

News and Views

June/July 2024

Welcome!



Therese (Tracy) Dodd
WAHQ President

Greetings, quality colleagues!

Let's celebrate another summer in Wisconsin! WAHQ reminds you that now is the perfect season to review your work-life balance. Achieving a good balance is essential for overall well-being and happiness, ensuring you can prioritize both professional responsibilities and personal life to avoid burnout and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Finding the right equilibrium may involve setting boundaries, prioritizing tasks, tapping into your networks for support, taking breaks, and making time for activities that bring joy and relaxation.



We heard from you!

What healthcare quality improvement initiative(s) are you involved in currently?

The [Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative \(RWHC\)](#) Cancer Prevention Taskforce focuses on breast, cervical, and colorectal cancer screenings. The RWHC Cardiovascular Disease Program aims to control high blood pressure, improve diabetes hemoglobin A1c levels, provide statin therapy, offer tobacco counseling, and enhance care coordination through Chronic Care Management, Principal Care Management, and Transitional Care Management.



Notable quality improvement initiatives supported by [WHA](#) include reducing skilled nursing facility rehospitalizations within 30 days, creating videos to help identify and respond to resident changes in condition, and developing educational toolkits to promote adherence to staff and resident vaccinations. Additional significant efforts focus on reducing opioid adverse events and ensuring all nursing homes have emergency response plans.

WHA's quality team actively contributes to initiatives aimed at improving chronic disease prevention and self-care in key areas such as diabetes, chronic kidney disease, and hypertension. Hospital-focused work includes quality

improvement sprints targeting sepsis, opioid/adverse drug events (ADE), and readmissions.

Other initiatives include implementing overdose response protocols in Wisconsin emergency departments (EDs), providing training for medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD) in primary care, and initiating buprenorphine treatment in the ED.

Finally, WHA offers comprehensive training, support tools, and project management support for the implementation of the MOVIN (Mobilizing Older Adults Via a Nursing-driven Intervention) program, developed by Barbara King, PhD, RN, FAAN, and Dr. Linsey Steege, PhD, from the UW Madison School of Nursing.

We want to hear from you!

We'd love to hear about the strategies you've used to improve your work-life balance. Responses will be published in next month's "News and Views"

Please complete our very brief anonymous survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9PWPVVZ>

Board Meeting Activity Report

The WAHQ Board of Directors met in May to discuss key plans for our upcoming conference on October 25th at the Glacier Canyon Conference Center/Wilderness Hotel. The theme is "Information-Driven Healthcare Quality Optimization: Revolutionizing Daily Processes for Enhanced Chronic Disease Management." More information below!



Quality Highlight

CPHQ recertification opens Monday, July 1.



You've done the hard work to earn your CPHQ. Don't lose this valuable badge of honor that confirms your dedication to continued learning and helping to improve healthcare quality and safety. Recertification is a two-year cycle. Each year, recertification is open from July 1 - Dec. 31. Visit [CPHQ Recertification - NAHQ](#) to learn more!

Not yet certified? The CPHQ validates your knowledge of healthcare quality practices and competencies. For more information on what steps to take to prepare for the exam, visit [CPHQ Certification | NAHQ](#)

Upcoming Events



2024 WAHQ Quality Conference
*Information-Driven Healthcare Quality Optimization:
Revolutionizing Daily Processes for Enhanced Chronic Disease.*
October 25, 2024, at Glacier Canyon Conference Center,
Wisconsin Dells, WI.

❖ American Heart Association - Wisconsin

100 Ways In 100 Days

- **Details:** Celebrating 100 years with a free program
- **Content:** Weekly health tips on eating better, moving more, and wellbeing
- **Join:** [Join now](#)

❖ National Association for Healthcare Quality (NAHQ)

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

❖ **Wisconsin Collaborative for Healthcare Quality (WCHQ)**

2024 Education Events: [Click here](#) for upcoming events

- **Jul 24: Data Voyager Training**
 - **Details:** Training on healthcare data analysis tool
 - **Audience:** Exclusive to WCHQ member organization employees
- **Aug 15: "Breaking Barriers: Advancing Care for Chronic Diseases: A Focus on Cardiometabolic Health"**
 - **Location:** DoubleTree by Hilton Madison East, Madison, WI
 - **Details:** Conference on cardiometabolic health
- **Nov 7: Statewide Quality Improvement Event and 20th Anniversary Recognition**
 - **Location:** DoubleTree Madison East, Madison, WI
 - **Details:** Celebrating 20th anniversary with focus on quality improvement

