



VAHRMM Newsletter

2014 Fall Meeting, another VAHRMM Sensation!

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The 2014 Fall Meeting, hosted in the beautiful City Center Marriott, Newport News became a realization after a long year of planning for the VAHRMM board.

The event kicked off with the Annual Golf Tournament, which was held at the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club. Although the weather did not cooperate, we did raise \$1500 that was donated to the local foodbank!



Later in the evening, everyone gathered for a welcome reception for great networking fun!



We had a great turnout first day of the conference. Welcome to the 10 first time attendees to the conference. Many thanks to the 43 vendors that contributed to support this event!

Anita Phipps, VAHRMM President, opened the conference with a welcome to everyone and introductions to the board.

Our first speaker, Florence Doyle, gave a great update on a very important AHRMM initiative associated with "CQO" Cost, Quality and Outcomes which will be directly related to reimbursement with the new healthcare reform policies. Very important topic for everyone in the room.

We also had a "Legislative Outlook" from Jeremy Greenfield, which provided the perspective from our government.

We had a presentation from Steve Thompson, which was recorded and can be found on our website along with slides

from each of our presenters at [2014 Presentations](#)

The vendor exhibition, which is always a great time for introductions, visiting and of course business!

Later in the evening we had dinner and game night, which was fun had by one and all! You can view the pictures on our website photo gallery [2014 Fall Conference Photos](#)

The last day of the conference began with an interactive and engaging presentation by Jonathan Piques, "Total Cost of Ownership", in which everyone participated and contributed their knowledge of current expenses on owning a pet, purchasing a vehicle and owning a home. Very eye opening discussion!

The conference ended with closing remarks and the VAHRMM board business meeting.

2015 Spring Meeting is confirmed!



We invite you to join us at the 2015 Spring Meeting on April 24th, which will again be hosted at the beautiful location of August Health in Fishersville, VA.

As in years past, this will be a one day event, which provides the opportunity for members to stay connected

throughout the year, catch up on current healthcare events and earn CEUs that are required for CMRP certifications.

The board is actively working on confirming speakers for this event and we are planning to have a very engaging and interactive schedule of presentations!

New in 2015!!

The VAHRMM board will be changing the way that you become eligible for door prizes. In the past, you were given a ticket for either the vendor fair bingo card, or just for attending. Now you will have the opportunity to increase your chances to win the fabulous door prizes by how actively you are engaged with the VAHRMM organization!

You will be awarded "VAHRMM Bucks" for various activities coordinated by the organization and at the Fall meeting, you will purchase door prizes with your VAHRMM bucks! So make sure you attend the Spring Meeting, Upcoming Webinars, and other exciting activities that we have planned to earn your VAHRMM Bucks! Opportunities coming soon!



Congratulations on the 2104-15 Achievements!



Keith Dabbs, Riverside Health System recently earned the title CMRP! What a great achievement personally and professionally!!! Congrats Keith!

If you have any awards or achievements that you would like to recognize, please let us know and we can post it here! Feel free to email us at vahrmm@vahrmm.net



Letter from the President, Christy Reese



Dear VAHRMM members,

Well, it's that time of year again. The fall is here and will soon give way to the Holiday rush and stress of decorating, shopping and traveling. In the Healthcare profession, Supply Chain professionals have felt the pressure of responding to the ever-changing PPE requirements as our country deals with the Ebola crisis reaching our shores. These, sometimes daily, changes have tested not only those of us in Supply chain, but our clinical team members and our supply manufacturers. The collaborative efforts of those within our own facilities, alongside other healthcare facilities and government officials, has been historical. Having to respond to evolving protocols and training of staff and the effect on our supply chain has made many of us reevaluate our supply preparedness in

ways that we had previously not considered. What we learn as we move through the next few months will be valuable in years, and situations, to come.

We are also busy on the VAHRMM Board. As soon as our Fall 2014 conference wrapped up, we began brainstorming for our next conference.

Once again, Augusta Health (and Jim Keathley), were kind enough to allow the use of their facilities for our Spring Conference. The date has been set, April 24th 2015, and registration will be pushed out to everyone as our agenda falls into place.

We're looking forward to the 2015 Fall Conference which is scheduled to be held October 14-16 again at the Newport News Marriott. We received valuable feedback, both at the conference and from the follow-up survey that we'll use to make some

changes to improve your experience. Our goal is to continue to grow not only our conference, but our membership as well. We want to hear from you as to what we can do to continually increase the value of membership and attendance. Please reach out to me, or any of the Board members, with your thoughts and suggestions.

In closing, thank you again for your continued support of our Chapter. With the landscape of healthcare, and Supply Chain, constantly changing, the peer resources that I have found through my involvement with the chapter have proven invaluable. On behalf of the Board, we hope you feel the same. I hope that you and yours have a wonderful Holiday season and we look forward to seeing you at the Spring Conference.



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Isabel works for Sentara and has been a Procurement Specialist for 18 years. Essentially her responsibilities are procurement, vendor management, cost management, contract management, integration of new hospital systems, and communicating to staff and management about any changes. Isabel works with several committees within Sentara to standardize products and services and policy changes. She participated in ISO training and assisted on implementation of ISO standards in Materials Management.

Isabel graduated from Old Dominion University in 1996 with a major in Business Administration with a focus in Marketing. She is originally from Portugal where Portuguese is her first language.

Isabel became involved with VAHRMM in 2012 when she attended the conference for the first time. “It was a great experience to connect with others in the industry and share the same interest on a professional basis. It has been an amazing experience for me personally and professionally”

Isabel’s goal is to continue working with VAHRMM members to promote higher attendance from different areas of the spectrum in the healthcare industry. She would also like to grow sponsorship by our vendors for VAHRMM so that this wonderful organization can strengthen educational opportunities for all healthcare attendees for the future.

Isabel currently serves on the board as President Elect for 2016-17