**From the President’s Desk**

Welcome to the spring edition of the ACHE-SETC newsletter. I hope your year is going well. Our Chapter continues to provide numerous opportunities for its members and visitors to enjoy top-notch programming. If you recently attended the ACHE-SETC 3rd Annual Conference on Healthcare Leadership, during the Medical World Americas Conference, GRBCC, April 27-29, you may have been impressed, as I was. The conference was a great opportunity to listen to numerous nationally and local known speakers who definitely challenged how we think about the delivery of healthcare and the need to “navigate excellence”. The conference provided the opportunity for hospital administrators, physicians, nurses, researchers, allied health professionals, educators, and others to explore new ideas and learn about innovative projects, accountability, leadership, clinical effectiveness and more. Thank you to those who participated in this year’s conference and I hope you will join us for the 4th annual next year.

As I have mentioned before, our chapter is well positioned to help prepare, educate and challenge each of us for what lies ahead and our leadership will be at the forefront; how we lead will determine the overall success of our organization, department or operating unit.

I encourage you to join us for the upcoming 2nd quarter educational session, June 4, 2015. 7:00 am – 9:00. The topic is “A Crucial Conversation about Healthcare Acquired Inflections”! Yes, you read it correctly, it is inflections (as opposed to infections). Nate Kaufman, renowned expert in the areas of peak performing hospitals and physician groups, hospital strategy, physician compensation, integrated delivery systems, and much more, will be a speaker you should not want to miss hearing what he has to say.
Save the Dates!
Events You May Not Want to Miss!

**June 4, 2015 7am – 9am**
2nd Quarter Educational (breakfast) Session
CLICK HERE to REGISTER!

**June 20, 2015 8am – 12pm**
Community Outreach Volunteers at Houston Food Bank. Register by June 13!
CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

**June 22-27, 2015**
13th Annual Summer Diversity Workshop/Course, Prairie View A&M University College of Nursing, TMC. 3 Hours of ACHE Face-to-Face CEUs – June 24th 
To register go to: http://www.pvamu.edu/nursing/hdeart/

**August 27, 2015, 7am – 9am**
3rd Quarter Educational (breakfast) Session

**October 16, 2015**
16th Annual Golf Tournament, Friday, Oct. 16, 2015 Quail Valley Golf Course, Missouri City

**November 5, 2015, 7am-9am**
4th Quarter Educational (breakfast) Session

**November 12, 2015**
11th Annual Symposium 8-5pm (collaboration w/ HFMA, MGMA & CPA Society); Norris Conference Center. 3 Hours of ACHE Face-to-Face CEUs

It is worth your time to get involved in our chapter. Join a committee. Bring a colleague to one of our breakfast sessions. Volunteer to assist at one of our quarterly breakfasts or other educational offerings. Mentor a young up-and-comer. Whatever you do, participate. This is YOUR chapter – OUR chapter – and it is up to us to make it great.

If there is anything that I can do throughout the year to help you personally, or your organization, never hesitate to reach out to me directly. I will continue to work hard to lead this chapter through the year and will learn alongside you as we all discover new skills to improve our leadership. I appreciate the opportunity to serve as President for 2015! I look forward to more great things ahead!

Talk soon,
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Regent’s Message

Jesse L. Tucker III, PhD, FACHE
Regent - SETC Region

With nearly 4,000 attendees, this year's Congress on Healthcare Leadership was a huge success! Themed, "Healthcare in Motion: Leadership Center Stage", this year's meeting provided very timely information and tools for healthcare executives at every level. Given the continually shifting landscape - with the potential for more political, regulatory and reimbursement changes in the future - it is increasingly important to remain current. As we all strive to drive and navigate the market forces around us, College educational events provide us with an added advantage to yield our desired outcomes.

