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**Subject:** Wisconsin Association for Healthcare Quality (WAHQ) News Blast -March 2015

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**If you know someone who might like to become a member or if you are a current member and there has been a change to your information, please complete the form found at <<http://www.wahq.org/docs/WAHQMembershipApplication.pdf>> and return it to: Gloria Field, 3740 River Drive, Plover Point, WI 54467.**

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## WAHQ News Blast

### **2015 WAHQ CONFERENCE WAS A SUCCESS!**

- **Special thanks to all those who presented storyboards! (...please don't forget to send your journal article to Sheri <mailto:sheri.kruegerdix@froedtert.com>)**

### **GIVE YOURSELF SOME CREDIT - LET WAHQ KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING!**

In promoting the excellence of our WAHQ membership we encourage members to share their quality knowledge and success stories with others both within our State and Nationally. Many of you have done this and we would like to start a database on your presentations. **Please email Carol Durocher <mailto:carol.durocher@aurora.org> with your accomplishments.** Title your email "WAHQ Presentation" and include the following information in your email.

1. Date
2. Type of
3. Presentation(Speaker, Published Article)
4. Your Name
5. WAHQ / NAHQ Member: (state which one or both)
6. Title of Work

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

- **NAHQ NATIONAL QUALITY SUMMIT: "LEADING CARE TRANSITIONS: IMPROVING QUALITY & SAFETY ACROSS THE HEALTHCARE CONTINUUM", April 22-24, 2015** Hyatt Regency, Philadelphia, PA. **Register to attend in person or online** (login required). Physical space for this event is limited, so make your plans early to engage with

your colleagues from across the nation and return with actionable plans to enhance your healthcare quality initiatives at work.

## **\$\$ WAHQ SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR VIRTUAL ATTENDEES \$\$**

- WAHQ is offering 8 scholarships of \$299 each for the virtual Summit
- Any member of WAHQ in good standing may apply to Paul Frigoli <mailto:paulfrigoli@gmail.com>.
- Scholarships will be awarded on a first come, first served basis.
- The deadline for application is **May 31, 2015** (giving time for those who want to access the virtual session after the fact since that is an option).
- To receive reimbursement, applicant must:
  1. Submit proof of attendance by showing CE certificate
  2. Submit proof of payment
  3. Agree to write up an article for publication in the WAHQ newsletter on a “lesson learned” during the Summit.

### **MORE NEWS:**



### **Wisconsin Association of Healthcare Quality**

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- Events <http://www.wahq.org/eduoff.asp>
  - *No upcoming events posted.*
- **Check out the Winter 2014 Newsletter!** Check out News Blasts and Newsletters archived at “News & Views”! <http://www.wahq.org/news.asp>
- Job Offerings <http://wahq.org/jobs.asp>
  - *Currently, there are no positions posted.*

- Contacts for WAHQ <http://www.wahq.org/board.asp>



## National Association for Healthcare Quality (NAHQ)

- Events <http://www.nahq.org/education/events/calendar.html>
  - **INTRODUCTION TO HEALTHCARE QUALITY** April 22, 2015, Hyatt Regency, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania **Registration Is Now Open!** <http://www.nahq.org/education/events/intro-apr15.html>
  - **NATIONAL QUALITY SUMMIT: "LEADING CARE TRANSITIONS: IMPROVING QUALITY & SAFETY ACROSS THE HEALTHCARE CONTINUUM"**, April 22-24, 2015, Hyatt Regency, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Specific details about the summit will be available later this summer. **Registration Is Now Open!** [Register to attend in person or online](#) (login required) through a virtual offering. Physical space for this event is limited, so make your plans early to engage with your colleagues from across the nation and return with actionable plans to enhance your healthcare quality initiatives at work.

### **WAHQ SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR VIRTUAL ATTENDEES**

See at top of this email for more details.

