



Kansas Association of Risk and Quality Management

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**A MESSAGE FROM KARQM BOARD MEMBER:**

The KARQM board members would like to thank all those that attended the Spring virtual conference.

We are excited as we plan for an 'in person' Fall conference the day before the KHC Summit on Quality in August to be held in Topeka. We are putting together a great slate of education and speakers, so be sure to mark your calendar for August 18th. See below for more information.

Our membership is currently at 135 and we encourage you to be active with your district and if you are new and would like a mentor see information in regard to that in this newsletter.

Feel free to reach out to any one of the board members for any questions and we are working hard on keeping the communication going with all our KARQM members!

Shawna Blanka, KARQM Board member, Northwest District Chair

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A circular background image featuring a field of sunflowers under a bright, hazy sky. The sunflowers are in the foreground, and the sky is in the background. The overall tone is warm and sunny.

## **KARQM Fall Conference**

**AUGUST 18TH**

**SUMMIT ON QUALITY**

**AUGUST 19TH**

Topeka

KAMMCO/Kansas Medical Society/KHC Conference Center

# MAY VIRTUAL CONFERENCE SUMMARY

## Presentation from Kelly Rivera, CPTA – Health Facility Surveyor, Risk Manager

- Updated Risk Management Fax Line: 785-559-4285
- Website updated: <https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/580/Medical-Care-Facilities>
  - Current Quarterly Report Form
  - Current Facility or Individual Report of Adverse Finding Form
  - Current Risk Management Plan Checklist
  - Revised Risk Management Sample Plan
- **Separate standard-of-care determinations shall be made for each involved provider and each clinical issue reasonably presented by the facts.**
- **2021 Hospital Survey Trends**
  - Patient Rights citations
  - Infection Control/Prevention citations
- **When are Risk Management Plans due?** They are due 60 days prior to license renewal, preferably 60-90 days prior in case revisions are necessary.
- **When are Quarterly Reports due?** Within 30 days of each completed quarter.

### ➤ TIPS:

- If you have provider changes through the year, just send the 1 page with the changes on Medical Staff. Per Kelly you do not have to send the entire plan, if nothing else has changed.
- On an incident report, the expectation is that there is always something documented in response to actions taken. The reg (28-52-1(c)) states every incident investigation must include “findings, conclusions, recommendations, actions taken, and results of actions taken”.

## Presentation from Megan Kelly DNP, RN on Kansas Nurse Assistance Program (KNAP)

KNAP is a professional assistance program designed to assist all nurses and mental health technicians in the state of Kansas who may have a problem or illness that has or could impair their ability to practice safely.

The most common cause of impairment is abuse of alcohol and/or drugs.

### Top Substances of Abuse:

- Alcohol
- Opioids, Hydrocodone, Oxycodone, Fentanyl
- Amphetamines, Adderall
- Cocaine/Crack
- Cannabis, Marijuana

### Signs and Symptoms:

Physical  
Behavioral  
Practice Issues

Self-referrals to the program are encouraged, but referrals may be made by a family member, a friend, employer, supervisor, or anyone concerned about the nurse or LMHT.

**Reminder: By making a report to KNAP satisfies our reporting requirement for impaired nurses. If you make a report to KNAP, you don't have to report to KSBN.**

Referrals may be made or for more information call 913-236-7575 [www.KSnurseassistance.org](http://www.KSnurseassistance.org)

Megan Kelly - [megan@hapn.org](mailto:megan@hapn.org)

**Addiction is the only disease that tries to convince you that you don't have it!**



**AMERICAN  
SOCIETY FOR  
HEALTH CARE  
RISK  
MANAGEMENT**

## ASHRM

**American Society for Health Care Risk Management** - Is a professional membership group of the American Hospital Association (AHA) with nearly 6000 members. Their mission is to provide health care risk managers with the resources, knowledge and support to strategically and broadly manage risk, reduce uncertainty, add value, and advance health and safety. They have great resources, webinars, list serve so be sure to check out their website.

To learn more or become a member go to [www.ashrm.org](http://www.ashrm.org)

### Focusing on Medication Safety: Webinar

*Kansas Law, Best Practices'*

*Error Prevention and Reporting*



The recent conviction of a Tennessee nurse of two felonies as a result of a fatal medication error has the health care industry examining current practices.

**Three-part Series**

June 9, June 16, June 23 – Noon-1:30 p.m. CT

Presented by KHA

Register online: <https://registration.kha-net.org> - Free

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*Need more information about the mentoring program?*

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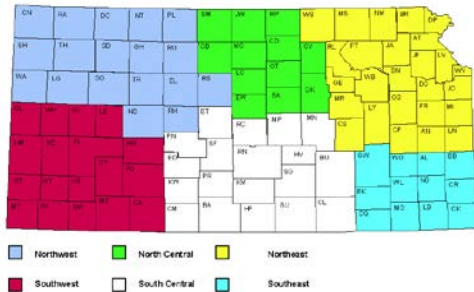
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## DISTRICT NEWS

At the Fall KARQM Conference we will split out into our Districts during the lunch hour. This time can be used to meet each other, as there are many new faces, network amongst your peers and plan for your next District meeting.

### Are you a leader looking to serve?

KARQM currently has the following positions open or coming up for reelection: These positions take over in January.

- President Elect (1- year term, transition to President)
- Vice President/Education Chair (2-year term)
- Secretary (2-year term)

The Northcentral District is still in need of a willing person to step up and be the chair.

*“Step up to the challenge, believe in yourself, and do what it takes.*

*Right now is a great time to Start”*

Interested applicants contact Liz Carlton  
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 for further information.

**KARQM -Why should you join?** In addition to great networking and learning, your membership fees allow for economical programs and scholarships for our members.

**How can you join?** Visit us @

<https://www.kha-net.org/alliedorganizations/karqm/>

**KDHE Health Facilities Directory**-contact information when you have questions regarding surveys, risk management or facility-related concerns.

<https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/Directory.aspx?DID=90>



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