Virginia Hospital Center Offers CampMed For Youth Interested in Pursuing a Healthcare Profession

The below article is written by Juliana Chiaramonte, a rising eighth-grader who had the opportunity to experience first-hand what happens in a hospital and the various professions. She got a look behind the scenes. Virginia Hospital Center offered this occasion to a number of 8th grade students and Juliana writes about her introduction to hospital services. Her father Michael is a past board member of the Healthcare Council and recently voted Honorary Chair of the Annual Employee of the Year and McNulty Awards Luncheon.

So You Want to be a Doctor?

By Juliana Chiaramonte

On the first morning of CampMed at the Virginia Hospital Center, we were introduced to a case that we would reference throughout the week. We followed this particular patient’s story at the hospital from the moment he arrived in the Emergency Department until he was finished with rehabilitation and ready for discharge. While hearing about this patient, the first thing that came to mind was about the doctors and how they have the skills to heal people and improve quality-of-life. Doctors support our communities by providing care to the people we love, however there are many other people that play an important role in a patient’s health. We learned how to take vital signs and were introduced to other fundamentals of medicine, but more importantly, we learned that in addition to doctors, so many people are involved in patient care that are crucial for successful treatment and outcomes.

Throughout the week at CampMed, my list of possible medical professions grew. We visited several different departments of the hospital where we talked to many types of health care professionals including, but not limited to, nurses, imaging and lab technicians, surgical assistants, physical therapists, EMTs, psychiatric counselors, and dietitians. On two separate days of CampMed, we traveled by bus to Northern Virginia Community College, where we learned CPR and participated in a simulated crime scene. Our group was split into smaller groups and we worked either at the crime scene or treated injured patients that were brought to the hospital after the imaginary crime. My experience as a nurse during this simulation was exciting because I was able to experience what it would be like working in the Emergency Department, and we were able to work with real nurses from the college faculty.

During my time at Virginia Hospital Center and at Northern Virginia Community College, I was able to learn about a wide range of medical professions which will help me to consider differing career paths within the broader field of health care. CampMed offered me a valuable opportunity to better understand what happens inside of a hospital, and to meet the committed professionals who take care of the health of our community.
SAVE THE DATES!

New Chair of the Pharmacy Divisional Group

We welcome Kaye M. Dunham, PharmD, RPh as the new chair of the Pharmacy Divisional Group. She will assume this new role as of August 2017. Kaye is currently the pharmacy manager at Novant Health in Northern Virginia. Prior to joining Novant she was pharmacist for the United States Department of Defense. She has been a participant in the Pharmacy Divisional Group and is looking forward to continuing the quarterly meetings that were started under the chair leadership of Ursula Tachie-Menson, BS, PharmD and Chief, Division of Pharmacy Services of Children’s National Health System.

DIVISIONAL MEETINGS:

CFO Executive Forum Meetings/Round Table
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IT Divisional Meeting:
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Volunteer Divisional Meeting
CONTACT: Roxanne Holston, Volunteer Services Division Chair, 202-854-7759, Roxanne.Holston@provhosp.org

HR Divisional Meeting:
CONTACT: Paul A. Hagens, Jr., HR Division Chair, 301-552-8082, phagens@dchweb.org

Quality Divisional Meeting (DCAHQ)
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CONTACT: Chris Holmes, President, 410-456-9986, mashmmpresident@gmail.com

Rehab Divisional Meeting
CONTACT: Gerilynn Connors, Rehab Division Chair, 703-776-3070, gerilynn.connors@inova.org

Pharmacy Divisional Meeting
CONTACT: Kaye M. Dunham, Pharmacy Division Chair, 703-331-4180, kdunham@novanthealth.org

Facilities & Engineering Divisional Meeting
CONTACT: Thomas Blount, Facility & Engineering Division Chair, 240-826-6612, tblount@adventisthealthcare.com

Physician Management Divisional Meeting
CONTACT: Darmita Wilson, Physician Management Division Chair, 202-854-4095, darmita.wilson@provhosp.org

Divisional Meetings are held quarterly. Please contact the chair person for more information about the 2017 schedule. You can also call HCNCA at 301-731-4700 for meeting information.

