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### Message from our Regent

As February blankets us in snow, I hope you all are staying safe and warm. Winter always brings its challenges, but it also provides an opportunity for reflection and planning as we look ahead to the promise of spring. I bet the majority of us got to implement our winter weather emergency management plans and have had the opportunity to improve and optimize how we care for our patients and staff during the blizzard!

In healthcare, we know that resilience is key—whether managing seasonal demands, implementing new initiatives, or driving innovation in patient care. As we push through the final weeks of winter, I remain optimistic that brighter, warmer days are just around the corner.

I am especially looking forward to March and our ACHE 2025 Congress on Healthcare Leadership. Over 6,500 members will come together to inspire, learn and network with each other. Moving forward to gain insights to the latest strategies and trends in a shared passion for our patients! Speaking of inspiration, I am thrilled to hear Brené Brown as she will be leading our welcome and opening session at Congress. Her work on courage, vulnerability, and leadership is more relevant than ever in our field. I have no doubt that she will leave us all with valuable insights to carry forward in our work.

I wish you all a productive month and a swift arrival of spring!

See you at Congress!

- Angie Gamber, MBA, BSN, RN, NE-BC, FACHE

### Message from our President

As we step into 2025, I want to extend my gratitude to Austin Gillard for his leadership last year, which has propelled us forward. Your board and committees are actively building on our

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satisfaction. While we celebrate this achievement, our work continues. We are focused on engaging and growing our membership, and following our November board retreat, our committees have been hard at work.

### Key Initiatives

- Enhancing our website and communication strategies
- Collaborating with KHA on the new CEO orientation program (launched in January)
- Expanding partnerships with healthcare organizations (e.g., HFMA, AONL)
- Refining our operating position and financial responsibilities in collaboration with KHA
- Increasing ACHE in-person education credit opportunities

### Upcoming Events

ACHE Congress kicks off on March 23 in Houston—if you're attending, I'd love to connect! Locally, mark your calendars for our **Spring Learning Session in Topeka on April 25**. This fall, on **September 3, KAHCE will host its education conference and board meeting in Wichita**.

We are always looking for volunteers to join us in service. Committee positions are open, and we encourage KAHCE members to get involved.

Wishing you all a wonderful spring!

- Fred Neis, MS, RN, FACHE, FAEN

## KAHCE Member Advancements

Congratulations to our new ACHE Fellows!

**Mary Martell, FACHE**

VP Strategy & Regional Development  
Stormont Vail Health

**Amber Seitzinger, FACHE**

Chief Ancillary Officer  
William Newton Hospital

## Welcome our New Members

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Chloe Alcantara - Student

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Mitchall Crane - Student

Stacy Doyle, PhD, RN, FACHE - Fellow

LCDR Elizabeth Josephine Fiorini- Member

Kyle Fitzgerald - Member

Alisha Herrmann - Member

Christian Joseph - Member

Col Grace Link - Member

Daniel Mather, MSN, RN - Member

Ashley Rose McClellan, DHA, MBA, FACHE - Fellow

Maya Miller - Student

Sunita Muranjan, MD, CPE - Member

Samara Lauren Nash - Member

Lisa Pennington - Member

Constanza Pierre, MSN, MBA - Member

Erin Plummer - Member

Megan Read, MBA - Member

HM1 Sean Joseph Riley - Student

Jose E. Rodriguez, MHA - Member

Maj Anthony Salvant - Member

Adidja Suleman - Member

Hailey Wilson - Student

## Upcoming Events

### In-Person Education

#### April 25

Join the Kansas Association of Health Care Executives (KAHCE) on Friday, April 25 in Topeka, Kansas for an in-person learning session designed for healthcare executives seeking a high-level understanding of artificial intelligence (AI) and its impact on healthcare. This event will feature expert-led panel discussions exploring AI's role in transforming care delivery, real-world applications in both rural and urban settings, and strategies for organizations of all sizes to prepare for the future. Whether your organization is just beginning to explore AI or already integrating it into operations, this session will provide valuable insights tailored to the needs of healthcare leaders.

**Time:** 10:30am – 5:30pm

**Location:** KAMMCO Conference Center, 623 SW 10th Ave, Topeka, KS 6661s

**Registration:** <https://kahce.square.site/s/order>

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### Virtual Learning Sessions

June 25 @ 12:00 – 1:30pm

Topic: Policy Update & Implications for Healthcare Organizations

August 6 @ 12:00 – 1:30pm

Topic: TBD

November 12 @ 12:00 – 1:30pm

Topic: Budgeting & Financial Management Strategies

## KAHCE Awards Scholarships

We are excited to announce that three students have been selected as recipients of KAHCE's scholarship to attend ACHE's 2025 Congress on Healthcare Leadership! After reviewing a competitive pool of applications from students across Kansas, the following individuals were chosen:

- Chloe Alcantara of Wichita State University
- Hailey Wilson of Pittsburg State University
- Sundus Javed of University of Kansas Medical Center

The scholarship covers registration and other costs to attend Congress, offering a valuable opportunity to learn from sessions on healthcare trends and network with healthcare leaders nationwide. We're thrilled to have representation from students across Kansas and look forward to the knowledge they will bring back to our community!

## Attention Students!

Are you looking to further your involvement with KAHCE? Our committees are excited to offer you the opportunity to participate and contribute to their important work. This is a unique chance to collaborate with healthcare leaders across Kansas and gain hands-on experience in shaping key initiatives for KAHCE. We already have a few students engaged with our committees and welcome additional participation! If you're interested, please reach out to Alex Lemcke at [alemcke@saintlukeskc.org](mailto:alemcke@saintlukeskc.org) to learn more about how you can get involved.

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### **New Executive Order Addresses Price Transparency Rules**

On February 25, 2025, President Trump signed an Executive Order<sup>1</sup> (EO 14221), directing federal agencies to update the existing health care price transparency guidance and enforcement efforts.

#### **BACKGROUND**

In 2019, Executive Order 138772 (EO 13877) directed the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Service and the Treasury (collectively, “the Departments”) to create regulations for hospitals and health plans to establish price and quality transparency resources. In response, the Departments issued final transparency rules requiring:

- A price comparison tool with price estimates of all common health care items and services; and
- Machine-readable files (“MRF”) posted (and timely updated) by hospitals and health plans detailing in-network and out-of-network pricing for medical services and prescription drugs.

#### **NEW PRICE TRANSPARENCY AND ENFORCEMENT GUIDANCE**

EO 14221 builds on these existing transparency rules and directs the Departments to issue guidance within 90 days (by May 26, 2025). The EO directs the Departments to:

- Replace cost estimates with actual prices for health care services and items.
- Standardize how hospitals and health plans report pricing data to members; and
- Strengthen enforcement policies to ensure compliance with the price transparency requirements.

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requirements and whether updates to service agreements may be necessary. If you have questions on your responsibility as a health plan sponsor, please reach out to Maggie Kempin at [Maggie.Kempin@usi.com](mailto:Maggie.Kempin@usi.com).

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