



**KAHRMM**

Kansas Association for Healthcare  
Resource & Materials Management

**KAHRMM Newsletter**  
**April 2021**

**President's Message – Spring Has Sprung!**

Greetings from the KAHRMM Board and myself. I hope this finds you doing well and full of hope that the newness of spring can bring. I hope that with vaccines and attaining herd immunity, we will soon be as back to "normal" as we can be.

With CPE now a thing of the past, your board is working on a new educational opportunity and vendor show. There will be a KAHRMM Lunch and Learn on April 23, details will follow soon. Even though it will be virtual, the opportunity to talk with others will be nice.

We started planning some events for possibly later on in the year to get everyone together again. As always, if you have any ideas, please share them with the board or me.

Larry Wenthe was in my office the other day, and we discussed how many new supply chain and materials folks are in Kansas. If you know of someone new to the field or are new to the field, please contact me or other members to see if we can get him/her introduced to the group and help them all we can.

Again, I hope the time is nearing where we can get back to doing normal things.

Wishing everyone well!

--Mike Morgan

**AHRMM Fellow Committee**

This is a call to all the CMRP's out there about pursuing your Fellow through AHRMM. Usually, I write a "Pat Tabor"... "Andy Rooney" article, but I thought this might be an interesting topic for all.

Once you obtain your CMRP, wait the required two years and meet all the educational criteria; you should pursue getting your Fellow designation from AHRMM. I have had the pleasure of serving on the committee, as well as serving as committee chair, for several years. We have a great group of professionals who read the submissions and work through the issues to bring the best case studies forward for approval and availability to all members throughout the country.

This is an interesting process, and I want to share some insight from my perspective. Included in this article is a [Fellow paper rubric](#) for a recent paper. It's blinded so you cannot see the person who wrote the paper; however, it provides a perspective on how we as the committee, evaluate the submission and includes our comments. Collectively, these are gathered by AHRMM, and we review them during a monthly call to determine if the submission meets the required criteria.

The work of the committee is dynamic and fun. We also take the time each month to discuss current issues and use the opportunity as a sounding board for new ideas or questions we have as supply chain professionals. Many times, we learn how different parts of the country have different perspectives on the same issues.

I challenge you all to keep working with your employer in such a way that the Fellow program could be your ultimate goal after you have your CMRP. It is the premier designation for supply chain professionals and the gold standard for our profession.

### **AHRMM Fellow**

The designation of AHRMM Fellow (FAHRMM) recognizes current AHRMM members for reaching the highest level of education and achievement in both the association and in the materials management field. The FAHRMM status is only given to Certified Materials & Resource Professionals (CMRP) active members who have excelled in specific areas and submitted an acceptable, original, unpublished paper on a current aspect of materials or supply chain management.

To learn more about the benefits, how to qualify to become a FELLOW and recertification, simply click on this link: [Fellow Program | AHRMM](#).

--Pat Tabor

### **AHRMM Update**

#### ***Taken from AHRMM Website***

*On April 9, 2021, AHRMM will be hosting a webinar entitled, "Women in Health Care Supply Chain: More Than Just Supplies."*

*AHRMM's Young Professionals Advisory Council (YPAC) will be hosting quarterly discussions where a panel of supply chain leaders will lead a conversation on topics of interest within the health care supply chain. All are invited to join the conversation.*

*For the inaugural discussion, we will be engaging in a conversation with women health care supply chain leaders. Please join us for an enlightening dialogue on leading in the field, forging a sustainable career path, establishing goals and expectations in the workplace, and finding a work-life balance. A Q&A will follow the discussion.*

*For more information, click here: [Empowering Women in Health Care Supply Chain: More Than Just Supplies Discussion Series | AHRMM Events](#).*

*On April 27, 2021, AHRMM will be hosting a webinar entitled, "Post-COVID Inventory Methods and Management: Supply Chain as a Mission-Critical Function."*

*The COVID-19 pandemic revealed challenges and gaps within the U.S. health care market – specifically around emergency preparedness, and within the supply chain, an over-reliance on foreign manufacturing. The pandemic not only impacted the products our health care organizations use, but also the operations within our facilities. Hospital and health care executives relied on supply chain staff to support day-to-day operations and patient care. Supply chain was elevated overnight to a key role within an organization's strategic response. This position within our health care organizations' strategy must remain prominent in the post-COVID world.*

*Between technology, scientific-based analytics, true strategic sourcing, domestic manufacturing, logistics and other supply chain operations, the supply chain must remain a part of organizations' strategic decisions. This presentation will delve into the inventory and logistics strategies and methods organizations should consider in the post-COVID environment to maintain that central role in organizational strategic decision making. Real-life examples from stockpiles to technology enablement and logistics to inventory methods will be discussed.*