❖ **Wisconsin Hospital Association**

- **Jul 16: Perinatal Substance Use Webinar Series**
 - **Schedule:** Every other month January through November
 - **Next Session:** July 16, 2024, 12 - 1 p.m.
 - **Details:** Designed for perinatal stakeholders, no cost to attend
 - **More Info:** [Click here](#)
- **Jul 16: EMTALA Regulatory Series Session 1 of 3**
 - **Session Dates:** Tuesday, July 16, 2024, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM; Tuesday, July 30, 2024, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM; Tuesday, August 13, 2024, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
 - **Location:** Virtual
 - **Details:** This three-part series will focus on problematic areas of EMTALA concepts, adequacy of medical screening and on-call physician issues.
 - **Cost:** \$675/3 Part Series
 - **Register:** [Register Here](#)
- **Jul 16: Change and Agility**
 - **When:** Tuesday, July 16, 2024, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM
 - **Details:** Jeff Chan from the Wisconsin School of Business Center for Professional and Executive Development will share key insights on the topic of Change and Agility, addressing how organizations can stay ahead.
 - **Register:** [Register here](#)
- **Jul 25: Sepsis Town Hall with Dr. Bobby Redwood**
 - **When:** July 25, 2024, 2 - 3 p.m.
 - **Details:** Interactive Q&A session on sepsis updates
 - **Register:** [Register here](#)
- **Jul 31: Achievement of Antimicrobial Stewardship (AMS) and Quality Outcomes Via Diagnostic Safety and Stewardship**
 - **When:** July 31, 2024, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. CT
 - **Details:** Focus on improving diagnostic accuracy and reducing contamination in blood cultures
 - **Register:** [Register here](#)

- **Aug 6: 2024 WHA Post-acute Care Seminar**
 - **When:** Tuesday, August 6, 2024, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM
 - **Details:** This seminar will spotlight innovative care models. Presentations include Froedtert Health's Homecare Hub initiative and SSM Health's Recovery Care at Home service. Hospital leaders statewide will discuss securing post-acute care, sharing practices and strategies to support patients and organizations.
 - **Location:** Virtual
 - Register: [Register here](#)
 - **Aug 14: Wisconsin Quality Residency series**
Registration Open for 2024
 - **Schedule:** Every 2nd Wednesday of each month through March 2025
 - **Next Session:** Wednesday, August 14, 2024, 9:00 AM-3:30
 - **Details:** Quality training for new quality leaders
 - **Content:** Modules on healthcare quality leadership
 - **Hosts:** WHA, RWHC, WORH
 - **Schedule and Registration:** [Click here](#)
 - **Aug 21: Identification and Mitigation of False-Positive Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infections (CLABSIs)**
 - **When:** August 21, 2024, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. CT
 - **Details:** Strategies for reducing false-positive CLABSIs
 - **Register:** [Register here](#)
- ❖ **WAHQ** - Check out the [Events](#) webpage anytime for the upcoming events.

News Items

- ❖ **Overdose Awareness Day is August 31**
In recognition of Overdose Awareness Day August 31, Vital Strategies (a leading global public health organization) is again offering a 2024 [DIY Overdose Memorial Box](#) to interested organizations. These boxes are FREE to the first 150 organizations that request one. Click [here](#) to "Order a DIY Box". The boxes are first order, first served, and will be mailed out at the end of July.

- ❖ **July/August Wellness Observance Days**

Membership Updates

Welcome New Members!

- Patty Willeman - St. Croix Regional Medical Center
- Amber Stempf - Froedtert Hospital and the Medical College of Wisconsin

- July:
 - Glioblastoma Awareness Day on July 17
 - International Self-Care Day on July 24
- August:
 - National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month (USA)
 - Immunization Awareness Month
 - Summer Sun Safety Month



- Amy Waggener - AstraZeneca (vendor)

❖ **Do you have news to share? Contact [Jill Lindwall](#) to have it included 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 [Job Postings](#) 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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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.

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