

VAHRMM19

Virginia Beach, October 9 - 11



Upcoming Events

October 9-11, 2019

36th Anniversary Fall Conference at the Westin VA Beach Town Center



October 9, 2019

24th Annual Golf Tournament: Sleepy Hole Golf Course Suffolk, VA



Dear VAHRMM members,

Now that the summer is coming to an end in Virginia, and the temperatures are cooling down, it is a gentle cue that fall is around the corner. It is also a reminder that the VAHRMM Fall 2019 conference is quickly approaching. Our 36th annual conference will once again be held at the Westin Virginia Beach Town Center Oct 9-11th. The board members have been working feverously putting together the final details to be sure that this year's conference will be exceptional as always.

As you will see in this month's newsletter, VAHRMM's Education committee has put together an agenda of speakers that all healthcare supply chain and affiliates will find informational, thought provoking, challenging and exciting.

The Activities committee has arranged an itinerary that will not only be an outstanding resource for networking with your peers, vendors, and other healthcare professionals, but will also be entertaining.

On a personal note, I want to thank our membership and our vendor partners for all of your support and dedication to keeping VAHRMM a successful resource for the professional development of Supply Chain professionals. Because of your support we are able to once again offer our first time hospital attendees to attend free.

In closing, I look forward to seeing you at this year's golf outing (benefiting local foodbank) and conference. We have a few exciting surprises planned and I hope you will enjoy the speakers, camaraderie, and venue. If you have any questions or concerns registering for the conference, please feel free to contact me or any board member.

Rich Levine, President

AHRMM20 National Meeting

Mark your calendar to join us for AHRMM20 in Austin, TX July 26-29, 2020. The AHRMM Conference & Exhibition is the leading education event and the central meeting place for providers, affiliates, and exhibitors working in all facets of health care supply chain.

Last month, at 2019's event in San Diego, VAHRMM's very own Keith Dabbs (Riverside Regional Health System) represented the Commonwealth. Amongst the many new and recognizable faces was Bob Taylor, AHRMM President. And wouldn't you know it that Bob accepted Keith's invitation to attend and present at VAHRMM19 this October at the Westin Virginia Beach! Details below. Thank you Bob & Keith!

VAHRMM News



Important Announcements

Registration is up for the Fall Conference. Link below [VAHRMM19 Fall Conference](#)

Registration is up for the annual Fall Charity Golf Tournament. Link below [VAHRMM19 Golf Tournament](#)

Special Thanks

Thanks to all of our **Conference Exhibitors** including our medal sponsors:

Gold: Ethicon

Silver : BD, Cardinal Health, Molnlycke Health Care, Owens & Minor, and VHHA Shared Services

VAHRMM19 FALL CONFERENCE AND VENDOR EXHIBITION



VAHRMM19 Fall Conference & Vendor Exhibition

When

October 9, 2019 - October 11, 2019

Where

Westin Virginia Beach Town Center
4535 Commerce Street
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462

Dress Code

Business Casual

As always, there is a good mix of entertainment, educational and motivational speakers lined up for your enjoyment. Our theme and speakers are in alignment with the National AHRMM Mission of advancing healthcare through supply chain excellence. Moreover, trends and best practices from across the Commonwealth will be showcased.

Thursday's "**Sports Bar themed Game Night**" night will have something for everyone including a **DJ Scotty V inspired dancing**.

Registration

[VAHRMM19 Fall Conference](#)



VAHRMM Gives Back: Again we are donating to the SPCA. Requested items include laundry detergent, gently used linens, pet toys, peanut butter, gently used linens, or personal checks.

24th Annual VAHRMM Charity Golf Tournament



When

October 9, 2019

9:00AM shotgun start

Where

Sleepy Hold Golf Club, Suffolk VA

Registration

[VAHRMM19 Golf Tournament](#)

Please join us for VAHRMM's 24rd annual charity golf tournament to be held in conjunction with our annual fall conference. We are excited to announce a new venue in 2019, the beautiful **Sleepy Hole Golf Club** in Suffolk for another great event where all proceeds go to benefit the **Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia**. This captain's choice tournament will begin with a shotgun start promptly at 9:00AM. Registration options include signing up as an individual player, a pair of players can register as a twosome, or sign up an entire team of four with the added benefit of a hole sponsorship. Hole sponsorships are also available for individual purchase. Prizes will be awarded for 1st through 3rd place so don't miss this opportunity to participate in a fun day of golf with old and new friends.