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS EXAM FEE ($200) WAIVER**
I would like to congratulate our Texas-Southeast Fellows that were formally recognized during this year’s Convocation. The Fellow designation is the premier healthcare management credential and now is the perfect time to apply for Fellow status in ACHE. When you submit your completed application by June 30, 2015, along with the $250 application fee, the College will waive the $200 Board of Governors Exam fee. The waiver will be valid for six months after your application has been approved. All follow-up materials (e.g., references) must be submitted by August 31 for the waiver to be valid. (http://www.ache.org/membership/credentialing/credentialing.cfm)

**MEDICAL WORLD AMERICAS CONFERENCE AND EXPO**
This year our 3rd Annual Conference on Healthcare Leadership ACHE-SETC was held April 27-29 and thus far the feedback has been very positive. ACHE-SETC partnered with Medical World Americas (MWA) to join their conference and expo in the George R. Brown Convention Center April 27-29. We are very excited about our first success with this new relationship and hope you will join your colleagues for next year's conference.
REGENT AWARDS

Each year, the College affords each Regent the opportunity to present awards to an early career healthcare executive and a senior-level healthcare executive. These awards are presented to affiliates that have embodied exceptional leadership and innovation, and have provided assistance to the College in achieving its objectives. I am happy to congratulate our 2014 Texas-Southeast Regent Award Winners:

Dan Wolterman, FACHE, ACHE TX-SE Regent Senior-Level Healthcare Executive Award
Dan has served as the President & CEO of Memorial Hermann Health System for over 12 years and has over 30 years of healthcare leadership experience. He has received countless awards including the 100 Most Influential People in Healthcare by Modern Healthcare magazine every year since 2007, the Texas Hospital Association's 2012 Earl M. Collier Award, the American Hospital Association and Texas Hospital Association's Grassroots Champion Award, and the Community Partner’s Father of the Year Award. Under Dan's leadership, Memorial Hermann has grown to be the largest not-for-profit healthcare system in Texas and has received numerous national recognitions including ranking as a Truven Health top 15 healthcare system in the nation. Dan has a long history of community involvement, has served on numerous local and national boards including the Greater Houston Partnership and Texas Hospital Association, and is a faculty member at The University of Texas School of Public Health. Dan has also provided unparalleled support for ACHE's local and national initiatives.

David Elgarico, ACHE TX-SE Regent Early Career Healthcare Executive Award
David is the Chief Operating Officer of HCA affiliated West Houston Medical Center and has nearly 10 years of healthcare executive experience. As the Co-Founder and Immediate Past Chairman of the Board for the Asian Health Care Leaders Association, David has advocated for training and mentorship opportunities to increase diversity in the C-Suite. He has served on Regent Advisory Councils (RACs) in California, South Carolina, South Texas and Southeast Texas, served as a faculty member during the 2013 and 2014 Congress, and as a panel member for ACHE-SETC events. David has also served as a Board Member for several healthcare and community organizations.

2015-2016 ACHE REGENT FOR TEXAS-SOUTHEAST ADVISORY COUNCIL

I would like to thank every member of my 2014-2015 Regents Advisory Council (RAC) as they complete their term of service. The RAC serves as an avenue to vet potential College policy changes and ensure an effective connection between the Regent and their constituents. We have a larger than average council given the size of our chapter - 7th out of the 80 Chapters recognized by the College. Please join me in welcoming our new RAC!

