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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 17, 2014 10:06 AM  
**Subject:** Wisconsin Association for Healthcare Quality (WAHQ) News Blast - June 2014  
**Attachments:** WAHQ V Wyss Grant Application Guidelines 2014 final draft.pdf; WAHQ Educational Application Guidelines 2014 final draft.pdf

*This email is sent to all WAHQ membership. Please navigate to <http://www.wahq.org/news.asp> for archive of "News & Views" and News Blast*

**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 (phone, email, employer...), 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.**



## **IMPORTANT DATES**

### **Virginia Wyss Memorial Career Development Grant**

#### **Purpose of the Grant**

Newly established by WAHQ to honor Virginia's many contributions to the association, this \$1,000 grant provides financial assistance to 2 (two) WAHQ member to apply towards travel expenses and/or registration fees for:

- The *WAHQ Annual Spring Conference*
  - *The NAHQ Annual Conference*
- *WAHQ-sponsored CPHQ Review Course*
- *Ongoing educational courses, the content of which is related to the CPHQ Content Outline*

The applicant should actively contribute to the healthcare quality profession at the national and/or state level. Applications are accepted annually and **must be received by WAHQ by July 15, 2014** for award by August 10, 2014. Please refer to attachment for application guidelines; if you have any questions about this grant or the application process, please contact Team Leaders Gail Wietor at [gail.wietor@va.gov](mailto:gail.wietor@va.gov) or Mary Kay Scheller at [mschelle@metastar.com](mailto:mschelle@metastar.com).

### **WAHQ Educational Grant**

#### **Purpose of the Grant**

This \$250 grant provides financial assistance to a maximum of 2 (two) WAHQ members to apply towards travel expenses and/or registration fees for:

- *The WAHQ Annual Spring Conference*
- *WAHQ-sponsored CPHQ Review Course*
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**Marty Makary, MD: The Transparency Revolution: Taking Quality to the Next Level**

**John Toussaint, MD: Creating a High Reliability Organizational Culture**

**Jonathan Perlin, MD PhD: Interoperability, Big Data, and the Promise of a Learning Health System**

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN – EARLY BIRD RATES IN EFFECT BEFORE 8/4!**

[www.NAHQ.org/conference14](http://www.NAHQ.org/conference14)

**NATIONAL HEALTHCARE QUALITY WEEK: QUALITY ACROSS THE CONTINUUM**

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

October 19–25, 2014

**WAHQ Annual Conference**

**TENTATIVELY PLANNED** for Glacier Canyon Lodge – Wilderness Resort in the Wisconsin Dells in March 2015

**WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION!**



## Wisconsin Association of Healthcare Quality

- Events <http://www.wahq.org/eduoff.asp>
  - **Just Culture Certification Course** June 17 – 19, Community Care, Inc., 205 Bishops Way, Brookfield, WI
  - **WAHQ Annual Conference** TENTATIVELY PLANNED for Glacier Canyon Lodge – Wilderness Resort in the Wisconsin Dells in March, 2015
- Check out the just published **Spring 2014** edition of “**News & Views**”!  
<http://www.wahq.org/news.asp>
- Job Offerings <http://wahq.org/jobs.asp>
  - *There are currently no job openings 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>
  - **NAHQ's 39th Annual Educational Conference: Quality in Harmony Across the Continuum, September 7–10, 2014**, Music City Convention Center, Omni Hotel and Resort, Nashville, TN
    - **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN - EARLY BIRD RATES IN EFFECT BEFORE 8/4!** Attend in-person or online through the virtual conference option. Visit [www.NAHQ.org/conference14](http://www.NAHQ.org/conference14) to learn more, book your hotel and register for conference today! Early bird conference rates end 8/4/2014. A special rate for the Omni Nashville Hotel is available through August 11 or until block is sold out.
  - **Webcast: 10 Most Common Errors in Data Interpretation Affecting Quality Professionals** June 20th, 12:00pm-1:00pm CST NAHQ is partnering with the Michigan Association for Healthcare Quality to offer a one-hour webcast on the 10 Most Common Errors in Data Interpretation Affecting Quality Professionals. The discussion will employ a light-hearted, informal approach that emphasizes ways of thinking about data, rather than focusing on math-heavy discourse. CPHQ CE Credits: 1.0 for registered webcast users who complete an evaluation following the presentation.  
<http://www.nahq.org/education/events/data-interpretation.html> **REGISTRATION IS NOW FULL.**
  - **CPHQ Review Course**, October 22 - 23, 2014, Princeton, NJ **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

- **CPHQ Review Course, November 4-5, 2014, Richmond, VA REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**



## 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. 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. ***Applications for 2014 grants are now closed.***

**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 July 31, 2014!**

[http://www.nahq.org/uploads/2014\\_Cert\\_Grant\\_Application\\_fillable.pdf](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. **Applications for 2014 grants are now closed.**

### **Illinois Association for Healthcare Quality (IAHQ)**

- Events <http://www.iahq.net/education/index.html> No upcoming events posted.

### **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.ihaonline.org/imis15/IHAOnline/Members\\_Groups/affiliate\\_groups/IAHQ.aspx](http://www.ihaonline.org/imis15/IHAOnline/Members_Groups/affiliate_groups/IAHQ.aspx)
  - **IHA Annual Meeting, October 7-9**, Iowa Veterans Memorial Convention Center, Des Moines, IA

### **Michigan Association for Healthcare Quality (MAHQ)**

- Events <http://www.mahq.com/education/calendar-of-events>
  - **Michigan Association for Healthcare Quality Annual Conference, September 29-30**, Health Care Quality: A Beacon in a Tumultuous Sea of Industry Change, Park Place Hotel in Traverse City, MI
  - **MAHQ CPHQ Review Course, September 30 – October 1**, Park Place Hotel in Traverse City, MI

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

- Events <http://www.mhqp.com/> No upcoming events posted.

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

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