



News and Views

April 2024

Welcome!

Greetings, healthcare quality colleagues, from the WAHQ Board of Directors. In line with the association's [Mission and Vision](#), "News and Views" will provide relevant and timely information to you on a monthly basis.

We want to hear from you!

Thank you for those of you who participated in the March survey, telling us your CPHQ status and why you value this certification. We had 6 respondents, and of those, 5 are CPHQ Certified. They shared why they value the certification:

- It helps keep up to date with the latest in quality
- It supports knowledge and understanding of the different quality programs available and how to drive quality forward
- It represents a commitment to excellence in healthcare quality
- It offers recognition of competence in healthcare quality
- It validates expertise and credibility in the healthcare world where the value of a quality leader is not always understood.

Are you interested in pursuing your CPHQ? WAHQ will reimburse \$75 to current WAHQ members who obtain their Certified Professional Healthcare Quality (CPHQ) certification. For more information, click here:

<https://www.wahq.org/grants/>

This month, we'd like to know, *"What is your favorite healthcare quality resource and why?"*

Click here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KHPXG58>

A summary from this month's survey responses will be included in next month's edition of "News and Views".

Upcoming Events

❖ Spring Leadership Conference 2024 | HIMSS

The Wisconsin Chapter of Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) is hosting its annual Spring Leadership Conference on Thursday, April 25th at Glacier Canyon Lodge in the Wisconsin Dells. The day will include active healthcare IT discussion, professionally acclaimed speakers, and more! Click [HERE](#) for more information and registration information.

❖ Wisconsin Collaborative for Healthcare Quality (WCHQ)

Mark your calendars now for our 2024 education events! Click [HERE](#) for program details.

- **April 30:** Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Toolkit Launch Webinar
- **May 7:** Driving Change: Education and Awareness for Immunizations and Maternal Mortality in High-Risk Communities
- **May 15:** Asthma Efforts Across Wisconsin

❖ Wisconsin Rural Health and Substance Use Clinical Support (RHeSUS) Offerings

Visit the [WHA Quality Center](#) for an overview and training/Education offered, including the **RHeSUS Lunch and Learn Series, every third Monday of the month through September 2024**. The upcoming May 20th session is **Acute pain management in the setting of Opioid Use Disorder** from 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. **Note - if it is your first time visiting the WHA Quality Center, you will be asked to join and create an account – takes less than a minute!*

❖ Wisconsin Quality Residency Program

Registration for 2024 Quality Residency is now open! The Wisconsin Hospital Association (WHA), Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative (RWHC), and the Wisconsin Office of Rural Health (WORH) are excited to offer these trainings starting in May. Modules are designed to engage new or novice quality leaders in health care quality and are highly interactive learning sessions facilitated by a team of expert and veteran quality professionals. The program kicks off May 8, 2024, and runs through March 12, 2025, and will cover foundational topics, including regulatory and accreditation requirements, quality improvement concepts, state and federal hospital compliance, risk management, data analysis and decision-making and more. Click [HERE](#) to see the program schedule, dates, times, descriptions, fees, and registration link.

❖ WAHQ - Check out the [Events](#) webpage anytime for the upcoming events.

- **October 25:** [2024 WAHQ Conference at Glacier Canyon Conference Center – HOLD THE DATE!](#)

❖ NAHQ

- **October 20-26** [NAHQ Healthcare Quality Week 2024](#)

News Items

❖ Stroke Education Materials Available - Order Now

The Wisconsin Coverdell Stroke program provides stroke education materials at no cost to hospitals, community organizations, and EMS. To order materials, go to [Wisconsin Coverdell Stroke Education Materials Form](#) and have them ready in hand for Stroke Awareness Month observed in May.

❖ National Wellness Observance – May

Here is a sample of health care related observances for the month of May. What are you observing in May?

- American Stroke Awareness
- Mental Health Awareness Month
- Employee Health and Fitness Month
- High Blood Pressure Awareness Month
- SAMHSA National Prevention Week 12-18



Financial Updates

WAHQ fund balances as of 3/31/24:

Assets	Amount
Checking	\$ 6,952.71
Savings	\$ 10,732.70
Annuity	\$ 8,585.68
Interest	\$ 64.39
Total	\$ 26,335.48

Membership Updates

- ❖ Congratulations **Tammy Simon** on your new position as Vice President of Medical Services for ThedaCare!
- ❖ Are you looking to expand your horizons? Connect with the healthcare quality community? Get involved? Engage with your professional peers? Please consider joining WAHQ? Already a member? Recruit a colleague? Refer a friend? Click [HERE](#) for information about annual membership and benefits.
- ❖ **Do you have member news to share? Contact Jill Lindwall at jlindwall@wha.org and she will include it in next month's edition!**


Career Corner

As a service to its membership, WAHQ will publicize healthcare quality job opportunities that are available at their organization for up to 30 days on the WAHQ [Career Corner](#) webpage as well as in this "Career Corner" of "WAHQ News and Views". Contact Therese Dodd, WAHQ President, at doddtherese@gmail.com to request a posting here. Approved postings will be maintained on this site for 30 days unless removal is directed sooner by the requestor.

“News and Views” Planned Content Postings

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Board Meeting Activity	February [for WAHQ Annual Meeting], April, June, August, October, December	
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Membership Updates	May for Q1, August for Q2, November for Q3, February for Q4 of previous calendar year	
Member Spotlight ²	February, May, August November	
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- ❖ Visit the [WAHQ Board](#) webpage for information on all Board Members.

¹ A brief and anonymous reader survey will be included each month along with a summary of results from the previous month’s survey.

² Celebrations of WAHQ members e.g. new CPHQs, awards, quality improvement success stories.

³ As a service to members, WAHQ will post healthcare quality job opportunities available at their organization for 30 days on the WAHQ “[Job Posting](#)” webpage as well as in a “Career Corner” of “WAHQ News and Views”.