Dear Colleague:

As health care continues to create new paths into the future, the November 13 conference will explore patient care challenges and changing care delivery models for health care leaders. The implication, the best business practices and the solutions for executives require continuous innovation to be ready for the value-based environment. Please join other regional executives at this all-day informative conference with some of the foremost opinion and health care leaders.

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Topics Include:
- Access to Care
- Growth in Retail Clinics
- Improving Transparency
- Health Insurance Exchanges (Private & Public)
- Care Delivery—Before and After EMR
- Aligning Providers Across the Continuum

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DIVISIONAL MEETINGS:

CFO Executive Forum Meetings/Round Table
October 28, 2014, 12 noon at the Bethesda Marriott & November 18, 12 noon same location. The CFO group meets monthly with date, time and location announced one and half to two weeks in advance. CONTACT: Camille Bash, CFO Ex. Forum Chair, 301-552-8028, cbash@dchweb.org

COO Executive Forum Meeting
October 7, 2014 all held from 12 Noon to 2:00 PM with locations to be announced. CONTACT: Kevin J. Mell, COO Ex. Forum Chair, 301-774-8773, kevin.mell@medstar.net

HR Divisional Meeting:
December 15, 2014, 12 noon. CONTACT: Dennis Parnell, HR Division 240-750-4927, DennisLparnell@gmail.com

IT Divisional Meeting:
October 22, 2014, 12 noon. CONTACT: Nathan Read, IT Division Chair, 202-715-4299, Nathan.Read@gwu-hospital.com

Pharmacy Divisional Meeting:
First meeting to be held early 2015. CONTACT: Ursula Tachie-Menson, Pharmacy Division Chair, 202-338-1229, UTmenson@childrensnational.org

Quality Divisional Meeting
The Board meets regularly throughout the year. Meetings are held periodically. CONTACT: Constance Yancy, DCAHQ (DC Association of Healthcare Quality), President, 202-721-7163, cyancy@hscsn.org

Rehab Divisional Meeting:
December 8, 2014, 10 AM, Charles E. Smith Life Communities (Hebrew Home). CONTACT: John Baker, Rehab Division Chair, 301-639-6611, john.baker@bakerrehabgroup.com

Supply Chain Divisional Meeting:
Meetings will be held quarterly with dates to be determined. CONTACT: Nicole Mazzei-Williams of Mid-Atlantic Healthcare Materials Management (MASHMM), CMRP, President, (443)890-4414, mashmmpresident@gmail.com

Volunteer Divisional Meeting:
The Volunteer Group schedules meetings every other month throughout the year. CONTACT: Pam Fogan, Volunteer Services Division Chair, 301-896-3093, pfogan1@jhmi.edu

Pharmacy Divisional Group Established
The Healthcare Council welcomes Ursula Tachie-Menson as chair of the newly formed Pharmacy Divisional Group. Dr. Tachie-Mensno, Chief for the Division of Pharmacy Services at Children’s National Medical Center, is planning the first meeting of the Pharmacy group in early 2015. Ursula served as Director of Pharmacy Quality, Safety and Performance Improvement before being named Chief of the Division. Prior to joining the leadership team at Children’s she was the Director of Pharmacy at Inova Fairfax Hospital in Virginia. She serves as an adjunct faculty and clinical assistant Professor at Howard University and Virginia Commonwealth University. We are pleased to have someone of Ursula’s experience and professional background serve as chair person of the newly formed Pharmacy Divisional group. Pharmacy leadership at area hospitals will be polled for ideas on educational topics for meetings in 2015. Please welcome Ursula to this new role as chair person of the Pharmacy Divisional Group.
WASHINGTON ADVENTIST HOSPITAL NAMES NEW PRESIDENT: Erik Wangsness, past President/Chief Executive Officer of Jellico Community Hospital in Tennessee, has been named the new President of Washington Adventist Hospital. During Erick’s time at Jellico, the hospital was one of only 20 hospitals in the United States to receive the 2013 Press Ganey Commitment to Excellence Award for patient satisfaction.

MEDSTAR SOUTHERN MARYLAND NAMES PRESIDENT: Christine R. Wray, FACHE, has been named President of MedStar Southern Maryland (Clinton, MD) in addition to her current role as President of Medstar St. Mary’s Hospital (Leonardtown, MD).

HOLY CROSS GERMANTOWN HOSPITAL OPENS: The new Holy Cross Germantown Hospital (Silver Spring, MD) officially opened on October 1.

