



Kansas Association of Risk and Quality Management

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### Let's Get Together: Fall Conference is Coming Up

The KARQM board members are looking forward to seeing everyone on August 18th for our Fall conference in Topeka. We are ready for in-person networking and learning! <https://karqmfallmeeting2022.ezregister.com> In addition to a great conference focused on safety and resiliency, we'll hear from our ASHRM colleagues and our Board. We will also conduct an annual meeting including votes on board membership and bylaw changes (sent for your review via email – if you haven't received them, please reach out to any board member).

The KARQM Fall conference will be the opening act for the Kansas Healthcare Collaborative's Summit on Quality August 19th. Both conferences will be hosted at KAMMCO/Kansas Medical Society/ KHC Conference Center. Information regarding the KHC Summit can be found at <https://www.khconline.org/31-event-descriptions/593-summit2022>

KARQM does have a room block at the Cyrus Hotel in Topeka for those wanting to come in the night before. The block is only available until August 5<sup>th</sup> so book soon. <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1657825463626&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Rachel Merrick, KARQM Board member, Southeast District Chair

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## KARQM Fall Conference

AUGUST 18<sup>TH</sup>

## Summit on Quality

AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup>

Topeka

KAMMCO/Kansas Medical Society/KHC Conference Center



American Society for Health Care Risk Management

# HRM WEEK

## JUNE 20-24, 2022

Hope everyone had a great Healthcare Risk Management Week! Our ASHRM colleagues published the following on their website. These are great points to use to elevate your Risk team!

### HRM WEEK KEY MESSAGES

This page provides information on what risk managers do; their roles in a crisis; how they help deliver safe and trusted health care; and what the Certified Professional in Health Care Risk Management credential means. During Health Care Risk Management Week, please take the opportunity to deliver these key messages to your co-workers and management.

Health care risk managers:

- Identify risks that could lead to serious, preventable safety events and work toward preventing these events from happening
- Play an active role in a health care organization's clinical, risk financing, regulatory and business issues
- Work to protect the patient and the organization's reputation

Health care risk managers are the go-to professionals in a crisis:

- They communicate with patients' families; interact with physicians and clinical staff; educate medical staff, board members and senior leadership; and help put processes in place to reduce the risk of adverse events

Health care risk management is a proactive and responsive profession that works to deliver safe and trusted health care by:

- Saving lives, preventing errors and conserving financial resources
- Reducing organizational costs through optimal patient outcomes
- Managing enterprise risk and increasing success in risk prevention

The Certified Professional in Health Care Risk Management (CPHRM) is a credential that can set you apart in the health care risk management profession:

- The CPHRM is based on a sound assessment that provides distinction in an increasingly competitive marketplace.
- The CPHRM ensures that health care risk managers are highly knowledgeable and educated in health care and management issues.

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



## DISTRICT NEWS

**All Districts will be meeting during lunch at the Fall KARQM Conference. This time can be used to meet, network among peers, and plan for upcoming District meetings.**

Hi everyone,

I'm Rachel Merrick, BSN, RN your Southeast District Chair. I've been with Labette Health since 1999 and in the role of Quality Coordinator since 2006. I've had the pleasure of being a KARQM member for 4 years and this is my first year on the KARQM Board as the Southeast District Chair.



I graduated from Labette Community College with my ADN in 2001 and worked on the medical floor. After 5 years, I started my journey in quality with no knowledge of quality improvement. Throughout the years I have learned from peers and through programs like KHC HEN. I enjoy data collection and analysis and love to have excel data "talk" to me. I am self-taught in excel and have become known as the Excel Queen at my facility. I love to help other directors find a way to collect information and to easily learn their trends. I went back to school online and received my BSN from KU in 2017.

I would love to see the Southeast district revive our district meetings so I am making that my goal. I am hoping our district breakout at the fall conference will give us the chance to brainstorm and form plans for the upcoming year.

### 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 2023. Voting will take place at Fall Conference.

- President Elect (1 year term, transition to Present for 1 year, and to Past President for 1 year)
- Vice President/Education Chair (2 year term)
- Treasurer (2 year term)

Interested applicants contact:

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**Currently one district is in need of a chair: Northcentral District**

A special thanks to Joanie Blits, who recently retired from her role as the Northeast District Chair. Many thanks for your leadership and expertise over the years.

Amber Styles, BS, MSM, Senior Director for Regulatory and Risk Management at The University of Kansas Health System has graciously accepted the role as chair for the Northeast District, we are pleased to welcome her to the board and to the position.

## Need more information about the KARQM mentoring program?

Aimee Zimmerman, Past President



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Not yet a  
member?  
Please join!

**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/>



Annual membership application @ [membership](#) application

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