Michael Chiaramonte to Serve as Honorary Chair of Awards Luncheon

The Healthcare Council National Capital Area Board recently voted for Michael Chiaramonte, past trustee to serve as the Honorary Chair of the Employee of the Year and McNulty Awards Luncheon. Michael has served as a valuable board member and continues to have an interest in the Healthcare Council. He has graciously agreed to serve as Honorary Chair of this special event sponsored each year by the Healthcare Council. “To honor employees who make a difference each year and recognize an outstanding executive who makes a significant contribution to healthcare is a special privilege for me,” Chiaramonte said. Mike Barch, chair of the Council says, “this new role will provide an extra touch to the awards event and help with sustainability for the future.

Salary Surveys Are Ready

The 2017 Wage & Salary Survey and the Executive/Department Head Salary Survey are complete and ready for purchase. You can find out more by contacting Cheryl Thomas at 301-731-4700 or email her at cethomas@healthcare-council.org. There is a fee for each of the publications to assist with the production cost. Feel free to visit our website at www.healthcare-council.org where you may order directly online.
THE BOARD CORNER:
State of Nonprofit Boards by Harvard Business Review

Nonprofit directors often fall short in terms of knowledge and experience, and their boards as a whole need more rigorous planning and procedures. Those are among the conclusions of Stanford researchers who several years ago surveyed 924 nonprofit directors. Some specific findings:

Directors Lack Critical Skills:
27% - Directors who say that fellow board members lack a strong understanding of the organization’s mission and strategy
32% - Directors who are not satisfied with the board’s ability to evaluate the organization’s performance

Boards Lack Formal Processes:
42% - Boards without an audit committee
69% - Boards without a succession plan for the CEO or the executive director

Fundraising Is Over-Emphasized:
90% - In organizations that require directors to fundraise, board members who say that task is at least as important as their other duties
42% - In organizations that require directors to donate, boards with a “give or get” (donate or raise) minimum

Upheaval Is Common:
69% - Organizations that have experienced at least one serious governance problem in the past decade
23% - Boards that have asked the executive director to leave or have faced his or her unexpected resignation

SOURCE: “2015 SURVEY ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS,” BY DAVID F. LARCKER, WILLIAM F. MEEHAN III, NICHOLAS DONATIELLO, AND BRIAN TAYAN

Did You Know?
Half of younger adults live in a household with three or more smartphones. More than nine-in-ten 18- to 29-year-olds (96%) say they live in a household with at least one smartphone, and 51% of young adults say their home contains three or more such devices.

Did You Know?
If you’re an optimist, it could help you live longer?
According to a study from Duke University Medical Center, heart patients who were more optimistic about their treatment, actually lived longer than those who were more pessimistic in their mindsets. Also, according to findings of a study published in the European Heart Journal, people who are optimistic have less chance of suffering from heart disease.
Welcoming New Healthcare Council Board Members

Jack Lewin, CTP, Administrative Vice President, Mid-Atlantic Segment Leader, Healthcare Banking Group, M&T Bank, Baltimore, MD

Mr. Lewin is the Segment Leader for M&T’s Healthcare Banking in the Mid Atlantic. M&T’s Healthcare Banking Group is a Specialized Industry Group that provides Commercial Lending, Investment Banking, Treasury Management and other Financial Services to Health Systems, Hospitals, Skilled Nursing Facilities and Senior Living Communities. Jack joined M&T Bank in 2003. He has held several senior positions in the commercial banking division in the Greater Washington and Greater Baltimore markets, with a focus on providing financing to the Health Care, Energy, and general business sectors. Prior to M&T Bank, Mr. Lewin worked in various corporate development roles, raising over $500MM of financing across telecom and international ventures. Jack received a Bachelor of Arts degree from The Colorado College and a Masters of Business and Administration from The University of Virginia in 2002. Jack received his Certified Treasury Professional designation in 2007. He serves as a director of The Baltimore office of Promotion and the Arts (BOPA); Investment Director for a location based venture capital fund in Baltimore (Propel), the Maryland Chapter of the American Heart Association (2017 Chair), and the Elewana Education Project. Mr. Lewin served as a director of TEDCO from 2006-2015 in various capacities including Chairman. Calvin Brown, HCNCA Board Treasure said, “the rich background in finance that Mr. Lewin brings to the board will be of untold value as HCNCA continues to monitor the organization’s finances.”

