



Kansas Association of Risk and Quality Management

Hi everyone! Can you believe it's the end of April already? Time is flying by. KARQM board has been busy. We've welcomed several new board members which you'll meet (virtually in this newsletter) and hopefully in person at our May conference.

Let's Spring into Quality & Risk



2023 Spring Conference

May 5, 2023

We'll meet in beautiful Lindsborg, Kansas AKA Little Sweden at the Sundstrom Conference Center on May 5th for our Spring Conference. We have a great slate of speakers and topics including a focus on EMTALA, implementation of a drug diversion program, communication and disclosure for early resolution, and enterprise risk management.

You can register online at KARQM Spring Conference. As usual we'll hold district meetings as well and give you an opportunity to spend time with your district chair and your regional colleagues. In addition to great learning and networking, we'll feed you, too! At the end of the day, we'll have a drawing for some great reference books-- must be in person to win!



ATTENTION QDC USERS – Jason Frieson will present a QDC update from 0730-0815 (with breakfast too! Thanks to KAMMCO for sponsoring).

General session registration will begin at 0800.

Quality Data logo and system access information.

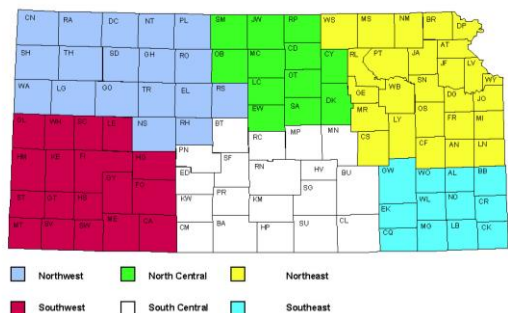


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What's New on the KARQM Website?

- [2023 Board Members](#)
- [Revised Bylaws](#)
- [Spring Conference Registration](#)
- [Drug Diversion Toolkit](#)

KARQM, the Kansas Council of Health System Pharmacy (KCHP) and Kansas Hospital Association (KHA), collaborated to develop a [drug diversion, prevention, monitoring and response toolkit](#) for its members. The toolkit is designed to assist Kansas hospitals with drug diversion prevention efforts. The toolkit includes information on data management and reporting, data monitoring, provides sample policies and procedures, identifies reporting obligations and links to educational resources. We hope this information is of value and would love additional feedback and contribution from our members as the toolkit continues to evolve.



DISTRICT NEWS

All Districts will meet during lunch at the Spring KARQM Conference. This time can be used to meet, network among peers, and plan for upcoming District meetings.

Not yet a member?
Please join!

KARQM -Why should you join? In addition to great networking and learning, your membership fees allow for economical programs and scholarships for our members.

How can you join? Visit us @ <https://www.kha-net.org/alliedorganizations/karqm/>
Annual membership application @ [membership application](#)



MEET YOUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

This year we are thrilled to have several new board members and some legacy members in new positions. Christine Winkel, Infection Prevention, Quality and Risk Director for Mitchell County Hospital Health Systems is now our President Elect. Christine previously served as our Vice President and Education Chair. Shawna Blanka, COO of Cheyenne County Hospital and our previous NW District Chair is now Vice President & Education Chair! See page 3 for our newest Board members.



NORTHWEST DISTRICT CHAIR

I have been a nurse for 17 years and have been in healthcare management for the last 11 years. I worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) on a surgical floor for two years. In 2008, I received my associates degree in nursing (Registered Nurse-RN) and have been a critical access nurse at Graham County Hospital & Clinic since. In 2012 I was promoted at the Graham County Hospital & Clinic to the Risk Management, Infection Control, Employee Health nurse and currently still hold those titles. February 2023 I graduated from Purdue Global University and received my bachelor's degree in Healthcare Administration. My husband, Brandt Born, and I have three children: two boys and one girl. Our oldest son is married, and we also have one grandson, Stetson, and they are expecting in September!

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TREASURER

Melissa Briscoe currently leads the Quality Risk Management and Infection Prevention Employee Health, and Utilization Review departments at Kansas Spine & Specialty Hospital in Wichita, KS. She earned her Bachelor's in Nursing from the University of Kansas. In addition to her current role in the acute care hospital setting, Melissa has served as Director of Quality and Infection Control, Director of Nursing and Regional Director of Nursing in the long-term care and assisted living space for the past 6 years. Melissa's commitment and passion for team collaboration, patient safety and quality improvement has resulted in significant improvements in Quality Star Ratings, staff retention, healthcare acquired infections, rehospitalizations and hand hygiene compliance. Melissa has a strong desire to participate with other quality focused leaders to help impact the overall continuum of care through education, staff engagement, and evidence based safe practices.



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Serenity Johnson is the Quality Improvement Manager for Salina Regional Health Center in Salina, Kansas. She earned her Bachelor of Music Education from Bethany College in Lindsborg, KS and after a short teaching career, took a position at SRHC. She quickly learned that her passion was in working with the caregivers and supporting the organization in providing high quality, safe care to the patients in the region. Serenity earned her Master of Business Administration from Kansas Wesleyan University. She is also a Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality (CPQH), a certificate in Law and Leadership in Healthcare Administration from the Hamline School of Law and has a Lean Six Sigma Black Belt. Her commitment to performance improvement, staff engagement, education, and quality has resulted in improved in quality reporting and improved outcomes across the system. Serenity and her husband, Travis, have two daughters and enjoy living in the country.

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