

President's Corner

WAHQ President



Conni Brandt

New Additions for our members, a New Association Logo and New Member Portal.

The WAHQ Board of Directors partnered with Elise Frigoli of Messy Feathers Design Company to create a new, fresh WAHQ logo.

First, The new logo includes a single line moving forward through each letter to represent the forward motion of positive progress and culminates in a green check to represent a seal of approval.

Along with the new WAHQ logo, the WAHQ website now features a new WAHQ Member Portal.

The Member Portal may be accessed through the Membership Info link on the left side of the WAHQ home page.

The Member Portal offers over 40 quality improvement resource videos varying in length from three minutes to over an hour. Members may also update their information (phone, email, employer, etc.) within the portal. Click on the "Member Portal" link <https://www.wahq.org/membership.asp> for information on how to access the Member Portal for the first time.

Additional resources will be added soon, including presentations from the *NAHQ Next 2017* conference. Please do not share your member

Quality Essentials for the Health Care Professional CPHQ Education Session

When

Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM CDT

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Friday, October 20, 2017 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM CDT

Where

MetaStar

2909 Landmark Place
Madison, WI 53713



login with non-WAHQ members.

WAHQ is pleased to Co-sponsor the 2017 CPHQ Education Session, Quality Essentials for the Health Care Professional with Dr. Susan Mellott on October 19 & 20 in Madison.

More information is also available when you click the Register button above.

The 2018 WAHQ Conference Team, led by Katie Kickhaver, is busy planning a dynamic Patient Safety and Quality Outcomes Agenda. You will not want to miss it!

We are looking for a photographer and desk registration help. If you are interested in helping please email Ray Riska, RRiska@wi.rr.com

Mark your calendars! 2018 WAHQ Conference

When: March 2, 2018

**Where: Radisson Paper
Valley Hotel &
Conference Center
Appleton, WI**

Last but not least, just a reminder **Quality week is October 15-21, 2017**. See page 3 for opportunities to celebrate Quality week.

CPHQ Education Session details

Space is Limited. **Register now!**

- Are you new to quality?
- Looking for a comprehensive review of quality concepts?
- Thinking about taking the exam to become a Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality (CPHQ)?
- Wanting to earn credits toward CPHQ recertification?

MetaStar, Inc., in collaboration with the **Wisconsin Association for Healthcare Quality**, invites you to a two day session with nationally known instructor **Susan Mellott, PhD, RN, CPHQ, FNAHQ**, highlighting essential concepts for your health care quality practice.

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Quality, Performance Improvement and Safety Websites

By Sheri Krueger Dix

Looking for the latest WAHQ news? www.wahq.org
You can visit our Web site for the latest information on healthcare activities at home and around the country. We are fortunate to have the expertise of MetaStar to guide us in the development of our Web page.

This avenue of networking would not be possible without Metastar's technical and financial support. Special thanks to **Rich Chapman**, webmaster, **Metastar Inc.**

Other Quality Websites

*WI Bureau of Quality Assurance

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov>

*CMS Internet site <http://www.cms.hhs.gov>

*Wisconsin Collaborative

<http://www.wiqualitycollaborative.org>

*Wisconsin Price Point <http://www.wipricepoint.org>

*Wisconsin CheckPoint <http://www.wicheckpoint.org>

*Wisconsin Hospital Association Quality Center

<http://www.wahaqualitycenter.org>

*Health Grades <http://www.healthgrades.com>

*Center for Disease Control <http://www.cdc.gov>

*Healthy People 2020 <https://www.healthypeople.gov>

*Minnesota Adverse Health Reports

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/patientsafety>

*Caring right at home <http://www.caringnews.com>

*Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Patient Safety Network (AHRQ) <https://psnet.ahrq.gov/>

MetaStar Health Care Quality Symposium

November 8 2017

8:45 am - 4:45 pm CT

\$55 Registration now open!

MetaStar Health Care
QUALITY SYMPOSIUM



Overcoming Obstacles for the Health of Patients, Providers and Communities

<http://www.metastar.com/event/symposium2017/>

Glacier Canyon Conference Center at the Wilderness, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

REGISTER 

Mark Your Calendars! NAHQ 2018 Annual Conference, November 5-7, Minneapolis, Minnesota

WAHQ Treasurer's Report

By Timothy Kamps

ACCOUNT BALANCES

As of August, 2017

- Checking \$ 5,335.62
- Savings \$ 20,649.75
- Annuity \$ 6,980.94
- Interest \$ 122.17

Total Assets \$ 33,088.48

Have you shared your Quality Knowledge or Stories via Presentations or Published Articles?

by Carol Durocher, WAHQ
Northeast Representative



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@aurora.org with your accomplishments.