Clifford J. Bottoms, MBA, FACHE, Chief Financial Officer, St. Joseph Medical Center
John (Jack) J. Buckley, Jr., MBA, FACHE, Executive-in-Residence, Texas A&M HSC MHA Program
Craig A. Cordola, MHA, MBA, FACHE, President, Central/West Region/Senior Vice President, Memorial Hermann Health System
David Elgarico, MHA, Chief Operating Officer, HCA West Houston Medical Center
Carlos R. Escobar, MHA, FACHE, Associate Vice President, Business Operations and Facilities, UTMB at Galveston
Don R. Gibson, MHA, FACHE, President/Owner, Quantum Leadership, Inc. & Quantum Health Resources & Assoc.
Gerald R. Goodman, MHA, Dr.P.H., Professor & HCA Program Director, Texas Womans University
Andrea Harrow, MSN, DNP, RN, FACHE, Chief Nursing Officer, HCA Clear Lake Regional Medical Center
Donna G. Hermis, MHA, FACHE, Hospital Safety Officer, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Andrew B. James, Dr.P.H., J.D., Assistant Professor of Health Care Administration Texas Southern University
Raymond J. Khoury, MHA, FACHE, HADM Faculty Chair, University of Houston - Clear Lake
Clare L. Lee, MBA, FACHE, Vice President of Operations, Houston Methodist Hospital
Ryan R. Miller, MBA, FACHE, Executive Director, Orthopedic Specialty Center, Christus Health
Richard Mills, RN, MHA, NEA-BC, FACHE, Hospital Supervisor, Harris Health System
Leslie S. Norman, MPH, RN, NEA-BC, FACHE, Chief Nursing Officer, Memorial Hermann Sugar Land
Christopher Okezie, MBA, FACHE, Vice President of Operations, Harris Health System
Justin M. Perkins, MHA, FACHE, Regional Practice Administrator, St. Joseph Regional Medical Center
Lee Revere, MS, PhD., Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs, Program Director of Healthcare Management, Director of Fleming Center for Healthcare Management, UT School of Public Health
William (Bill) B. Riley, Jr., MD, FACHE, Chief Medical Officer, Memorial Hermann Katy
NEW FELLOWS AND RECERTIFIED FELLOWS

Congratulations to members that recently advanced to Fellow, Recertified as Fellows, and recently passed the Board of Governors Examination:

New Fellows:
Stephen M. Glazier, FACHE, Houston (January)
LaRae A. Eggleston, FACHE, Bellaire (February)
Byron W. Hunter, FACHE, Houston (February)
Robert J. Trenschel, DO, FACHE, Houston (February)
Lisa Hafemeister, FACHE, Houston (March)
John Kueven, FACHE, Katy (March)
Selvan Murugan, FACHE, Webster (March)

Recertified Fellows:
William H. Barnes, FACHE, Sweeny (January)
Robert Gilpin, FACHE, Houston (January)
Nicholas D. Hardin, FACHE, Sugar Land (January)
Patricia A. Hildebrand, FACHE, Sugar Land (January)
Carolyn M. Oddo, FACHE, Humble (January)
Nikki K. Roux, FACHE, Houston (January)
Michael E. Sullivan, PhD, FACHE, Houston (January)
Laurie Terry, FACHE, Baytown (January)
Terronica M. Wilson, FACHE, Houston (January)
Michael H. Covert, FACHE, Houston (February)
Jean D. Dols, PhD, FACHE, Houston (February)
Dan B. Newman, FACHE, Nassau Bay (February)
LT Diana T. Tran-Yu, PharmD, FACHE, Pearland (February)

Recently passed the Board of Governors Exam:
Faisal H. About-Enein, PhD, RN, Houston (February)
John Kueven, Katy (March)

