



# SDHEG NEWSLETTER

South Dakota Healthcare Executive Group

April 2022

## MESSAGE FROM SDHEG PRESIDENT

Ashli Danilko, MHA, FACHE | PRESIDENT

It was so nice to see our SDHEG members at the 2022 Congress on Healthcare Leadership. After several years of virtual education, the in-person networking, sharing of best practices, gathering solutions, tools, and resources to advance our organizations was time well spent. There were 4,000 ACHE members in attendance and the Hyatt Regency was buzzing with energy.

SDHEG was able to host the University of South Dakota health services administration students to a dinner. The future is bright with these young leaders. Several may be looking for an internship this summer. Please connect with Dr. Carole South-Winter for student contact information.

SDHEG postponed our strategic planning session in January amid the COVID-19 omicron surge. We are planning to gather in early May to continue our work.



Please let me know how we can better serve you as an ACHE and SDHEG member. I can be reached via email at [Ashli.Danilko@avera.org](mailto:Ashli.Danilko@avera.org) or 605-589-2152.

Regards,  
Ashli Danilko, MHA, FACHE



## SDHEG BOARD

2021 – 2023

- Ashli Danilko, President  
St. Michael's Avera, Tyndall
- Tammy Miller, President Elect & Regent  
Madison Regional Health System,  
Madison
- Ashely Erickson, Past President  
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Aberdeen
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- Jessica Aguilar, Education Chair  
Sanford Health, Sioux Falls
- Michael Tilles, Board Member  
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Brookings
- Dr. Carole South-Winter, Board Member  
University of South Dakota,  
Vermillion
- Eric Hilmoe, Board Member  
Sanford Health Network,  
Sioux Falls



The SDHEG chapter earned the **Award of Chapter Distinction** for 2021 performance standards. This includes level of membership satisfaction: 4.2 and advancement of eligible members: 17.6%

The SDHEG chapter earned the **Award for Sustained Performance** for 2021 performance standards.

Additional details on the award program can be found here: [2022 Chapter Management and Awards Program](#)

## Regent Report

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### Message from Mark Longacre, SDHEG Regent

I am excited to begin my term representing the healthcare leadership of South Dakota as its Regent. The experiences I went through at the recent ACHE Congress in Chicago reinforce the strength of our chapter. I want to thank Tammy Miller, our outgoing Regent, for the hard work she put in during the pandemic. It was not a normal three years for her and helping lead our state on a national level was not an easy thing to do. I also want to recognize those chapter members that obtained their Fellow Designation during this past year, and I encourage the next wave of leaders to pursue this journey of fellowship.

**Teri Bergeleen**  
**Michelle Roy**

**Thomas Johnson**  
**Michelle Stephens**

**Christina Papineau**  
**Tanner White**

One of the activities I am most looking forward to is visiting with students across our state that are enrolled with our healthcare administration programs. The opportunity to talk about healthcare in the recent past and healthcare moving forward with future leaders will be intriguing. If there is anything I can do for you, please reach out and hopefully I can do the same.

### SDHEG Chapter Stats

- 135 ACHE State Chapter Members
- 39 FACHes in State Chapter
- 47 senior-level executives in SDHEG
- 10 active student members

### Welcome New Members

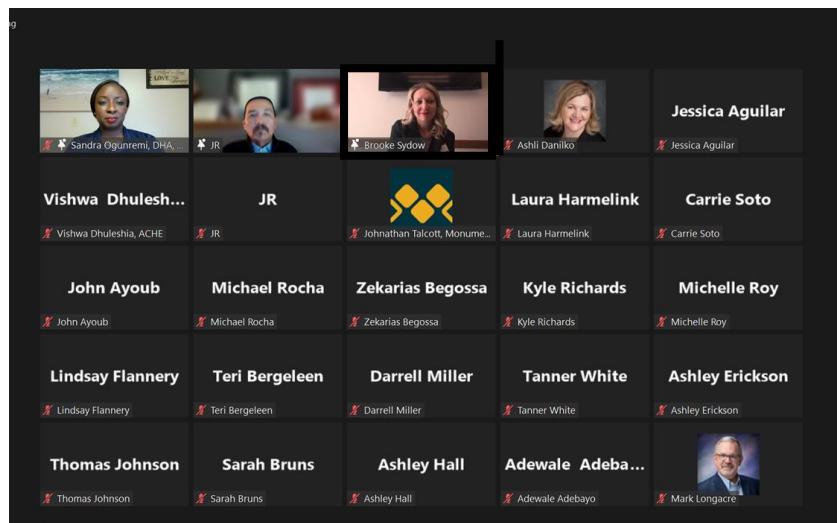
- Barb Hespen, Monument Health, Market President
- Roger Stull, ACI Federal Inc., Sr Director, Health and Professional Services
- Melissa Wagner, Brookings Health System, Chief Financial Officer
- Kristin Nelson, Sanford Health, Application Director