FALL CONFERENCE SPEAKERS AND BIOS:



Bob Taylor

President, AHRMM

SVP, Supply Chain - RWJBarnabas Health

Bob Taylor has over 30 years of experience in the Health Care Supply Chain. Currently Bob is the SVP of Supply Chain for RWJBarnabas Health. For 18 months prior Bob was the VP of Managed Services with HealthTrust, leading the company's outsourced Supply Chain Leadership Staffing business and also the interim SVP of Supply Chain for RWJBarnabas Health. Prior to this Bob was the AVP for Supply Chain at UAB Health System in Birmingham Alabama for 9 years including the 1,250 bed flagship UAB University Hospital, The Health Services Foundation with over 1,000 physicians, three affiliate hospitals, and two additional associate hospitals all located within the state of Alabama. Prior to UAB Health System Bob worked with HCA for fifteen years, the last seven as a regional Supply Chain Officer with responsibility for Supply Chain Services for 22 hospitals in three states. Bob has also worked community and faith based facilities throughout his career.

Bob received his Bachelor's Degree from The Pennsylvania State University and his Master's Degree from Kennesaw State University, has a Graduate Certificate from UAB in Healthcare Quality and Safety, and is a Certified Materials Resource Professional and is the Chair of AHRMM.



Amy Whitaker

Vice President, Clinical Integration

Bon Secours Mercy Health

Amy is a Registered Nurse who received her Bachelors in the Science of Nursing from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA. She worked as a staff nurse caring for a varying range of patients for 14 years before she transitioned her career into healthcare supply chain. While working in Supply Chain she has had a variety of roles. She has worked as the Director of Supply Chain in the local community healthcare system with accountability for all Supply Chain departments. She's also worked in the for profit GPO arena as a Supply

Chain Regional Director at Premier, Inc. Amy joined Bon Secours as the Director of Clinical Value Analysis, Supplies and Services in 2016. Her current role is Vice President of Supply Chain Clinical Integration at Bon Secours Mercy Health where she has accountability for the successful creation, implementation and ongoing success of the Corporate-wide Clinical Integration program.

Amy's favorite part of her current role is utilizing her clinical expertise and knowledge to help drive standardization and utilization reviews. She enjoys working with both the clinical teams and the business team and facilitating conversations that are meaningful and actionable.

Amy is originally from Fredericksburg, VA and has an amazing husband, Adrion and 2 wonderful daughters, Jordan (20) and Kylie (15). They have 3 dogs, Zoey (Pomeranian), Missy (Chihuahua) and Harley (Golden Doodle). In their spare time they love to cruise the lake on their boat!



Bobbe White

Professional Speaker

Try Laughter! Inc.

Bobbe's work history reflects over 30 years of stability and a proven performance record of corporate training/business development with the Better Bank Group, Mennonite Hospital, and Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club. During this time, she has served as an officer and director on boards directing college education, not-for-profit foundations, and community organizations. Bobbe has experienced the changes of up-sizing and down-sizing, times of sharing and parsimony, the problems associated with apathetic leadership, and the sense of optimism when led by inspired management.

Her approach of incorporating laughter to improve overall performance has been covered by the media, ranging from the New York Times to T.V. Tokyo. Thousands of attendees across the country have been energized and equipped with useful tips and tools from Bobbe's fun – yet , functional – programs. Her enthusiastic delivery will achieve the positive results you're looking for, whether it's one of her favorite stories or effectively communicating your organization's message, goals, or concerns.

Dividing her time between her company, Try Laughter! Inc., her husband and their two kids, Bobbe is constantly a victim of life's twists and turns. At work or home, she uses laughter to combat the stress that befalls us all daily. When that doesn't work, she writes, heads for the gym, the swimming pool, or enlists the support of her newest therapeutic tool, Lily White, the black Lab. Websites: [Try Laughter! Inc.](#)



Patrick Horine

President

DNV GL Healthcare

Patrick Horine serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of DNV GL Healthcare USA, Inc. He is responsible for the North American healthcare business of DNV GL, which includes a growing portfolio of standards-driven accreditation and certification services.

Patrick was part of an entrepreneurial team that created and brought to market the first new hospital accreditation program in the United States since the 1960's when Medicare was started. This program, the DNV GL National Integrated Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (NIAHO®), has attracted more than 500 hospitals, and is recognized for its unique design, which integrates Medicare compliance with the ISO 9001 Quality Management System.

Patrick has more than 25 years of healthcare management experience, and has held various leadership positions in hospitals including that of Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, and Vice President for Quality and Business Development. He has a Master's Degree in Hospital and Health Administration from Xavier University.



Julie Dime

Vice President of Government Advocacy

Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association

Julie has more than 17 years of political and legislative experience including government relations, campaign management, grassroots management, public speaking, fund raising, community outreach initiatives, and both federal and state legislative processes. Prior to joining the Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association (VHHA), Julie was the Director of Government Affairs in the Tyson's office of Williams Mullen. She has also served as the managing director for the Northern Virginia office of a highly regarded government affairs/lobbying firm. She has served as the Chief of Staff and Senior Campaign Advisor for a Virginia State Delegate where she oversaw all aspects of the legislative and public relations strategies and responses to legislative and constituent correspondence. Julie serves on the Board of the Directors for the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, as well as, the Mt. Vernon Board of Visitors. Julie and her husband, Todd reside in Richmond, Virginia.