ACCOLADES – RECENT RECOGNITIONS AND HONORS IN SOUTHEAST TEXAS

CHRISTUS Hospital, St. Elizabeth – Texas Ten Step Designation
Harris Health System – GHX “Best 50” Healthcare Providers for Supply Chain Excellence
Hospital Corporation of America – Ethisphere Institute World’s Most Ethical Company (6th year)
Houston Methodist – Becker’s Healthcare 150 Great Places to Work in Healthcare
Houston Methodist – Fortune’s 100 Best Companies to Work For
Houston Methodist – Healthgrades’ America’s 50 Best Hospitals
Houston Methodist – Healthgrades’ America’s 100 Best Hospitals for Cardiac Care
Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital – Truven Health Analytics 100 Top Hospitals
Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital – Truven Health Analytics 100 Top Hospitals
Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital – AACN Beacon Award for Excellence (ICU)
Houston Orthopedic & Spine Hospital – Healthgrades’ America’s 100 Best Hospitals
Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital – Certified Operating Room Nurse (CNOR) Strong
Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital – Texas Ten Step Designation
MD Anderson Cancer Center – Becker’s Healthcare 150 Great Places to Work in Healthcare
Memorial Hermann Northeast – Texas Ten Step Designation
Memorial Hermann Sugar Land – Texas Award for Performance Excellence
Memorial Hermann TMC – University HealthSystem Consortium (UHC) Quality Leadership Award
Memorial Hermann TMC – Trauma Center Houston Premiered on Lifetime
St. Joseph Regional Health System - four outpatient clinics designated by the NCQA as Patient Center Medical Home (PCMH)
Texas Children’s Hospital, West Campus – Leapfrog Group Top Children’s Hospital
Texas Orthopedic – Modern Healthcare Best Places to Work in Healthcare
The Woman’s Hospital of Texas – 1st Houston Hospital and largest in the U.S. to earn Baby Friendly Designation
NEW TEXAS A & M EXECUTIVE MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM IN HOUSTON
“The Executive MHA is an executive level degree program delivered to employed executives and mid-management professionals seeking to expand their educational knowledge and skill set in the arena of health administration. This is a new degree program beginning fall 2015, and will be delivered on site at the Houston, TX campus located at 2121 W. Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77030.

Questions regarding admissions can be directed to Monica Garner at e-mha@tamhsc.edu.”
http://sph.tamhsc.edu/degrees/emha

CareerEDGE – Launching Soon @ ache.org!
“CareerEDGE is an easy-to-navigate, one-stop source for the full array of resources needed for a strategic approach to career management at any career level.” This personalized “Career Dashboard” will provide competency assessment and suggested continuing education content as well as job site links. You can also find a coach and/or mentor to assist in your ongoing development. Coming soon!

Finally, as always, I look forward to hearing your suggestions and feedback as we seek to provide our organizations with the very best leadership possible.

Warmest Regards,
Jessie L. Tucker III

Jessie L. Tucker III, Ph.D., FACHE
Regent for Texas-Southeast

ACHE- SETC 3rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP – A Success!
ATTENDEES RECEIVED 6 HOURS OF ACHE F-2-F CEUs
The George R. Brown Convention Center

This year ACHE-SETC had the opportunity to host the 3rd Annual Conference on Healthcare Leadership, in partnership with Medical World Americas (MWA) as part of their conference and expo. The event took place April 27-29, 2015 at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Downtown Houston. Numerous national and local healthcare leaders presented topics on key approaches and strategies to help healthcare professionals prepare for the ongoing challenges facing healthcare. Next year’s annual ACHE-SETC conference will include 12 hours of ACHE Face-to-Face CEUs. Join us in 2016 for another unique learning experience and a great opportunity to network.
**16th Annual Golf Tournament – Friday, October 16, 2015, Quail Valley Golf Course, Missouri City**

The Educational Foundation of the SouthEastTexasChapter (Foundation) and the ACHE - SouthEastTexasChapter (ACHE-SETC) will be hosting our 16th Annual Golf Tournament this fall October 16 at the Quail Valley Golf Course in Missouri City. This is a great time to join colleagues for a round of golf, compete in games, and enter to win some pretty nice raffle prizes. If you haven’t gotten your team together, do so quickly! Proceeds from the tournament will benefit a remarkable organization and the ACHE-SETC’s Academic Scholarship Program for healthcare administration graduate students. Thanks to dedicated supporters of SETC and the tournament, over the past decade, $225,000 has been raised for local charities and scholarships. We are currently looking for more volunteers or sponsors for the tournament. If you know of an organization or group that might be interested, they can contact our committee co-chairs: Chris Okezie, christopher.okezie@harrishealth.org, 713-566-4570, or Tyara Barge, tcbarge@gmail.com, 832-725-8428. Last year we had wonderful prizes for the raffle.

**11th Annual Symposium - November 12, 2015**

A collaborative event co-sponsored by ACHE-SETC, HFMA, MGMA and the CPA Society. This full day event is sure to broaden your knowledge base with some remarkable speakers. Watch for further details in future announcements.