## VIRTUAL PANEL DISCUSSION ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> FROM 1:30PM – 3:00PM.

- **Natasha Smith** (moderator) – Head of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion at Sanford Health
- **Leroy V. “JR” LaPlante, JD** (panelist) – Director of Tribal Relations at Avera Health
- **Sandra Ogunremi, DHA** (panelist) – Director of Diversity, Inclusion and Spiritual Care Services at Monument Health
- **Brooke C. Sydow, EdD** (panelist) – Program Manager at Huron Regional Medical Center
- **Julie Ward, MScA** (panelist) – Vice President of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion at Avera Health

## PANELISTS...THANK YOU!

THANK YOU, EDUCATION COMMITTEE,  
FOR ORGANIZING THE PANEL.



### ACHE Call for Nominations for the 2023 Slate

ACHE's 2022–2023 Nominating Committee is calling for applications for service beginning in 2023. ACHE Fellows are eligible for the Chair-Elect and Governor vacancies and are eligible for the Nominating Committee vacancies within their districts. Those interested in pursuing applications should review the candidate guidelines for the competencies and qualifications required for these important roles. Open positions on the slate include:

- Nominating Committee Member, District 2 (two-year term ending in 2025)
- **Nominating Committee Member, District 3 (two-year term ending in 2025)**
- Nominating Committee Member, District 6 (two-year term ending in 2025)
- Four Governors (three-year terms ending in 2026)
- Chair-Elect

Please refer to the following district designations for the open positions:

- **District 2:** District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, Puerto Rico & Virgin Islands, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia
- **District 3:** Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, **South Dakota**, Wisconsin
- **District 6:** Air Force, Army, Navy, Veterans Affairs

Candidates for Chair-Elect and Governor should submit an application to serve that includes a copy of their resume and up to 10 letters of support. For details, please review the Candidate Guidelines, including guidance from the Board of Governors to the Nominating Committee regarding the personal competencies of Chair-Elect and Governor candidates and the composition of the Board of Governors.

Candidates for the Nominating Committee should only submit a letter of self-nomination and a copy of their resume. Applications to serve and self-nominations must be submitted electronically to [jnolan@ache.org](mailto:jnolan@ache.org) and must be received by **July 15**. All correspondence should be addressed to Michael J. Fosina, FACHE, chair, Nominating Committee, c/o Julie Nolan, American College of Healthcare Executives, 300 S. Riverside Plaza, Ste. 1900, Chicago, IL 60606-6698.

Following the July 15 submission deadline, the committee may meet to determine which candidates for Chair-Elect and Governor will be interviewed. All candidates will be notified of the committee's decision via email by Sept. 30, and candidates for Chair-Elect and Governor will be interviewed in person Oct. 27.

To review the Candidate Guidelines, visit [ache.org/CandidateGuidelines](https://www.ache.org/CandidateGuidelines). If you have any questions, please contact Julie Nolan at (312) 424-9367 or [jnolan@ache.org](mailto:jnolan@ache.org).

### Students and Host Sites: Register for the 2022 Summer Enrichment Program

We would like to let you know you can register for the American Hospital Association's Institute for Diversity and Health Equity's [2022 Summer Enrichment Program](#). The Summer Enrichment Program grows and strengthens the pipeline of healthcare leaders from underrepresented groups, and places diverse graduate students pursuing advanced degrees in healthcare administration or a related field in 10-week, paid internships across the country. The Institute's staff is working with organizations to match SEP students with host sites starting in February. Internships generally take place from June through August.

ACHE and the Institute are co-promoting the SEP to increase the number of students who participate in the program each year and, accordingly, increase the number of host sites. Just as students benefit from experiential learning, healthcare organizations that register to become host sites gain access to the healthcare leaders of tomorrow—former SEP interns are now CEOs and administrators of hospitals and healthcare organizations nationwide.

Help strengthen equity and inclusion in healthcare organizations—[learn more and register today](#).