



KAHRMM

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Resource & Materials Management



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President's Message ***By Craig Rohleder***

Hello KAHRMM Members,

My message this month is a message of "thank you."

Thank you to the dedicated KAHRMM Board and Advisory Council. You all made this past year go so smooth for me as president. You made it fun. Thanks for being active and taking pride in our profession and our organization.

Thank you to those of you who made time in your schedules to attend the educational programs, volunteer events and extracurricular activities that KAHRMM sponsored this past year. These events would not be as informational and rewarding without continued attendance from such an experienced and diverse group of professionals.



Finally, thank you to all KAHRMM members for your continued membership. Your loyalty to our organization is humbling and inspiring. Due to the importance of our profession and our ever shrinking budgets, we are not always able to leave our facilities to network at KAHRMM events. In spite of this, many of you have remained loyal to our group as perennial KAHRMM members. It's loyal members like you who have kept KAHRMM vibrant and growing for 40 years; and it's loyal members like you who will keep KAHRMM alive and flourishing for another 40 years.

May this holiday season bring you peace and joy.
May the New Year bring you health and prosperity.

Thank you all.



TBD

**KAHRMM Board Meeting
McPherson**

March 20

**Kansas Special Olympics
Basketball Tournament
Hays**

June 7

**KAHRMM Board Meeting
Salina**

June 8

**Drive for Education and
Vendor Appreciation
Salina**

June 9

**Summer Education Session
Salina**

June 26-29

**AHRMM Conference
Austin, TX**

Oct. 8-9

CPE

**DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Wichita Airport
Wichita**

Feature Article

By Pat Tabor

Reflection of 2019 and KARHMM

Well, it's that time of year when Christmas arrives, and we can't believe the year has gone by so quickly. Work sometimes consumes our lives, and we forget how fast time passes. Let's take a look back at the year and relive some facts. KAHRMM had another great year. Exceptional leadership from Craig Rohleder and Mike Morgan as president and president-elect. Many successful adventures took place throughout the year.

March - Special Olympics basketball in Hays

The thrill of watching the athletes achieve their goals. From opening ceremonies to officiating the games, great fun was had by all.

April - Lunch and Learn in KC featuring Lori Knoeber and CMRP education

Great job by Lori, and always extremely thorough and educational. We need more members to become CMRP, and this program is an excellent way to get that started.

June - Drive for Education in Salina

This event is always a huge success and is the association's largest fundraiser. It's a lot of fun, and many prizes are given away to participants. Even for those of us who cannot golf, we enjoyed the day working with peers and vendors.

July - Trip to San Diego to the AHRMM Conference

A nighttime ride on the trolley to tour San Diego. What a great education program and venue!

October and CPE are synonymous.

Another excellent meeting at a familiar location at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Wichita Airport. We heard top-notch speakers, relevant topics and attended a vendor show to boot. Escape rooms to be navigated in one hour. And you had to love the racetrack and bumper cars. Many races completed and contests won ... even one race by me!

November - Lunch and Learn in McPherson.

Mike was a great host, and this was a good program reviewing Capital Equipment by Mike and CMRP by Lori. Amazon by all and cardboard issues included in the beneficial topics. Thanks to Lisa for coordinating the event.

Happy holidays to all, and 2020 will be another great year for KAHRMM and KAHRMM members.

AHRMM Article

AHRMM offers online information on the latest topics affecting the Healthcare Supply Chain Profession. One of those sessions identified below is an example of the AHRMM offerings. Please consider becoming a member of AHRMM today, and open the door to a wealth of information. Go to AHRMM's website (<https://www.ahrmm.org/>) for more information on becoming a member.

AHRMM Webinar: Ethylene Oxide Device Sterilization and the Alternatives

Time and Date: At Noon on Dec. 12, 2019

In light of closures and potential closures of certain facilities that use gas ethylene oxide (EtO) to sterilize medical devices prior to their distribution and use, the Food and Drug Administration is concerned about the future availability of medical devices and possible medical device shortages.

In addition to background on the issue, this webinar highlights potential alternatives to EtO, their advantages and disadvantages, and how to determine what kind of sterilization is best for your hospital or health care organization. Attending this webinar will help you to make an informed choice in case your organization is impacted now or down the line, and empower you to discuss this issue with clinical staff and other members of your value analysis team.

Learning Objectives:

- Discuss the history of ethylene oxide (EtO) and why it has been used widely in health care.
- Identify alternatives to EtO and define their advantages and disadvantages.
- Lead a discussion with your value analysis/clinical integration team about sterilization.
- Know how to locate sterilization companies and the kinds of sterilization they employ.

Speakers:

- Lena Shahbandar, MD, Dupage Medical Group
- Peter Orris, MD, UI Health

KHA Article: Special Committee Discusses KanCare Expansion

(Nov. 14, 2019) - The Special Committee on Medicaid Expansion, chaired by Representative Brenda Landwehr (R-Wichita), met this week to discuss potential options for KanCare expansion. The committee, which includes both House and Senate members, spent two days hearing from advocates and opponents of expansion before crafting its recommendations to the 2020 Kansas Legislature.

The committee spent a significant amount of time discussing the expansion plan being presented around the state by Senator Jim Denning (R-Overland Park) on behalf of the Senate. In addition, they heard a variety of testimony from experts on the more technical aspects of the Senate plan, including 1332 waivers, the health insurance marketplace and details of the existing tobacco tax. Among the provider groups presenting was the Kansas Hospital Association, focusing on access to care.

The committee recommendations included requests for information on hospital charity care, bad debt, disproportionate share hospital payments and the impact of the hospital surcharge included in the Senate proposal. There were recommendations limiting abortion for the expansion population to mimic the current policy for the existing KanCare population and allowing providers to refuse services based on their religious beliefs or conscience. The committee also recommended the addition of a work requirement to any expansion legislation. This was followed by the recommendation for an exemption from both work requirements and premiums for persons with severe and persistent mental illness, parents of children with severe emotional disturbance and for persons with life limiting conditions like cancer and multiple sclerosis.

The committee recommendations will go to the 2020 Kansas Legislature to be considered. KHA will continue to work with our hospitals and policy makers to help develop the best expansion plan for Kansas.

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2020 Membership Form

Active, voting memberships are available to persons professionally engaged in health care purchasing, resource or materials management; group purchasing organizations; as well as medical manufacturers, vendors or distributors. Membership may also be obtained by those professionals in other healthcare related settings not mentioned.

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

Name (please print): _____ Title: _____

Employer Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Phone: Work _____ Cell _____ Home _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Hospital Employee _____

Healthcare Supplier _____

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

KAHRMM \$50 _____ After Sept 30th \$75 _____ New or Renewal Member (please circle)

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

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

CMRP Year Earned _____

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