Keith Dabbs

Director, Sourcing & SCM Accounts Payable

Riverside Health System

Keith Dabbs, MBA, CMRP, APM, is the Director of Sourcing & SCM Accounts Payable at Riverside Health System in Newport News, Virginia. He has responsibility for the purchasing, contracting, capital and accounts payable departments for all acute care facilities, medical group, and assisted care divisions. Over the last 20 years he has held management and Director level positions in Supply Chain from small healthcare facilities, to larger systems. Earlier in his career he served as Director of Planning & Marketing for a 350-bed health system. He has an undergraduate and graduate degree from Averett University in Danville, Virginia.



Barbara Strain

Principal, Barbara Strain Consulting LLC

Barbara Strain is the Principal of Barbara Strain Consulting LLC. Barbara is an experienced healthcare professional with a proven record of success in assisting providers in reaching value driven strategic goals. By tapping into her experience in value analysis and structure realignment she advises providers in how to streamline complex systems into cohesive structures that create sustainable value.

Previously, Barbara was the Director of Value Management at the University of Virginia Health System. In that role she directed the Value Management Program which collaborated with executive leadership, physicians, clinicians and suppliers across the care continuum providing the infrastructure to standardize product selection and reduce practice variation. Through the use of data analytics and systems thinking she guided a team of nurses and analysts to consistently achieve year over year savings.

Prior to establishing the Value Management program Barbara managed the Clinical Microbiology Laboratory operations at UVA. She also served as chair of the institutional fire safety workgroup and facilitated performance improvement initiatives as a Six Sigma Green Belt.

Barbara is a founding member, past president and current region director of the Association of Healthcare Value Analysis Professionals (AHVAP). Barbara has published articles on such topics as healthcare value management, supply chain, disruptive technology & microbiology and speaks nationally on a variety of topics including value analysis, process improvement, sustainability and safety.



BON SECOURS MERCY HEALTH

Steve Austin

Administrative Director Central Sterile Processing

Bon Secours Mercy Health



Neil Horton

Consulting Director

Vizient, Inc.

Neil brings more than 30 years of healthcare experience. Prior to joining Vizient he practiced nursing in a variety of clinical roles, from Psychiatry to the Operating Room. His Value Analysis experience began in 2009 when he took a facilitator position in PeriOperative Value Analysis with a large academic medical center. After being shown his desk, he was tasked with finding a million dollars of savings in the spinal implant spend. Five years later, Neil became Regional Director for the University HealthSystem Consortium (UHC), now Vizient, where he was the UHC Value Analysis resource for twenty academic medical systems in the west. Neil earned his Bachelor of Science degree from East Carolina University in Greenville, NC, and his Masters in Nursing from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia. He completed Lean Six Sigma Training from DePaul University, Value Analysis Orientation from UHC, and Project Management, Change Management, and Team Facilitation Training at UHC in Oak Brook, Illinois. His professional affiliations include the American Nurses Association, the Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses, the Association of Healthcare Value Analysis Professionals and the Association for Healthcare Resource and Materials Management.



Isabel Moore

Patient Safety & Accreditation Coordinator

Sentara Healthcare

Isabel began her Supply Chain career upon graduation from ODU with a degree in Business/Marketing in 1996. Three years ago, she transitioned to SVBGH as the Patient Safety/Accreditation/Regulatory Coordinator responsible for developing and implementing processes to support ongoing compliance with Accreditation/Regulatory agencies and local hospital standards. Key responsibilities for local hospital Accreditation support include: Coordination of survey activities, sharing knowledge of processes to meet compliance with identified Accreditation/Regulatory standards from CMS, DNV, OSHA, NFPA, researching and obtaining interpretation of standards compliance requirements and assisting with the development of the processes to support ongoing survey readiness from all lines of service. Lead Auditor, CHOP certified (Certified Healthcare Operations Professional), Lean six sigma certified overseeing annual ISO responsibilities for accreditation services. Outside of Sentara, Isabel is a proud VAHRMM past president.



Michelle Deppisch

Wound Care Clinical Specialist

Mölnlycke Health Care

Michelle has almost 30 years of Pressure Injury Wound Care Experience to include Director of Rehabilitation Services and Skin/Wound Care and Senior Skin/Wound Care Clinician. She serves as the Clinical Specialist for the South Atlantic Region for Molnlycke Health Care. In addition she has served as a Member of the Board of Directors and Chairman of Research Committee for the National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (NPUAP). She currently serves as the Molnlycke Panel Representative to NPUAP and the Research Committee. She has published several papers for NPUAP and most recently she published the Root Cause Analysis Tool Kit.

Michelle has a Bachelor of Health Sciences in Physical Therapy, Certified Wound Specialist through the American Board of Wound Management and is a Fellow in the College of Clinical Wound Specialists.