



Chapter Newsletter

Indiana Chapter of American College of Health Care Administrators

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Message from the Chapter President

Welcome to the inaugural, quarterly issue of the resurrected Indiana Chapter of the American College of Health Care Administrators' newsletter!

I am pleased to be writing to you and look forward to a fantastic year of new beginnings.

Since the induction of our leadership team, we have seen steady increases in our membership. We have added 9 new members since last fall, bringing our total to 32 active administrators and students. In the month of March, our increase, year over year, was up almost 26%.

The Indiana Chapter is making significant inroads to HFA and Health Administration students and had our first AIT placed with a preceptor in March. The number of individuals looking for preceptor opportunities continues to rise as more people learn of our intent to establish an AIT Resource Center (ARC) which will work diligently to pair qualified AIT candidates with interested preceptors throughout the State. The Center will also facilitate educational and exam preparatory activities throughout the AIT experience.

For established, licensed members, we are working to bring value to your membership at the local level. We have met with the other trade associations to evaluate synergies and opportunities to work together to collaborate on initiatives. The Chapter Leadership Team met recently and developed a one year strategic plan to guide our efforts for 2013. ACHCA Indiana will be exhibiting at the remaining spring trade shows to reach out to our members and non-members to promote the College and solicit feedback. We are very interested in your ideas on how we can best serve needs of HFAs and RCAs with networking and programming opportunities in the coming year. Please stop by our table and introduce yourselves.

For the good of the profession,

Mark Prifogle, HFA
American College of Health Care Administrators
Chapter President, Indiana

Chapter News

Strategic planning is complete! The Officers and several interested members met on 4/1 to develop a comprehensive plan to tackle key initiatives this year. The group is very excited to show this information with you in our upcoming meetings!

Chapter Statement of Purpose

ACHCA IN will provide a path to enhanced member professional networks, fostered, educational environments, and positive, public recognition in the industry.

We will do this by providing opportunities for meaningful educational and networking venues, professional advocacy, and member Administrator-In-Training (AIT) Resource Center, through a "Pay It Forward" mentality. The result of our effort will be strong, efficient, effective and satisfied members.

National Events

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Next Meeting

Board of Directors Meeting: 5/10,
10 am – 2pm
Hickory Creek Offices
6081 E. 82nd Street
Indianapolis, IN

Member News

Please send us your news! We are happy to celebrate your professional successes with you. Each newsletter will feature stories about you, from you, or feel free to “tattle” on a fellow member! We can be reached at marketing@achca-in.org.

We congratulate the following members for new appointments:

Margaret “Meg” Clark, RN/HFA – Health Care Administrator, Marquette Manor
Lauren Prifogle, HFA – Assistant Administrator, Hickory Creek Healthcare Foundation



AIT Voice

The path to being AIT eligible is in itself often confusing and mindboggling. However, active AITs can lend insight and encouragement to those that are just getting started or are well on their way. ACHCA-Indiana wants to help by featuring the “AIT Voice” in each newsletter.

Whether you are a current AIT or have been so in the past, send me your experiences (good and bad) so we share some of the best practices with our fellow ACHCA-Indiana members. Tips, ideas, suggestions for a positive AIT experience would be greatly appreciated. I WILL NOT use your name.

Have something you can share or would like to see addressed in the “AIT Voice”, contact Vivian at vwd@successdevelopment.biz.



AIT Candidate Spotlight

Meet ACHCA-Indiana member **Rebecca (Becky) Stacy**, MBA. In addition to her degree – though not required by Indiana, she recently completed the state approved Success Development 228-hour administrator course – because she “wanted to be prepared to be an asset to the facility and Preceptor - during her AIT, not just putting in the time”. She excels in sales, leadership, and commitment to “getting the job” done while remaining focused on the identified outcomes. She is actively seeking a Preceptor.

Meet ACHCA-Indiana member **William (Mark) Wright**, BS. Mark has a degree in Heath Care Administration and seeks an opportunity for an AIT internship to move forward - in pursuit of his administrator license. He wants to excel - during his AIT, just as he has demonstrated with his academic honors while attending college. With experience in management, leadership, and sales, he is now focusing on finding the right fit with a Preceptor.

Let’s help these members find a Preceptor. To review Becky or Mark’s resume, contact Vivian at vwd@successdevelopment.biz.



Preceptor Focus

The roles, responsibilities, challenges, and successes of a preceptor often go unrecognized and unappreciated. ACHCA-Indiana wants to change that by featuring the “Preceptor Focus” in each newsletter.

Whether you are an active Preceptor with an AIT or have been so in the past, send me your experiences (good and bad) so we can share some best practices (and bad practices) with our fellow ACHCA-Indiana members. Tips, ideas, suggestions for a positive preceptor experience would be greatly appreciated. If you do not want your name used, I will honor that request. Together - let’s make this newsletter section a “*must*” resource for Preceptors and AITs. Have something you could share or would like to see addressed, contact Vivian at vwd@successdevelopment.biz.



Preceptor Recognition

Have someone that you would like to see recognized in a future newsletter, contact Vivian at vwd@successdevelopment.biz.

News from National

2013 National Award Winners

The American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) presented their annual awards on Saturday, April 13, 2013, during the awards luncheon at ACHCA’s 47th Annual Convocation and Exposition at The Omni Orlando Resort at Champions Gate in Orlando, Florida. Congratulations to ACHCA’s 2013 Award Winners!

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Outstanding Member Award - Daniel Suer, FACHCA

Education Award - Philip DuBois, CNHA, FACHCA

Journalism Award - Vivian Tellis-Nayak, PhD

New Administrator - Jose Luis Rojas Fernandez, CNHA, FACHCA

New Administrator - Sheena Janse

Public Service Award - Martin Bayne

Business Partner - Partners Pharmacy, Cranford, NJ

Honorary Fellowship - Dr. David B. Oliver, PhD

Distinguished Nursing Home Administrator Award - Larry I. Slatky, CNHA, FACHCA

Champion Award - Maine Healthcare Association