Brian White, Executive VP, LifeBridge Health, Baltimore, Maryland

March 2017, Brian White joined the Healthcare Council National Capital Area and National Capital Area Shared Services Board. He is the first healthcare executive to serve as a board member from Baltimore. Brian previously served as President of Northwest Hospital and the Post-Acute Care Services Division and a senior vice president at LifeBridge Health.

Brian M. White in his new position provides oversight to the leadership at both Sinai Hospital and Northwest Hospital, and will also oversee the systems Community Physician Enterprise, Physician Strategy and Network Development, Strategic Marketing and Communications, Radiology and Campus Services, including clinical engineering, facilities, construction and real estate. Brian is recognized as an innovator and strategic planner. He brings to the Council expertise in hospital management and a pioneering spirit for healthcare innovation. White was named to the Baltimore Business Journals Top 40 under 40 list in 2013 and earned the Maryland Daily Records VIP Award Successful by Age 40 in 2012. The Healthcare Council is fortunate to have someone with Brian’s vision and forward thinking as a trustee, said Les Pitton, CEO, HCNCA.

Lou Damiano, M.D., M.B.A., Acting President, Holy Cross Hospital, Silver Spring, Maryland

Lou Damiano, MD, vice president of Medical Affairs at the hospital has assumed the role of acting president for Holy Cross Hospital. Dr. Damiano is a strong and strategic leader with proven experience and strong ties at Holy Cross and within the region. Before joining Holy Cross Health, Dr. Damiano was the Deputy Commander of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) and Integration Programs at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He is an anesthesiologist and received his medical degree from University of Maryland School of Medicine and has been in practice for more than 20 years. Mike Barch, chair of the Healthcare Council says, “we are honored to have a physician and someone with Dr. Damiano’s background serving as a board member.” Lou begins his board term September 2017.
The Healthcare Council of the National Capital Area (HCNCA) has secured a partnership with Health Dimensions Group, a post-acute and senior care consulting and management firm, to provide its members with world-class consulting services and education on an array of contemporary health care topics. The agreement will introduce Health Dimensions Group to HCNCA members and further establish the value of HCNCA membership to Capital region health care organizations.

Health Dimensions Group’s understanding of the care continuum and the realities of effective collaboration will further HCNCA’s mission to help members reduce costs, encourage cooperative working relationships, and promote quality health care in the region.

With this new relationship, the two organizations plan to collaborate on education and consulting services for the constantly evolving health care environment. Health Dimensions Group’s expertise across the entire continuum of care will provide members with education and consulting on topics such as establishing or evaluating post-acute and population health strategy; setting up or enhancing preferred post-acute care networks; assessing and coordinating care management functions across acute, outpatient, and post-acute settings; and more.

"Health Dimensions Group continues to be at the forefront of health care reform. They uniquely understand its impact on post-acute and senior service providers, and the importance of these services to health systems in value-based care delivery. Given the challenges facing our members, we certainly look forward to our partnership with the Health Dimensions Group team," said HCNCA President and Chief Executive, Leslie H. Pitton, Jr.

Minneapolis-based company has over 30 years of experience and is one of the nation’s leading post-acute and senior care management and consulting firms. Health Dimensions Group currently manages 28 health care properties in eight different states and has served the needs of over 700 hospitals, health systems, and long-term care and senior living providers across the nation.

For further information, call Erin Shvetzoff Hennessey, Executive Vice President of Consulting at 763.537.5700 or email erinh@hdgi1.com. You can also visit the website at www.healthdimensionsgroup.com.
PRESS RELEASE – 340Basics and Healthcare Council of the National Capital Area (HCNCA) form strong partnership New Jersey – July 2017

340Basics is very happy to announce the partnership that has formed with Healthcare Council of the National Capital Area (HCNCA). This partnership will strengthen and help better serve HCNCA members. This agreement creates an exciting opportunity for the two organizations to collaborate and provide a greater spectrum of services that will enable HCNCA members a wealth of support and education as they navigate through the ever-changing healthcare industry.

