awarded annually. **2014 Janet A. Brown New Quality Professional Grant applications will be available Spring 2014.**

Illinois Association for Healthcare Quality (IAHQ)

- Events <http://www.iahq.net/education/index.html>
- **Healthcare Quality Management: Review and Study Course, February 13-14, 2014**, Northwest Community Hospital, Arlington Heights, IL
- **Annual Program - High Reliability in Healthcare: A Passionate Commitment to Excellence, April 25, 2014**, Eaglewood Resort and Spa in Itasca, IL.

Indiana Association for Healthcare Quality (InAHQ)

- Events <http://www.inahq.com/presentations.html> *No upcoming events posted.*

Iowa Association for Healthcare Quality (IAHQ) *No upcoming events posted.*

- Events <http://www.iaahq.org/IAHQ/Events.aspx>

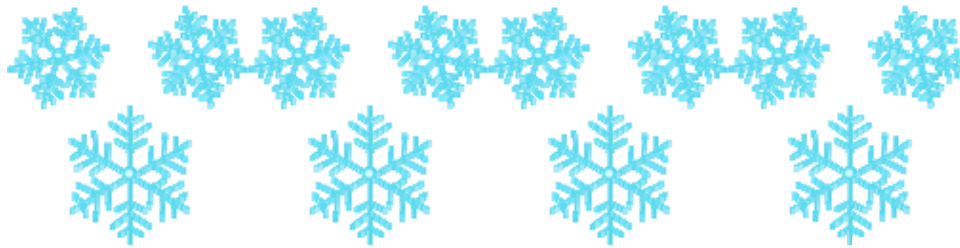
Michigan Association for Healthcare Quality (MAHQ) *No upcoming events posted.*

- Events <http://www.mahq.com/education/calendar-of-events>

Minnesota Healthcare Quality Professionals (MHQP)/HealthForce Minnesota

- Events <http://www.mhqp.com/>

CPHQ Prep Course, March 1, 2014, VA Hospital Auditorium, Minneapolis, MN



Please feel free to contact me with questions, concerns and/or suggestions for improvement for WAHQ News Blast.

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