Title your email "WAHQ Presentation" and include the following information in your email.

Date	Type of Presentation (Speaker, Published Article)	Your Name	WAHQ / NAHQ Member: (state which one or both)	Title of Work
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Quality Week Newsblast

by Chris Lutze, WAHQ Southeast Region Rep.

S: “Healthcare quality week” is **October 15-21, 2017**. The Wisconsin Association for Healthcare Quality's mission is to advance quality in healthcare by promoting the use of the quality principle and practices in healthcare organizations and supporting the growth and development of healthcare quality professionals.” What better time to do this than during healthcare quality week!

B: Quality week is an opportunity to provide appreciative feedback to your team, and to showcase your contributions in healthcare.

A: The National Association for Healthcare Quality (NAHQ) will be sponsoring 3 complimentary webinars during this week that will offer CPHQ CE credit.

1. October 17: Insights into the Future of Healthcare Quality (registration opening soon)
2. October 18: How to Market Yourself as a Healthcare Quality Professional
3. October 19: How to Effectively Communicate to C-Suite Executives

R: Visit the NAHQ website for registration information for these webinars, and for other ideas as you plan for this special week; <http://nahq.org/about/healthcare-quality-week>.

Consider this an invitation to share how you are celebrating Healthcare quality week with your WAHQ regional representative. You might network with your local regional quality professionals for ideas, explore the Wisconsin Association for Healthcare Quality website, and at the same time encourage colleagues to join WAHQ. <http://www.wahq.org>. Thanks and I hope you enjoy the upcoming autumn season!

Thank you to the Vendors who shared their products with Conference Attendees!

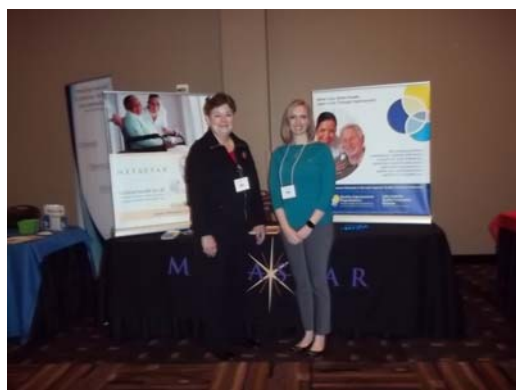
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2018 Annual WAHQ Conference Planning

Call for Storyboards

If you are interested in presenting a Storyboard that demonstrates efforts related to Patient Safety or Quality & Outcome improvements, please email a brief description (80 words or less) to **Julie Pomasl**
Due by February 23rd, 2018

email: julie.pomasl@aurora.org

Phone: (920) 288-4276 (call or email with any questions.)

Storyboard presenters will receive a 1-yr. transferable annual WAHQ membership.

1. Please submit a brief description (80 words or less) to Julie Pomasl.
 - a. Download the Storyboard Submission Summary template from the website at <http://wahq.org>
2. You will be asked to submit an article for the WAHQ newsletter that describes your project and tells your story.

Storyboard Topic/Title	Contact person(s):
Summary: (80 words or less)	

Call for Vendors for the 2018 Annual Wisconsin Association for Healthcare Quality (WAHQ) Conference

Please join us as a vendor for the 2018 WAHQ Annual Conference on Friday, March 2, 2018 in Appleton, at the Paper Valley Hotel.

Would you be interested in being a vendor at our annual conference or know someone that would?

Our organization focus is education, we accept 6-8 vendors and have educational storyboards displayed.

For more details on the conference, please check the WAHQ website for the brochure and conference objectives at WAHQ.org

For conference details check our site for regular updates - <http://wahq.org/conf> - please scroll to the bottom for the vendor application and information.

If you are interested in being a vendor, please go into the 2018 conference link and scroll to the bottom,

There are 3 documents for your review:

- Letter to Exhibitors
- Exhibit Space Rules and Regulations
- Exhibit Space Application (You can email or USPS mail me the information and bring payment to the conference if that is easier.)

- \$500 for a table, and if you have materials to donate for drawings for our attendees, we are always thankful.

Year after year, the conference highlights hot topics for Healthcare Quality education and as always, promises to be an interesting event!

Thank you for your support,
Please feel free to contact me with any questions.
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2017-2018 Membership Application

Name _____ Credentials _____ (CPHQ, RN, LPN, RRA, ART, Other)

Title _____ Business Phone () _____ - _____ Home Phone () _____ - _____

Organization _____ FAX () _____ - _____ Email _____

Business Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Are you a member of NAHQ? ___ Yes ___ No (Please check) Send more information regarding ___ NAHQ

WAHQ Annual Membership Only \$45

Mail completed Registration to:

Make check payable to **WAHQ**

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