340Basics’ expertise is vast in the healthcare arena; providing healthcare software technology solutions as well as a consulting division dedicated to educating our clients on compliance. The Co-Founder and President, Colleen DiClaudio, prior to was CFO of a large FQHC with over 10 years’ experience operating their 340B program. The other Co-Founder and COO, Anthony Esgro, is a PharmD and has owned retail independent pharmacies and operated as a contract pharmacy for several covered entities. Their combined knowledge, along with the most current and state of the art software solution, has allowed eligible covered entities to increase revenue and operate efficient and compliant 340B programs.

340Basics software is a secure cloud based software that provides efficient 340B eligibility and virtual inventory management solutions. The software is not only accurate; it’s incredibly quick, efficient, and dedicated solely to 340B processing. This focus led to the design of a streamlined software package with improved processing capabilities assuring full compliance, along with the creation of the required auditable records.

In addition to software, our consulting division, Assent Consulting, offers a variety of 340B services that are a valuable added asset to any healthcare entity. Our proficient specialists integrate with the entities’ existing team, providing mock HRSA audits, review of contracts, documents, systems, procedures, and policies, ensuring that the entity is meeting and exceeding government regulations.

340Basics is pleased at the opportunity to collaborate with HCNCA and offer its’ members the chance to utilize our services. “HCNCA affords it members an invaluable forum that promotes dedication to assist their members to reduce costs, promote a higher quality of healthcare and provide the education necessary to continue to grow while staying compliant,” Colleen DiClaudio, President and Co-Founder of 340Basics. “Our organization is extremely proud of this partnership with HCNCA and look forward to assisting their members navigate, what can be, a confusing path in the healthcare industry.”

About 340Basics
340Basics is at the forefront of healthcare technology. We deliver a secure software solution that provides a compliant 340B eligibility and virtual inventory management system to eligible healthcare providers, pharmacies, and managed care plans. In addition to our 340B software solution, 340Basics has a consulting division called Assent. This division of 340Basics specializes in audits, training and consulting services, allowing our clients to navigate the complex, 340B landscape with confidence and peace of mind.

340Basics understands the different needs that arise from our diverse customers, it is why we have developed our software and consulting services to be adaptable and customizable to each of our client’s needs.

To learn more about 340Basics please visit, www.340Basics.com or call us at 888-356-6225.

About The Healthcare Council for the National Capital Area
The Healthcare Council, founded in 1946 as the Hospital Council, is an association of healthcare providers, schools and health-related institutions serving Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia. The Council assists its members by promoting intelligent planning, facilitating discussion of common problems and acting as a clearinghouse for the exchange of information. We use a variety of tools to accomplish that mission.

To learn more, visit www.healthcare-council.org or call 301-731-4700.
Caldwell Butler and Associates
Connecting the dots...

Today’s healthcare environment continues to demonstrate that the pace of change will only quicken. Many hospitals and health systems are responding with multiple initiatives under the banners of change enablement, process improvement and program management. As a result, some leaders in the healthcare system are overwhelmed or worse, burned out, trying to maintain the increasing level of activity. One successful solution; connect the dots.

Caldwell, Butler and Associates, a new NCASS Partner, has over 17 years of experience guiding top performing organizations to establish a Transformational Change Management System. We work with senior leaders to establish a structure that saves time, simplifies implementation and delivers bottom-line results. CBA’s methods are based on research and experience. Research as described in ACHE’s journal, Frontiers and Healthcare Management and experience with over 150 successful clients, the CBA approach ties together many existing initiatives and management resources in a structure that engages all directors and managers to drive implementation. The methodology moves an organization to thrive on change, creates immediate benefits, saves leadership time and channels attention in key areas that provide sustainable increases in ROI. In other words, the approach solves for the structure that drives culture, connect the dots, while guaranteeing margin improvement.

For more information on this Transformational Management approach or to participate in our Top Performer Comparative Assessment, please call Tim Alba at 704-752-6557, tima@caldwellbutler.com (or see www.CaldwellButler.com).

Did You Know?

About 198 million people—or almost two-thirds of the US population—are now served by a health department accredited through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) - CDC

Did You Know?

More than 90% of accredited health departments report that accreditation stimulates quality improvement, strengthens accountability and transparency, and improves management processes.

Did You Know?