**Quarterly Educational Breakfasts:**

On March 5th SETC held its 1st Quarter Educational Breakfast at the Junior League. Those present had the opportunity to hear Brené Brown give a very motivating discussion on Daring Leadership. We encourage you to attend the Quarterly Educational Breakfasts they are a great opportunity to network and gain knowledge that can help you advance your leadership savvy. The remaining breakfast dates are:

2nd Quarter Educational Breakfast- Thursday, June 4, 2015 – Keynote Speaker: Nathan S. Kaufman
3rd Quarter Educational Breakfast- Thursday, August 27, 2015 – Keynote Speaker: Jim Olson
4th Quarter Educational Breakfast- Thursday, November 5, 2015 – Keynote Speaker: Scott McClelland

**Other Chapter News:**

**Congress Scholarship Recipients Reflect on their Congress Experience:**

This year the Educational Foundation of the SouthEastTexasChapter had the opportunity to provide scholarships to four MHA students to attend the Congress on Healthcare Leadership in Chicago. These bright and students share their congress experience below:

Tony L Nguyen, Texas A&M Health Science Center School of Public Health: “One of my favorite sessions was actually the student associate orientation due to the fact that it was great getting the chance to sit with fellow colleagues and getting to hear from an outstanding early careerist who has accomplished so much in a such a short amount of time. I also enjoyed getting to know professionals from within the healthcare industry and across other disciplines through ACHE congress. I felt that Congress exceeded my
expectations in terms of inter-activeness between the students and the professionals. Making it very easy to approach others in order to learn about the experiences from those around us.”

Nathan Bleak, Texas A&M Health Science Center School of Public Health: “As an upcoming graduate, Congress was a wonderful opportunity to learn, connect, and grow. The sessions were all very enlightening, especially the session presented by Jody R. Rogers entitled Creating Operational Excellence: The Courage to Lead. Just as important as learning was the opportunity that Congress created to network with others. I ran into my practicum preceptor the first day and he introduced me to everyone he knew as we spent the day together. All in all, I would highly recommend attending to any student.”

Kiera Miller, Texas A&M Health Science Center School of Public Health: “This was my first time attending Congress and visiting Chicago. Congress was a very rewarding experience and a great investment in my career. The opportunities to network were invaluable as I reconnected with and met new colleagues from across the country. The speakers were phenomenal, and I walked away equipped with many tools to become an effective healthcare leader. Thank you ACHE-SETC for giving me this opportunity and I look forward to attending Congress in future!”

Angela Miller, University of Houston- Clear Lake: “Congress was such a memorable and unique experience for me. I really appreciated all of the sessions that were focused on me, as an early careerist. I also had a chance to network with people from all across the nation.”

Welcome New ACHE-SETC Members:

Since the start of the year, we have had nearly 65 new members and 26 students join the ACHE-SETC chapter. We are so excited to have all of you become a part of the organization. We encourage you to become involved in your SouthEastTexasChapter. The chapter is only as good as its members and that means you. We look forward to meeting each of you and getting to know you better. Help us welcome:

New Members:
Brenda Albrecht
Catherine Allen
LaChelle Allen
Courtney Altimore
Liseth Avilez
Amy Ballard
Curtis L. Bergeron Jr.
Jennifer K. Bloomfield
Jason Brice
Jeremy M. Brynes
Hibah Callies
Leticia A. Cano
Lisa Cochran
Jennifer Colvin
LaCrista D. Edwards
Marianne Fanning
Charaine Ferguson
Tegan Gay
Adrienne Gilpin
Jon Gogola, MD
Gary Golliher
Jag Grooms
Jason Guhool
SrA Reba Harrison
Eric I. Herrera
Dipak M. Jaiswal
Brian Jels
Michelle Kesler
Lisa Kiehne
Amy Kneeppe
Jake A. Kushner
David M. Latini
Kevin Long
Carl McGowan
Natalie H. Moore, PhD
Raya Llorens Moore
Sunny Ogbonnaya
Jim Parisi
Christina E. Pereira, PharmD
Rodney T. Pinina
Jennifer Pasteris
Francisco Patino
Blanca Puga
Jeff J. Reid
Santiago Rivera
Sam Roberts
Larry Rook
Tyrone P. Sharp, PhD, RN
Gregoria Smith, PhD
Carolina Espinoza-Strelec
Paula Tobon-Stevens
Sharon Sullivan, RN
Thien H. Ta
Theodore Thornell
Sherri Tumbleson
Enrique Valdez Jr.
Daniel Wagner
Amn Richard Walker
Jessica L. Walters
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Recommit to lifelong learning! Visit my.ache.org to learn if you are due to recertify your FACHE credential in 2015. My.ACHE.org will provide you with:

- A list of the Category I (ACHE education) credits you have obtained and a place to indicate the Category II credits you have obtained
- A list of all requirements for recertification
- A link to your personalized online recertification application

Visit my.ache.org now to check your recertification status. For more information on recertification, contact the ACHE Customer Service Center at (312) 424-9400.

To learn more about credentialing and becoming board certified, click here

Postgraduate Fellowships

Postgraduate fellowships are essential to attract and develop highly qualified healthcare management professionals. ACHE offers robust online resources on postgraduate fellowships at ache.org/PostGrad for organizations seeking to develop a postgraduate fellowship, organizations that want to find the best candidate and new healthcare management entrants looking for a fellowship opportunity. The site includes the Directory of Fellowships in Health Services Administration for organizations to post their fellowship opportunities and for students to find opportunities they want to pursue. Additionally, resources for organizations looking to start a fellowship include sample manuals, templates and checklists.

Save on Self-Study Courses!

The ACHE Self-Study Program includes courses on timely topics as well as healthcare management fundamentals. Purchase one self-study course and receive a second course at a 50 percent discount! Not applicable with any other offers. Through the Self-Study Program, you can earn ACHE Qualified Education credit toward Fellow advancement or recertification.

Order online now or call the ACHE/HAP Order Fulfillment Center at (301) 362-6905.
“Inquiring Minds Want To Know”

ACHE-SETC’s website has a section called “Inquiring Minds Want to Know”. This section has proven to be a fun and informational tool! It focuses mostly on frequently asked questions, but also includes anything that would be beneficial for members to know. Click here for direct access! The page will be updated every few weeks with new questions/answers, so check back often to stay up to date! If you would like to submit any questions about the chapter, please contact Don Gibson at quantumleadership@ache-houston.org.

LinkedIn

Join our local ACHE-Houston chapter on LinkedIn by clicking here and learn how to create an effective LinkedIn profile and capitalize on new features. We encourage our early careerists and new members to visit and ask any questions they have about the field, their career, or obstacles they face. As a great resource, you will find many people including our senior members who will try their best to answer your questions. We encourage our senior members to recall their early experiences and professional insights, as a valuable resource to our newer members. Our discussion boards have taken off with some great questions and discussions among students and executives.

Earn Rewards: Pass ACHE Membership Forward

Support your colleagues' career development and help advance excellence in healthcare delivery by encouraging colleagues to join ACHE. It only takes a minute to spread the word about ACHE through our Tell a Colleague e-mail form. When you refer a colleague to join, you earn rewards through the Leader-to-Leader program. Rewards include the chance to win a free Congress on Healthcare Leadership registration! Tell a colleague about ACHE membership today.

Healthcare News Briefs

Medicare Cuts Payments to 721 Hospitals for Infections, Injuries

The federal government will reduce payments to 721 hospitals or 14 percent of hospitals across the United States, for having high rates of infection or patient injuries. Medicare payments will be 1 percent lower for the fiscal year ending in September 2015, and penalties are estimated at $373 million, according to a Kaiser Health News analysis. These penalties are in addition to the fines Medicare levied against 2,610 hospitals for high readmission rates. According to the analysis, 32 percent of the penalized hospitals had the sickest patients, and 12 percent had the least complex cases. In addition, those with the poorest patients were more likely to be penalized. Medicare levied penalties against 33 percent or more of hospitals assessed in Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, Rhode Island, Utah, Washington and the District of Columbia, according to the analysis.