REGIONAL HEALTH ALLIANCE NAME TRIVERGENT HEALTH: Frederick Regional Health System, Meritus Health and Western Maryland Health System selected Trivergent Health Alliance as the name of their regional health care alliance. Raymond A. Grahe, former senior vice president and chief financial officer of Meritus Health based in Hagerstown, Md., is the chief executive officer of Trivergent Health Alliance MSO, the management services organization that is a subsidiary of the alliance. P. Ronan, president and CEO of Western Maryland Health System is chair person of the board of Trivergent Health Alliance MSO.

SAINT AGNES HOSPITAL RECEIVES AWARD FOR CARDIAC CARE: Saint Agnes Hospital has received the American College of Cardiology’s NCDR ACTION Registry–GWTG Platinum Performance Achievement Award for 2014. Saint Agnes Hospital is one of only 256 hospitals nationwide to receive the honor. The award recognizes Saint Agnes Hospital’s commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of care for heart attack patients and signifies that Saint Agnes has reached an aggressive goal of treating these patients to standard levels of care as outlined by the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association clinical guidelines and recommendations.

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ANNIE ARUNDEL MEDICAL CENTER’S NURSING EXCELLENCE RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS MAGNET® RECOGNITION: Anne Arundel Medical Center (AAMC) has achieved Magnet® recognition as a reflection of its patient- and family-centered care, nursing professionalism and teamwork. Magnet recognition is determined by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s (ANCC) Magnet Recognition Program®, which ensures that rigorous standards for nursing excellence are met. With this credential, AAMC joins the Magnet community—a select group of 401 U.S. hospitals out of some 5,700 organizations. Only six other hospitals in Maryland and two in Washington, D.C. have achieved Magnet® recognition since the program’s inception in 1990.

CHILDREN’S NATIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM AND INOVA CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL RECEIVE HYUNDAI HOPE ON WHEELS FUNDING: The Hyundai Scholar Hope Grant to fund childhood cancer research announced at its annual September program at the Cannon House Office Building in D.C. accomplishments of practitioner and patients. Special recognition was given to D.C. metro area hospitals that received Scholar Hope Grants, including Children’s National Medical Center and Inova Children’s Hospital. Hope on Wheels was created in 1998 and has provided over $87 million in life saving grants.

SACKETT NAMED COO OF ADVENTIST HEALTHCARE: John Sackett, president of Shady Grove Adventist Hospital since April 2013, has added the title of executive vice president and chief operating officer of Adventist HealthCare to his current responsibilities. As part of his new duties, Sackett will oversee Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital of Maryland, Adventist Behavioral Health and Adventist Home Care Services. Sackett will serve as chair of the governing boards of the three organizations.

CHRISTINE M. CANDIO, RN, FACHE/2016 – CHAIR PERSON ACHE: Christine M. Candio, RN, FACHE, is chief executive officer, Inova Alexandria (VA) Hospital, and senior vice president, Inova Health System in Falls Church, Va. She also serves as Chairman of the American College of Healthcare Executives, an international professional society of more than 40,000 healthcare executives who lead hospitals, healthcare systems and other healthcare organizations. With comprehensive programs in credentialing, education, career counseling, publications and research, ACHE works toward its goal of being the premier professional society for healthcare executives dedicated to improving healthcare delivery.

CURRENT ISSUES:

DEPRESSION: is a potentially life-threatening mood disorder that affects 1 in 6 persons in the United States, or approximately 17.6 million Americans each year. Depressed patients are more likely to develop type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease. Not counting the effect of secondary disease states, over the next 20 years, unipolar depression is projected to be the second leading cause of disability worldwide and the leading cause of disability in high-income nations, including the United States.

AUTISM RATES IN U.S.: One in 68 U.S. children has an autism spectrum disorder (ASD), a 30% increase from 1 in 88 two years ago, according to a new report released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This newest estimate is based on the CDC’s evaluation of health and educational records of all 8-year-old children in 11 states: Alabama, Wisconsin, Colorado, Missouri, Georgia, Arkansas, Arizona, Maryland, North Carolina, Utah and New Jersey.

U.S. Gun Deaths Lowest In Hawaii and Highest in D.C.: Hawaii has the fewest gun deaths in the United States, while the District of Columbia has the highest, according to new research. Over the past decade, deaths from gun-related violence–including murders, suicides and unintentional shootings–varied widely across the United States, a recent study revealed. Hawaii’s rate was roughly three per 100,000 citizens. On the opposite end of the spectrum, the District of Columbia had the highest rate of gun deaths, with about 22 per 100,000 citizens.
CURRENT ISSUES, CONTINUED

PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE: According to the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), the demand for physicians in 2016 will total 916,000, compared to an estimated 785,400 that will be available. This gap of 130,600 doctors represents 15 percent of projected demand.