Health departments preparing for accreditation can use a crosswalk of PHAB accreditation standards and CDC’s Prevention Status Reports, as well as other tools and resources from CDC and its partners.
Novant Health UVA Health System: Maggie Gill is named CEO of Novant Health UVA Health System. Gill comes to Novant Health UVA from Memorial Health (Memorial) in Savannah, Georgia where she served as president and CEO since 2011. She joined Memorial in 2004 as vice president of finance and managed care and became Memorial’s chief operating officer in 2005. Prior to working at Memorial, Maggie was chief financial officer at several hospitals in the Tenet Healthcare South Florida region. In addition to various ambulatory clinics in the region, Novant also operates two larger facilities: Prince William Medical Center in Manassas and Haymarket Regional Medical Center just outside Haymarket. Gill replaces Melissa Roberson who was promoted to chief operating officer for the system’s Northern Virginia Market.

Novant Health UVA Health System Prince William: Melissa Robson promoted to President, Novant Health UVA Health System Prince William. In January of 2016 Robson assume the role of CEO when Novant Health’s Virginia operations, which included Novant Health Haymarket Medical Center, Novant Health Prince William Medical Center, Novant Health Cancer Center, Novant Health Caton Merchant House and the Novant Health physician clinics, joined UVA Culpeper Hospital to form Novant Health UVA Health System. Prior to that, Robson served as the market leader for Novant Health’s Virginia operations and has now been appointed Novant Health UVA Health System COO and president of Novant Health UVA Health System Prince William Medical Center.

MedStar Georgetown Proposed Surgical Pavilion: MedStar Georgetown to get zoning OK. Construction on MedStar Georgetown’s proposed surgical pavilion will replace a surface parking lot east of the main hospital and will include a 644-space parking garage. The 477,000 square-foot facility and $567 million project targeted ground breaking is about a year after officials initially hoped to begin the project. Expected completion is 2021 instead of 2020 as previously anticipated.

Inova Schar Cancer Institute to Install Proton Therapy Facility: IBA to Install Proton Therapy Facility at the Inova Schar Cancer Institute in Virginia. A contract was signed with Inova for a two-room Proteus “PLUS” proton therapy system near Ion Beam Applications S.A. (IBA’s) North American Headquarters. IBA is the world’s leading provider of proton therapy solutions for the treatment of cancer. Proton therapy is an alternative to traditional radiation treatment protocols, allowing many cancer patients to be treated more effectively, and often without the uncomfortable side effects that traditional treatments may cause.

Calvert Memorial Hospital Expansion Project: The nearly-50 acre campus of Calvert Memorial Hospital (CMH) will be getting a new look in the near future. During the Calvert County Planning Commission’s April 19, 2017 meeting, the panel gave its okay to a site plan review for the Prince Frederick facility’s latest planned expansion. The site plan is for an addition to create a new patient tower. The project includes the expansion of outpatient services, medical and administrative services area reconstruction, and 40 private bed units on the second and third floor[s], but no overall increase in bed units. Dean Teague, CEO stated, “CMH’s entire expansion project - which is being phased-would cost an estimated $51 million.

Baltimore City Youth Explore Health Care Careers Through Summer Jobs at the University of Maryland Medical Center 70 Young People Gain Work Readiness Skills Through YouthWorks

This summer, University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC) provided 70 young people ages 14 to 21 with work readiness skills training through targeted job-matching to their career interests. Through the YouthWorks program at UMMC’s University and Midtown campuses, the interns had a summer experience that created a lasting effect, including the opportunity for development of a detailed career path to college or the workplace. The initiative was a collaboration between YouthWorks – a summer jobs program sponsored by the Baltimore Mayor’s Office of Employment Development – and the UMMC Office of Community and Workforce Engagement, which coordinates several youth and adult job-training programs with government and private-sector organizations. UMMC’s Future Workforce Program introduces youth to occupations in health care through internships, mentorships, seminars and hospital tours that allow hands-on exploration of the health field. The five week program was offered between June and July with 60 interns assigned to UMMC’s University Campus and 10 to UMMC’s Midtown Campus. Students earn minimum wage ($9.25 per hour) for their work.

Did You Know?