From Medicare Cuts Payments to 721 Hospitals with Highest Rates of Infections, Injuries
Kaiser Health News (12/18/14) Rau, Jordan

Medicaid Enrollment Up by 9 Million in 2014

PwC reports that 66.5 million people, or 21.2 percent of the U.S. population, received Medicaid physical health benefits during the third quarter of 2014. That marks an increase of 9 million from the third quarter of 2013 and is largely the result of states expanding Medicaid eligibility under the Affordable Care
Act. About 9.3 million people were added to Medicaid managed care plans, and the largest number of Medicaid enrollees (10.3 million) was in California. Medicaid enrollment growth was the greatest in states that expanded eligibility, rising by 7.6 million, compared with growth of 1.4 million in states that did not expand Medicaid, according to the report. “the number of new entrants to Medicaid was fairly limited, largely as a result of state contracting cycles that often preclude plans from entering ‘on-demand,’” says Ari Gottlieb, the report’s lead author.

From Medicaid Enrollment Up by 9 Million in 2014
MedPage Today (12/18/14) Frieden, Joyce

Expenses Related to ICD-10, Population Health Management Top Hospital Budgets
About 50 percent of hospitals are investing in ICD-10 migration tools, according to a recent poll from peer60. Executives at these facilities are moving beyond ICD-10 preparation and are focusing on population health management and patient engagement as their top priorities in 2015. About 85 percent of hospitals already have selected an ICD-10 partner and plan to stick with them and meet compliance changes. About 50 percent of hospitals under 100 beds have not yet invested in any population health management technology, and only 25 percent of hospitals with more than 1,000 beds have not done so. Overall, 35 percent of hospitals have not yet chosen a population health management technology partner. Investments in population health infrastructure are driven by healthcare executives, with 80 percent of chief medical information officers and 68 percent of chief information officers leading the drive to improve in care coordination, chronic disease management and patient-centered care. Hospitals also are investing in patient-engagement solutions like patient portals and clinical analytics to support population health and care-quality initiatives.

From ICD-10, Population Health Management Atop Hospital Budgets
Health IT Analytics (03/03/15) Bresnick, Jennifer

Economy Boosts Safety-Net Hospitals in Non-Medicaid Expansion States
Hospitals that treat a high number of poor and uninsured patients in states that did not expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act could face additional financial pressures, according to an analysis by Kaiser Health News. Even as these hospitals continue to provide high levels of charity care, they will receive less Medicare and Medicaid funding under the law. In 2014, some hospitals in the largest stats that did not expand Medicaid performed better than in 2013. Those hospitals say economic improvements helped reduce the number of patients who could not pay their bills and increased local property and sales tax revenue earmarked for publicly supported hospitals. Some of the stronger-performing hospitals also cited an increase in insured patients who purchased coverage through the ACA’s insurance exchanges. Beginning in 2016, however, hospitals will see the pool of funds available to cover uninsured patients under Medicaid fall. “We are still very early in the Affordable Care Act, and one year does not make a trend. Just because they got through this period does not mean they do not have more financial pain to come” says Daniel Steingart, an analyst with Moody’s Investors Service.

From Economy Boosts Safety-Net Hospitals in States Not Expanding Medicaid
Washington Post (03/01/15) Galewitz, Phil

Feedback
If you would like to comment on the Chapter’s Newsletter, please contact the ACHE-SETC Administrative Office (quantumleadership@ache-houston.org) or call: 281-398-7877.
Special Thanks
Thanks to all of the Chapter’s committee chairs, co-chairs, members, and student volunteers who tirelessly work to ensure the continued success of ACHE-SETC. Their volunteer services are greatly appreciated. If you would like to become a member of one of your Chapter’s committees please contact the ACHE-SETC Administrative Office @ 281-398-7877 or email @ quantumleadership@achehouston.org

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