



Eastern Pennsylvania Healthcare Executive Network

Member Newsletter Spring 2006

A Message from the President

Dear Colleagues,

One of my favorite "habits" from Steven Covey's "7 Habits of Highly Successful People" is **"Begin with the end in mind"** - to achieve a goal, first identify what that goal is so the necessary steps to achieve it can be taken.

That is exactly what your chapter leadership did when elected to office last June. For us, the "end in mind," was becoming **a fully chartered chapter of ACHE**. We needed to get our website up and running, establish a periodic newsletter and a multi-year plan, along with some other reporting requirements. Last month we were notified by ACHE that EPAHEN has achieved the goal. Thom Freyer, Vice President, Division of Regional Services referred to this milestone as a "notable achievement."

So what now? What is our next milestone for the organization? More importantly, what was *your* goal, your "end in mind," when you joined EPAHEN? In the most recent issue of Healthcare Executive, Thomas Dolan, President and CEO of the ACHE, spoke to the issue of chapter involvement and what you can achieve through your local chapter:

- educational programs to develop technical skills,
- networking and career coaching opportunities,
- opportunities to mentor younger executives, and
- a chance to become involved in voluntary leadership positions.

As EPAHEN proceeds in its journey as a fully chartered chapter, we look forward to your involvement, in fact we need your involvement, to ensure the organization meets the needs of the membership and the requirements necessary to retain our chapter status.

Warm Regards,

Debra Geiger
President, EPAHEN

Chapter Leaders Reception at Congress

At this year's 2006 Congress on Healthcare Leadership in Chicago, more than 80 chapter officers and ACHE officials celebrated the anniversary of the ACHE and chapter partnership at the Chapter Leaders Reception. A number of accomplishments and several initiatives planned for 2006 were highlighted, including:

- Providing added support for provisional chapters to advance to fully chartered status.
- Promoting membership in their local chapter to ACHE affiliates, and increase the number of chapter members by 15 percent.
- Enhancing educational assistance to help chapters increase their services to their members.
- Initiating quarterly conference calls with chapter presidents.
- Exploring alternatives to provide more Category I content.
- Providing guidance on senior-level executive involvement based on our pilot projects.
- Increasing tools for the formation and operation of local program councils.
- Providing guidance for services to health administration students.
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**** Notice To **** **Membership**

During the next week, all EPAHEN members will receive an email containing the updated By-Laws for the Eastern PA Healthcare Executive Network.

All members are asked to review the By-Laws and notify us of your approval, or with any questions/concerns.

Thank you for your assistance!

Calendar of Events

Eastern Pennsylvania Healthcare Executive Network (EPAHEN)

June 1, 2006

EPAHEN Membership Meeting

Brookside Country Club, Macungie

Speaker: U.S. Congressman Charlie Dent

Program: Legislative Update

Healthcare Leadership Network of the Delaware Valley (HLNDV)

June 14, 2006

HLNDV Annual Meeting & 30th Anniversary Celebration

Location: College of Physicians & Tour of Mutter Museum Philadelphia, PA

American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE)

June 12-15, 2006

ACHE Cape Code, MA Cluster

July 31-August 3, 2006

ACHE Seattle, WA Cluster

Information on these, and other upcoming local, regional and national events is also available at the EPAHEN web site: <http://epahen.ache.org> (note: no "www" !)

Diplomate (CHE) Study Group Begins

EPAHEN's ACHE Diplomate (CHE) study group kicked off its spring program on April 4, 2006. This free study group is offered to local ACHE members preparing for the Board of Governors Examination.

At this year's ACHE Congress on Healthcare, held in Chicago, IL, twelve individuals in the state of Pennsylvania were recognized for achieving Diplomate status. *Of these twelve, five attended last year's EPAHEN/ACHE study group.*

The study group is broken out into 8 sessions, presented by area healthcare leaders who are experts in their field. The sessions include:

- Overview & the Future of Healthcare
- Human Resources
- Management / Professionalism & Ethics / Governance & Organizational Structure
- Laws & Regulations
- Capstone
- Finance
- Quality & Performance Improvement
- Business / Healthcare Technology and Information Management

For more information on the ACHE Diplomate Study Group, contact Deborah Cherney at deborah.cherney@lvh.com.

Notes From ACHE

Earn Your CHE Credential Now and Save \$200. Anyone submitting their completed Certified Healthcare Executive (CHE) application by June 30 will save \$200! When you become board certified in healthcare management you gain new skills and confidence as a healthcare executive. It's more than a credential...it's a symbol of your credibility!

ACHE Mentoring Options. Are you thinking of being a mentor to a promising healthcare executive? Are you wondering about the mentoring option for becoming a Fellow of ACHE? Or perhaps you are earlier in your career and looking for someone who will be your mentor. ACHE has recently added information on www.ache.org to help explain mentoring options.

Welcome New Members!

Margaret Alonso
Director, Division of Health Promotion
Montgomery County Health Department

Caroline Jones
Program Manager, Warren Hospital

Kristen Kiehstaller
Director of Activities & Volunteers
Phoebe Richland Health Care Center

Albert Leibenguth
QI Coordinator, Easton Hospital

Jennifer Roeder
Program Coordinator, Womens Health
Lehigh Valley Hospital

Donna Smith
Director, Pediatric Specialty Center
Lehigh Valley Physician Group

Maria Wagner
Administrator, Family Medicine
Lehigh Valley Hospital

*The full EPAHEN membership directory
can be found on our web site (epahen.ache.org).*

CHE: The Essential Credential

Earning the prestigious CHE credential - an outward sign of your ongoing commitment to the healthcare field - can help to maximize professional potential and enhance credibility. By becoming an ACHE Diplomate, you'll increase the confidence that your colleagues, board members, patients and/or families have in your leadership. Furthermore, you'll have earned the right to refer to yourself as **board certified in healthcare management**.



SMILING FOR THE CAMERA AT THIS YEAR'S ACHE CONGRESS WERE (L-R) PATRICK SIMONSON, JIM GEIGER, AND NEWLY DESIGNATED DIPLOMATES DEBORAH CHERNEY AND CHRISTINA LEWIS.

Congratulations to the following individuals, who earned Diplomate Status during the past year:

Deborah Cherney, RN, CHE

Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network

Christina Lewis, RN, CHE

Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network

Steve McGovern, CHE

Temple University Physicians Services Group

James Sok, CHE

Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital

Andrew Starr, CHE

St. Luke's Hospital & Health Network

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