Growing shares of Americans – especially those who are lower-income – rely on smartphones to access the internet. Overall, 12% of U.S. adults were “smartphone-only” internet users in 2016 – meaning they owned a smartphone but did not have broadband internet at home.
LifeBridge Health Launches New Organizational Structure: CEO Neil Meltzer recently announced a new organizational structure to navigate the system’s rapid growth and to provide strong leadership for its future. LifeBridge Health has grown from $1.3 billion to more than $2 billion in revenues since Meltzer took leadership of the organization in July, 2013. LifeBridge Health senior executives Brian M. White, Leslie Simmons and David Krajewski were promoted to the positions of Executive Vice President for LifeBridge Health. The new leadership structure became effective July 1, 2017.

Brian M. White will provide oversight to the leadership at both Sinai Hospital and Northwest Hospital, and will also oversee the system’s Community Physician Enterprise, Physician Strategy and Network Development, Strategic Marketing and Communications, Radiology and Campus Services, including clinical engineering, facilities, construction and real estate. White was previously the President of Northwest Hospital and LifeBridge Health’s Post-Acute division, as well as Senior Vice President of LifeBridge Health.

Leslie Simmons will provide oversight to the leadership at both Carroll Hospital and Levindale Hebrew Geriatric Center and Hospital, along with the LifeBridge Health Post-Acute Division. Simmons will also assume system-wide responsibility for Hospice, Pharmacy, Laboratory/Pathology, and LifeBridge Health’s Food and Nutrition, and Environmental Services divisions. Simmons was previously President of Carroll Hospital and Senior Vice President of LifeBridge Health.

David Krajewski will continue to function as LifeBridge Health’s Chief Financial Officer and as President of LifeBridge Health Partners. With the most recent addition of Springwell Senior Living and Evergreen Health, Krajewski’s responsibilities and scope will continue to grow as the division grows.

AAMC Names New Chief Operating Officer: Anne Arundel Medical Center named Maulik Joshi executive vice president of Integrated Care Delivery and chief operating officer in April 2017. Maulik comes to AAMC from the American Hospital Association (AHA) in Chicago, IL where he served as associate executive vice president and president of the Health Research & Educational Trust. Maulik has a doctorate in public health and a master’s in health services administration from the University of Michigan and a bachelor of science in mathematics from Lafayette College. He served on the Board of Trustees for Anne Arundel Medical Center, the Board Quality and Patient Safety Committee for Mercy Health System, the Health Outcomes Committee for Advocate Health Care, and was the treasurer of the Board of Trustees for the Center for Advancing Health.

UM Baltimore Washington Medical Center receives Cardiology Platinum Performance Award: UM Baltimore Washington Medical Center (UM BWMC) has received the American College of Cardiology Foundation’s NCDR ACTION Registry Platinum Performance Achievement Award for 2017. The award recognizes UM BWMC’s commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of care for heart attack patients, and signifies that the medical center 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. Healthcare and Dominion Raceway & Entertainment will partner to share healthy living information with Raceway guests, host health-centered events throughout the season, and educate racers and fans on specific health care topics.

New Book by Newman: Healing Children
New Book by Newman. Dr. Newman wrote Healing Children to help guide parents—not just of sick kids but of all kids—and to share his knowledge of what children need to thrive. The book is described as a deeply human story with a spectacular cast of young heroes and heroines. In “Healing Children” Dr. Newman hopes to empower parents and families to understand the value of pediatric medicine. He also hopes to go beyond awareness to advocacy. Dr. Newman is president and CEO of Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, D.C., widely recognized as one of the nation’s best pediatric hospitals. Dr. Newman has been a surgeon at Children’s National for over thirty years and is a professor of surgery and pediatrics at George Washington University School of Medicine & Health Sciences. He helped create the Sheikh Zayed Institute for Pediatric Surgical Innovation, dedicated to making children’s surgery pain free and less invasive. A strong advocate for the expansion of mental health treatment access for kids, he is actively involved in improving pediatric health nationally through his work on the boards of the Children’s Hospital Association and Safe Kids Worldwide.
The HCNCA/NCASS Board Adopts New Mission and Vision Statements

At the September 21, 2016 Board a new vision and mission statement were approved as recommended by the Strategic Planning committee. The new statements reflect the changing healthcare environment and the organization's purpose in serving its membership.

Council Vision: “To meet the healthcare challenges of tomorrow by working together today.”

Mission Statement: "The Council (HCNCA) is a membership organization dedicated to helping members reduce costs, encouraging cooperative working relationships, and promoting quality healthcare in our region."