The Healthcare Division Chair’s Progress Report, June 2012:

*It Is Summer. Are You Ready for the Supreme Court Decision?*

by Joe Fortuna

As we all await the Supreme Court decision on the constitutionality of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, there continues to be excellent progress among various ASQ Healthcare Division (HCD) committees. You can view HCD Committee plans for meeting their 2012 goals and objectives at [www.asqhcd.org](http://www.asqhcd.org) under the “About the Division” tab. Please take a few moments to look at them and to review the new HCD website.

A few HCD accomplishments from the past couple of months include:

- **The HCD annual meeting.**
  The HCD meeting in May was well attended and featured lively participation by all in attendance. The meeting included reports from the division chair, treasurer, and several committees and task groups. The 2012 Nightingale Scholarship Winner, Winnie MacGregor from Kaiser Permanente, was introduced and thanked the division for her award. Division member Linh Dye also demonstrated the new HCD website. The committee and task group reports from the annual meeting can be found on the division website.

- **Quality Institute for Healthcare (QIHC).**
  This year’s QIHC was well attended and the evaluations were good. Thanks to the conference co-chairs, Jim Levett and Laura Kinney, their committee, and ASQ staff members Ray Zielke and Laura Kalinosky-Sanchez.

- **New and improved HCD exhibit booth.**
  The new HCD exhibit booth was a smash hit. Thanks to Deb Hopen for the redesign and Graciela Perez for taking care of the booth logistics. We received a lot of positive comments from booth visitors. Thanks to all who helped host the booth during the conference.

- **First annual members-only health leaders lecture.**
The first annual health leaders address was delivered by Robert Jesse, MD, Ph.D., principal deputy under the secretary for health for the Veterans Health Administration. The presentation was held in partnership with the ASQ Quality Management Division and was well attended. Jesse’s talk was excellent, and we are looking forward to making this an annual event. Also during this event, MacGregor was formally awarded her scholarship, and she and several members of the Kaiser Permanente team spoke in support of the scholarship and of ASQ.

- **The HCD and QMD joint wine and cheese tasting party.**
  Thanks to the hard work of Perez and Anne Moyer-Martinez from the QMD, this event was a stunning success. Perez’s informative and entertaining talk on wines and cheeses made everyone an expert and added to the enjoyment of the actual tasting experience.

We also made progress on ongoing HCD projects and have new division activities to report:

- **The HBOK committee continues to meet and exceed expectations.**
  Healthcare Body of Knowledge (HBOK) chairs Sue Peiffer, Deb Hopen and Chris Robinson, along with their active committee, are chugging along in their effort to produce our first version of the HBOK by Dec. 31. I have every reason to believe they won’t disappoint.

- **New on the horizon.**
  Coming out of the QIHC, there are a few new and exciting activities the HCD leadership is working on. One is the possibility of partnering with the ASQ Lean Division to offer healthcare workshops during their Lean and Six Sigma Conference in 2013. A group from the HCD is working with Patricia Morrill, the Lean Division Liaison to the HCD, and there should be more news on this shortly.

  Another activity is the creation of a national special interest group in the HCD on behavioral health. Tom Grinley and Tony Weiss are heading up this effort.

  Watch for more news on these activities in my next report.

- **HCD member involvement.**
  We need to hear from you soon to learn how you want to contribute to and participate in the HCD. Our goal is active participation by every member of the HCD in at least one
HCD activity. The more active participation we have, the stronger and more valuable we can be to our members, customers and ASQ.

Yours respectfully,
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