- **WEBINAR: IMPLEMENTING A BALANCED APPROACH TO MEDICAL STAFF PEER REVIEW AND PERFORMANCE EVALUATION** April 29, 2015 **Registration Is Now Open!** <http://www.nahq.org/education/events/april15-webinar.html>
- **INTRODUCTION TO HEALTHCARE QUALITY** May 8, 2015, NAHQ Offices, Chicago, Illinois **Registration Is Now Open!** <http://www.nahq.org/education/events/intro-may15.html>
- **CPHQ REVIEW COURSE** June 1 and 2, 2015, Dekalb Medical Center, Atlanta, GA **Registration Is Now Open!** <http://www.nahq.org/education/events/cphq-review-course-june-2015.html>
- **INTRODUCTION TO HEALTHCARE QUALITY** August 24, 2015, Dekalb Medical Center, Atlanta, GA **Registration Is Now Open!** <http://www.nahq.org/education/events/intro-aug15.html>

- **INTRODUCTION TO HEALTHCARE QUALITY** September 14, 2015, Tennessee Hospital Association, Brentwood, TN **Registration Is Now Open!** <http://www.nahq.org/education/events/intro-sept15.html>
- **CPHQ REVIEW COURSE** September 17 and 18, 2015, Syracuse, NY **Registration Coming Soon!** <http://www.nahq.org/education/events/may15-cphq.html>
- **CPHQ REVIEW COURSE** October 26 and 27, 2015, Dekalb Medical Center, Atlanta, GA **Registration Coming Soon!** <http://www.nahq.org/education/events/cphq10-15.html>



## Healthcare Quality Foundation (HQF)

- Grants

Each year, the Healthcare Quality Foundation (HQF) team awards 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. <http://www.nahq.org/hqf/content/individualgrants.htm>

- **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. **Apply for the Certification Grant by April 30, 2015.** [http://www.nahq.org/uploads/2015\\_careerdevapp.pdf](http://www.nahq.org/uploads/2015_careerdevapp.pdf)
- **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. **Apply for the Certification Grant by April 30, 2015.** <http://www.nahq.org/uploads/2015NewQualProfapp.pdf>
- **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 a year. A total of 15 grants were awarded in 2014! **Apply for the Certification Grant by July 31, 2015.** [http://www.nahq.org/uploads/2015\\_Cert\\_Grant\\_Application\\_Fillable.pdf](http://www.nahq.org/uploads/2015_Cert_Grant_Application_Fillable.pdf)

## Illinois Association for Healthcare Quality (IAHQ)

- Events <http://www.iahq.net/education/index.html>

- **2015 ANNUAL EDUCATION PROGRAM - CARE TRANSITIONS: MAKING QUALITY CONNECTIONS**, April 24, 2014, Eaglewood Resort & Spa, Itasca, IL. **Registration is open now!** <http://www.iahq.net/education/index.html>

### Indiana Association for Healthcare Quality (InAHQ)

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

### Iowa Association for Healthcare Quality (IAHQ)

- Events [http://www.iahaonline.org/imis15/IHAOnline/Members\\_Groups/affiliate\\_groups/IAHQ.aspx](http://www.iahaonline.org/imis15/IHAOnline/Members_Groups/affiliate_groups/IAHQ.aspx)
- **2015 IAHQ SPRING CONFERENCE**, May 12-13, 2015, Holiday Inn-Jordan Creek, West Des Moines. More details will be posted to the IAHQ site in future.
- **2015 IHA ANNUAL MEETING**, October 6-8, 2015, Veterans Memorial Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center, Des Moines. More details will be posted to the IAHQ site in future.

### Michigan Association for Healthcare Quality (MAHQ)

- Events <http://www.mahq.com/education/calendar-of-events>
- **STATE CONFERENCE (topics to be determined)**, October 11-12, 2015, Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, Michigan More details will be posted to the MAHQ site in future.

### Minnesota Healthcare Quality Professionals (MHQP)/HealthForce Minnesota

- Events <http://mhqp.com/events/>
- **APIC MINNESOTA'S BASIC INFECTION PREVENTION COURSE**, April 22, 2015, Welcov Healthcare, Edina MN <http://www.apicmn.org/meetings-events/basic-infection-prevention-course>
- **MHQP WEBINAR: SAFETY TOPIC** May 21, 2015, 11:30am – 12:30pm **Save the date!**
- **MHQP WEBINAR: NAHQ ARTICLE REVIEW** June 18, 2015, 11:30am – 12:30pm **Save the date!**

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

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