*CQO Tie-in: As a health care supply chain organization, CQO is the core of how we drive our business – as organizations now realize the value supply chain brings to the strategic equation, we must continue to push the cutting edge of transformation – but through the elevation and transformation, supply chain must always evaluate the cost, quality, outcome equation, but now also drive the scientific perspective into organizational operations.*

For more information click here: [Post-COVID Inventory Methods and Management: Supply Chain as a Mission-Critical Function Webinar | AHRMM Events.](#)



### **Media Statement**

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### **KHA Statement on KanCare Expansion**

(Feb. 01, 2021) – The Kansas Hospital Association continues to support KanCare Expansion and the benefits it will bring to Kansas. Expansion improves the health of Kansans by improving access to tens of thousands of hardworking Kansans who cannot afford to wait another year for affordable health care coverage. We must have a Kansas-based solution—a solution that brings hundreds of millions of our federal tax dollars back home to Kansas – creating jobs, boosting our economy and improving the health of Kansans.

At present, thirty-eight states have implemented expansion or are moving toward expansion. With all of Kansas' neighboring states having taken the steps to expand Medicaid, it's critical Kansas have a serious policy discussion about how the issue impacts our ability to attract and maintain a quality workforce in the health industry.

A majority of Kansans support expanding KanCare because they understand how it protects local communities and hospitals while strengthening local and state economies. KanCare expansion will help every single Kansas community.

The Kansas Hospital Association is a voluntary, non-profit organization existing to be the leading advocate and resource for members. KHA membership includes 218 member facilities, of which 122 are full-service, community hospitals. Founded in 1910, KHA's vision is: "Optimal Health for Kansans."

## **KAHRMM Calendar of Events**

### **April 9, 2021**

AHRMM Webinar

Free to Members and Non-Members

[Empowering Women in Health Care Supply Chain: More than Just Supplies](#)

### **April 23, 2021**

10 a.m. to Noon

KAHRMM Lunch & Learn Virtual Learning – *Resiliency: Taking Supply Chain Management Forward*  
*Be Looking for Further Information*

### **April 27, 2021**

1 p.m.

AHRMM Webinar

Free to Members; Non-Members: \$49

[Post-COVID Inventory Methods and Management: Supply Chain as a Mission-Critical Function](#)

### **Aug. 9-11, 2021**

AHRMM21 Conference & Exhibition

Boston, MA

### **Sept. 9-10, 2021**

KHA Annual Convention & Trade Show

Overland Park

### **Oct. 3-9, 2021**

National Health Care Supply Chain Week

## **The KAHRMM Bulletin Board**

**KAHRMM Lunch & Learn Program – April 23, 2021 – *Resiliency: Taking Supply Chain Management Forward*.** Watch for emails for more details to come.

**AHRMM Conference 2021:** [Click here](#) for updates for the AHRMM21 Conference & Exhibition.

**AHRMM:** [AHRMM20+ Conference & Exhibition](#) is now available on-demand. For additional information, please visit [AHRMM's website](#).

**KAHRMM Membership:** The KAHRMM Board has elected to extend your membership into 2021 if you paid your 2020 membership before the end of 2020. **The new amount for dues is \$50 and \$75 after Sept. 30.** Please see the [2021 KAHRMM Membership Form](#) on [KAHRMM's website](#).

**AHRMM MEMBERSHIP:** Consider becoming an [AHRMM member](#) for access to abundant information and resources. Explore [AHRMM's website](#).

If you have updates from your Supply Chain you would like to share with your KAHRMM peers, please send them to [Cindy Howard Reeves](#).

**PLEASE VISIT the [KAHRMM WEBSITE](#).**

## **KAHRMM Mission**

The Mission of the Kansas Association for Healthcare and Resource Management is to advance the profession of health care purchasing and materials management by:

- Assisting members through training and mentoring opportunities which promote excellence
- Establishing proactive, collaborative partnerships through networking
- Promoting high ethical standards

