The Healthcare Division Chair’s Progress Report: AUGUST 2013

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I. HCD Nominations/Elections

This year, the Healthcare Division (HCD) once again must elect three officers: chair-elect, secretary and treasurer. Their terms will run from Jan. 1, 2014, to Dec. 31, 2015. Bill Dunwoody, our current chair-elect, will begin his term on Jan. 1. We have formed a nomination committee, which is being led by past-chair Jim Levett.

Self nominations closed Aug. 31. For reference, the process requires obtaining the signatures of 10 other HCD members (in writing or via email) and submitting them on a petition form to the HCD secretary, Pierce Story, for validation. The mailing explaining the process can be found at here.

The nominating committee will meet in early September to consider self-nominees and other candidates to develop a slate. That slate plus the names of those who submitted validated nomination petition forms will be communicated in the early fall to all HCD members eligible to vote. We will submit the names of the highest vote-getters to ASQ by November 15.

If you did not receive this mailing, let me know.

II. HCD Sponsorship of HCD Member Proposals For WCQI 2014:

The HCD received several requests for divisional endorsement of proposals submitted for presentations at World Conference on Quality and Improvement (WCQI) 2014. Four were approved by a special review panel chaired by Graciela dePerez. We are in the process of notifying the TPC of our decision. Thanks to all who submitted and those who reviewed the submissions!!

The HCD now has a policy under which the division can provide support for travel and lodging for up to three presenters per year at WCQI or other ASQ national conferences. Those whose
presentations received HCD endorsement are eligible support if their presentations are approved by the TPC.

Please contact either me or Dan Rand with questions.

III. The HCD Webinars Are Almost Ready!!

Our education chair, Dan Rand reports that two HCD webinars have been recorded and a third is in the early stages of development! The plan is that these will be made available free of charge via the HCD website (www.asqhcd.org) starting in September. A notice will be sent to all HCD members when these have been posted. Please watch for it. You will need to enter the special code in the notice you receive to access the webinars free of charge. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Rand at drand@winona.edu.

IV. LSS Conference 2014: Something New and Exciting!!!

The HCD and the Lean Enterprise Division are once again collaborating with ASQ on the Lean and Six Sigma Conference, Feb 24-25, in Phoenix. This year an exciting event has been added: a third day on Feb. 26 that will be devoted exclusively to an in-depth and advanced hands-on workshop on lean in healthcare presented by a nationally recognized, award-winning speaker. This third day is being presented jointly by the Lean Enterprise Division and the HCD. HCD members can get more information by contacting Dan Rand at drand@winona.edu. More information will be announced soon. When you see the announcement, be sure to sign up early as space will be limited.

V. NEWS from the Sectional Healthcare Special Interest Groups (SIGs):

The NYC-NJ Healthcare SIG is planning its first event. The SIG chair, Jorge Rosas, has announced that on Nov. 2 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. EST there will be a hospital visit and learning event at the North Shore LIJ with its Center for Learning and Innovation and Patient Safety Institute. A description of this event, the agenda, and driving directions can be found at http://asqhcd.org/?cat=20.

VI. NEWS from the National Healthcare Special Interest Groups (SIGs):

A. Long Term Care/Assisted Living SIG:

Long Term Care/Assisted Living SIG chair Sally McLatchey has developed a vision, mission and charter for the long-term care and assisted living SIG and is actively recruiting members. View these materials at http://asqhcd.org/?page_id=5775. Please contact Sally McLatchey atsmoclatchey1@verizon.net if you are interested in getting involved in this SIG.

B. Public Health SIG:

Public Health SIG chair Grace Duffy reports that the SIG is now meeting regularly each month and is actively seeking new members. Please email Grace Duffy for more information at grace683@embarqmail.com or go to http://asqhcd.org/?page_id=5775.

VII. HELP IS STILL URGENTLY NEEDED FOR SEVERAL OTHER HCD COMMITTEES, TASK GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES!! PLEASE CONSIDER PITCHING IN IN ONE OF THESE AREAS. I GUARANTEE YOU WILL GET AS MUCH OR MORE THAN YOU GIVE!!

A. The Healthcare Quality Certification Exam Task Group: The chair of the rejuvenated HCD certification exam Task group, Chuck Gates, is looking for a few HCD members to assist in bringing this long-term HCD dream to reality. While it won’t

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be easy, the result will be well worth it and will provide great value to our members. It is not too late to get in on this activity at the ground floor. If you are interested in joining Chuck on this journey, please let him know directly ASAP at Chuck Gates (CGates@olivet.edu).

B. **Task Group on the Value of Nonclinical Process and Quality Improvement Professionals in Healthcare:** Rod Munro is just getting this group up and running and would welcome the support and assistance of all those who have tried to break through the “clinical-only glass ceiling” in healthcare. The intent is to make sure that healthcare has sustainable access to the A-team in tackling the problems of efficiency, quality and culture change. If interested, please contact Rod Munro directly at roderickmunro@charter.net.

C. **MEMBERSHIP/VOC COMMITTEE:** Please contact our membership lead, Paul Grizzell (paul.grizzell@corevaluespartners.com) or our VOC chair, Gary Kollm (garyak22@yahoo.com).

D. **THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.** Please contact Dan Rand at DRand@winona.edu or Kathryn Seifert at kathryn.m.seifert@gmail.com.

E. **THE NIGHTINGALE AWARD COMMITTEE:** If interested, please contact Grace Paranzino at parangk@kellyservices.com.

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G. **ENEWSLETTER EDITORIAL BOARD:** Contact Megan at MSchmidt@asq.org or Pierce Story at pbstory@capacitystrategies.com.

HAVE A GREAT LABOR DAY WEEKEND!!!

WARM REGARDS,

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