EBOLA WORST-CASE SCENARIO: The World Health Organization projects that 20,000 people will be infected in November. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, meanwhile, projects up to 1.4 million people could be infected by January, assuming that Ebola cases continue to increase exponentially.

Healthcare Council Wishes a Happy Birthday to Three of its Employees During the Month of September

The Healthcare Council celebrated three office birthdays in September. John Maloney, Director, Partner Development, Cheryl Thomas, Executive Assistant and Gina Smith, Business Development Consultant, all enjoy a birthday during the month of September. Seasons 52 in Columbia, MD was a great place for lunch in recognition of the birthdays.

Did You Know?

Much of making it to your 100th birthday is beyond your control, as longevity is partly dictated by genetics and the medical history and health habits of your parents and grandparents. But there are also a handful (okay, a lot) of lifespan-enhancing practices that you can adopt today – like taking your allotted vacation days, eating more leafy greens and getting enough sleep. - Huffington Post

The Board Corner:

Basic Board Responsibilities

The five (5) fundamental responsibilities of a Board include:

1. The mission and vision
2. Chief Executive Officer
3. Finance:
   - Adherence to budget
   - Contracting & approving an independent audit
   - Controlling investments
4. Program Oversight & Support
5. Fund Raising

Did You Know?

U.S. Waistlines Keep Growing - Americans’ belt size continues to inch up, and women’s waistlines are widening faster than men’s, according to new government research. The average waist size ballooned more than an inch – from 37.6 inches to 38.8 inches – between 1999 and 2012, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention researchers found. Based on their waist circumference, 54 percent of Americans were abdominally obese in 2012, up from 46 percent 13 years earlier. “Waists are still expanding in the U.S., and particularly so among women,” said study researcher Dr. Earl Ford, a medical officer at the CDC. While men’s waists increased less than an inch – about 0.8 of an inch on average – women’s midriffs grew about twice that, or 1.5 inches, Ford said. Waistlines larger than 35 inches for women and more than 40 inches for men are considered abdominal obesity, a risk factor for heart disease and diabetes.

For the study, published Sept. 17 in the Journal of the American Medical Association, Ford and his colleagues used data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) on nearly 33,000 men and women ages 20 and older.

Did You Know?

Tissue Engineering and Regeneration Report - BCC Research reports “Tissue Engineering and Regeneration: Technologies and Global Markets” that this market reached $17 billion in 2013. This market is expected to grow to nearly $20.8 billion in 2014 and $56.9 billion by 2019 registering a five-year compound annual growth rate of 22.3% through 2019.

Did You Know?

Health care in the United States – We spend $2.8 trillion on healthcare annually. That works out to about one-sixth of the total economy and more than $8,500 per person— and more than any other country.

Did You Know?

No Mobile Technology Strategy- 36% of healthcare companies have no mobile technology strategy currently (Robert Half Technology, 2014).

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BBF, Associate Member of the Healthcare Council Responds to Ebola Outbreak in West Africa

Brother’s Brother Foundation is working to help fill some critical supply gaps in 70 hospitals and clinics based on requests for assistance from the Ministry of Health in Liberia and other partners. Shipments of liquid soap, gloves, masks, gowns, IV poles and other general medical supplies are now en route to our partners in these countries. Six 40-foot containers have been sent since the beginning of the Ebola outbreak, three to Liberia and three to Sierra Leone. This includes shipments sent in July to Connaught Hospital, the largest government hospital in Freetown, Sierra Leone with the help of Hope for Sierra Leone and on August 19th to BBF partner Christian Health Association of Sierra Leone, which will be distributed to 50 hospitals and clinics in that country. Additional shipments are scheduled to leave in September. The risk of Ebola transmission is increased in healthcare settings and these supplies will afford healthcare workers the ability to avoid contact with blood or body fluid secretions of infected individuals. Up to 10% of the Ebola cases thus far have occurred in health care workers. Of note, Liberia’s minister for Gender and Development has indicated 75% of those who were infected or died from Ebola were women because they are often the primary care givers at home, nurses, cleaners and laundry workers in the hospitals, and traders in the market places.
**Council Vision:** “To meet the challenges of tomorrow by working together today”...and thereby to facilitate the care of the sick and to promote education and prevention programs that ensure healthier communities.

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**Did You Know?**

The portion of the U.S. population receiving Medicaid benefits in 1970 was 6.5%, and based upon projections from federal actuaries, this figure will rise to 22.9% by 2019.