President’s Message  
By Craig Rohleder  

Let me begin by saying “Thank You” to the KAHRMM members who volunteered to help at the Special Olympics State Basketball Tournament last month. You, your families and friends made it an enjoyable event for the athletes. KAHRMM has been supporting this event for more than 25 years now. That is an accomplishment we can all be proud of.

There are many other things our members do that often go unmentioned. It’s important to share those stories with friends. Unfortunately, we don’t hear about them until they’ve long passed. I invite all of you to share your stories of how you and your teams volunteer to help in your facilities and communities.

We will publish your stories in the monthly newsletters. Please submit your articles, and they’ll be included in upcoming issues of the KAHRMM newsletters.

Thank You.
2019 Calendar of Events

April 26
Lunch & Learn
Kansas City

June 9
Second Quarter Board Meeting
Salina

June 10
Vendor Recognition and Drive for Education
Salina

June 11
Summer Education Sessions
Salina

July 28-31
AHRMM Conference
San Diego, CA

August (TBD)
Third Quarter Board Meeting
Hays

October (TBA)
National Healthcare Supply Chain Week

Oct. 9
Fourth Quarter Board Meeting
Wichita

October 10-11
Central Plains Expo
Wichita
The information below is taken from the AHRMM website and the Weekly member information. For full access to the AHRMM website and to receive regular AHRMM updates, please join AHRMM today.

**Cost, Quality, and Outcomes (CQO) Movement**

The AHRMM Cost, Quality, and Outcomes Movement refers to the intersection of all costs of care, quality of care and clinical and financial outcomes to form a more holistic view of how health care organizations can maximize efficiency, effectiveness and patient care and satisfaction at an appropriate cost.

**Cost, Quality and Outcomes Movement**

In today’s rapidly shifting health care landscape where declining reimbursements and changing payment policies are set to be the new norm, how do you ensure your health care organization delivers quality care at a more affordable cost?

As health care executives increasingly recognize that their organization’s success relies on the performance and effectiveness of the supply chain, how will you manage their expectations?

Join the Cost, Quality and Outcomes (CQO) Movement and add your voice to a thriving and ever-growing health care community dedicated to sharing and learning from each other to advance the supply chain strategy.

The AHRMM CQO Movement frames the critical role supply chain professionals play in driving high quality care, at a more affordable cost, to deliver greater value to patients.
Save the Date for The Central Plains EXPO

Providing Education for 36 years!!
Creating Connections-Building
Bridges-Together

CENTRAL PLAINS EXPO 2019

Save the date!!!!!!
October 10th and 11th
Double Tree by Hilton-Airport
Wichita, KS

- Infection Control
- Materials
- Management
- Sterile
- Processing

Block of rooms now available at the Double Tree by Hilton please call 1-316-945-5272 to make reservations.

Door prizes during the vendor fair.
President's Perspective – Measles

Measles. In 1980, 2.6 million people died of it. In 1990, 545,000 died; by 2014, global vaccination programs had reduced the number of deaths from measles to 73,000. The disease still affects millions of people across the globe, primarily in the developing areas of Africa and Asia. However, for the last couple of years, rates of disease and deaths have increased due to a decrease in immunization.

In the United States, 2019 is shaping up to be one of the worst years for measles in a long time. The U.S. is up to 555 total cases and counting. That's nearly 200 more than occurred in all of 2018, making this the second-worst year for measles since the U.S. declared it eradicated in 2000. What is the primary way a measles outbreak begins? Someone unvaccinated travels and brings the virus back to the States. And when you have pockets of low vaccination rates, those singular events can spread rapidly.

Given the fact the measles vaccine can be 97 percent effective against the disease, making measles one of the leading vaccine-preventable causes of death, you might logically assume policy makers are doing everything they can to ensure as many people as possible are vaccinated. But if efforts in several state legislatures are any evidence, increasing the numbers of measles vaccinations may be difficult.

Legislation in six states has been introduced to make it harder to avoid vaccinating school-age children. But that legislation is facing opposition; and in other states, legislation has been introduced to broaden vaccine exemptions. The question boils down to this: Are there legitimate non-medical reasons for refusing measles vaccinations? Stated another way: How broad should vaccine exemptions for personal or philosophical reasons be?

The issue has gained the attention of U.S. Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Scott Gottlieb, who suggested that if states don't tighten vaccine exemption laws, the federal government may step in. "Some states are engaging in such wide exemptions that they're creating the opportunity for outbreaks on a scale that is going to have national implications," the FDA head said in a recent interview.

Any time the desires of an individual conflict with the health of the public, there should be a thoughtful sensitivity to all points of view. However, if this really is a public health issue, as most in the healthcare world believe, we might be well-advised to heed the warnings of Commissioner Gottlieb.

--Tom Bell
2019 Membership Form

KAHRMM is a chapter affiliate of AHRMM, and has been recognized as a diamond chapter, the highest designation, for 5 years straight.

KAHRMM / AHRMM One-check option: AHRMM membership is not required for KAHRMM membership; however, as a service to our membership, KAHRMM will coordinate your AHRMM membership renewal payment. Select your KAHRMM and AHRMM membership options, and send one check to KAHRMM for the total amount. When your KAHRMM membership is due to renew, send your KAHRMM membership renewal notice / invoice to the KAHRMM Treasurer and your AHRMM dues will be paid.

Note: Due to the initial AHRMM membership questionnaire, new AHRMM applicants are encouraged to join on-line at the AHRMM website (www.AHRMM.org). After your first year of AHRMM membership is complete, use the One-check option to renew your AHRMM membership.

AHRMM Membership Categories (Select one category - see AHRMM website for membership category descriptions)

Supply Chain Provider $165.00  
Supply Chain Executive $220.00  
Full-time Student $109.00  
Affiliate / Supplier $240.00  
Military $165.00  
Young Professional Associate $135.00  
Retiree $109.00

AHRMM FELLOW: Year Earned
AHRMM CMRP: Year Earned
Additional Certifications

TOTAL AMOUNT:____________________(total amount should include AHRMM dues if renewing AHRMM membership)

I hereby apply for membership in KAHRMM and/or AHRMM and certify that I meet the membership requirements.

Name: ___________________________ Title: ___________________________

Name of Hospital or Employer: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________ City: ___________________________ State: _____ Zip Code: ____________

Work Phone: ___________________________ Home Phone: ___________________________

Cell Phone: ___________________________ Fax Number: ___________________________

E-mail ___________________________ County ___________________________

Applicant's Signature: ___________________________ Date Submitted ___________________________

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