## **KAHRMM Board of Directors**

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## **Advisory Council**

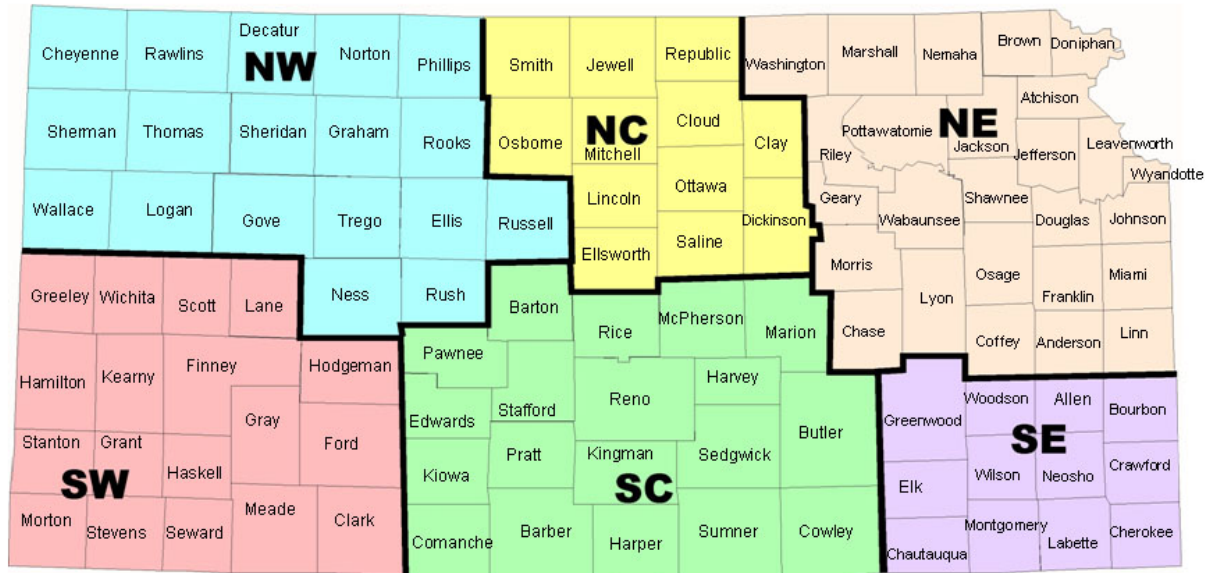
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## **Committees**

- **Central Plains Expo:** [Mike Morgan](#) and [Randy Lott](#)
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### KHA DISTRICT MAP



# KAHRMM

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Allied with the Kansas Hospital Association



## 2021 Membership Form

Active, voting memberships are available to persons professionally engaged in health care purchasing, resource or materials management; group purchasing organizations; as well as medical manufacturers, vendors or distributors. Membership may also be obtained by those professionals in other healthcare related settings not mentioned.

I hereby apply for membership in KAHRMM and/or AHRMM and certify that I meet the membership requirements.

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital Employee \_\_\_\_\_ Healthcare Supplier \_\_\_\_\_ AHRMM Member \_\_\_\_\_

**KAHRMM / AHRMM One-check option:** AHRMM membership is not required for KAHRMM membership. As a service to our membership, KAHRMM will coordinate your AHRMM membership renewal payment. Select your KAHRMM and AHRMM membership options below, and send one check to KAHRMM for the total amount. **When your AHRMM membership is due to renew, send your AHRMM membership renewal notice / invoice to the AHRMM Treasurer and your AHRMM dues will be paid.**

KAHRMM \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ After Sept 30th \$75 \_\_\_\_\_ New or Renewal Member (please circle)

**Note:** Due to the initial AHRMM membership questionnaire, new AHRMM applicants are encouraged to join on-line at the AHRMM website ([www.AHRMM.org](http://www.AHRMM.org)). After your first year of AHRMM membership is complete, use the One-check option to renew your AHRMM membership.

**AHRMM Renewal Membership Categories** (Select one category - see AHRMM website for membership category descriptions)

Supply Chain Provider \_\_\_\_\_ \$165.00    Affiliate / Supplier \_\_\_\_\_ \$240.00    Military \_\_\_\_\_ \$165.00  
Supply Chain Executive \_\_\_\_\_ \$220.00    Young Professional Associate \_\_\_\_\_ \$135.00  
Full-time Student \_\_\_\_\_ \$109.00    Retiree \_\_\_\_\_ \$109.00

CMRP Year Earned \_\_\_\_\_

AHRMM Fellow Year Earned \_\_\_\_\_

KAHRMM	\$ _____
Renewal AHRMM	\$ _____
<b>Total Check Amount</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

Make check payable to **KAHRMM** and mail to:

**Chrissy Fink, RN, CMRP**  
**Materials Management**  
**Salina Regional Health Center**  
**400 S Santa Fe**  
**Salina KS 67401**

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

To renew with credit card, please contact Chrissy at [cfink@srhc.com](mailto:cfink@srhc.com).