



SDHEG NEWSLETTER

South Dakota Healthcare Executive Group

July 2022

MESSAGE FROM SDHEG PRESIDENT

Ashli Danilko, MHA, FACHE | PRESIDENT

The SDHEG board met in early May to do some off cycle strategic planning. The updated plan reflects retention of membership, student engagement, and offering educational and networking opportunities. As a result of our board work, we have identified the need for a Membership Chair. This role focuses on recruitment and retention of members. Thank you, **Michael Tilles**, for taking on additional board responsibilities.

There is a new addition to the newsletter, be sure to read the SDHEG Member Spotlight.

2023 Congress on Healthcare Leadership will be held March 20-23 at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago. This is one week earlier than previously announced.

In mid-June, ACHE sent me an email and shared that it has been 20 years since I first joined the American College of Healthcare Executives. When I joined, I was as an undergraduate student at the University of South Dakota in the Business School's Health Administration program. All these years later, I am grateful for this career path and serving in the healthcare field. ACHE has always been a consistent partner in my ongoing education to become a better leader.

I also want to extend best wishes to **Ashley Erickson**, **Past SDHEG President** as she transitions to a new position within Sanford Health to the Fargo market beginning August 1. Thanks for all you have done for our Chapter.

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 or 605-589-2152.

Regards,
Ashli Danilko, MHA, FACHE



The SDHEG chapter earned the **Award of Chapter Distinction & Award for Sustained Performance** for 2021 performance standards.



SDHEG BOARD

2021 – 2023

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Message from your ACHE Regent July 2022

For those of you that have been members for a while ACHE is returning to in-person clusters, check out the ACHE website to review the details of upcoming sessions in New York, Orlando, and Washington, DC.

There is an opportunity to recognize both an Early Career Healthcare Executive as well as a Senior-Level Healthcare Executive. The criteria for such awards can be found at <https://www.ache.org/membership/elected-leaders-area/forms/regent-award-criteria> . If anyone has thoughts on leaders that may be worthy of this recognition, please send me an email with as much information as you can share.

I am looking forward to setting up times to visit our states higher education programs this Fall and meet the students and faculty to share the value of membership in ACHE. I hope everyone has a great remaining summer.



**Mark Longacre, FACHE - Monument Health
Regent for South Dakota**

SDHEG Chapter Stats

- 144** ACHE State Chapter Members
- 40** FACHes in State Chapter
- 51** Senior-level executives in SDHEG
- 10** active student members
- 29** members eligible to advance as Fellow

Welcome New Members

Kelly Stacy, Monument Health, Executive
Medical Director

Karen Sjurseth, Community Memorial Hospital
and Redfield Clinic, CEO

Amy Skoglund, Avera Health, Lead Consultant

SOUTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION OF HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVES (SDAHO) ANNUAL CONVENTION SEPT 21 – 23, 2022

**SDHEG has educational & networking
opportunities for you!**

THURSDAY SEPT 21

Annual Chapter board meeting &
awards presentation @ 7:00 am

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion panel
9:45 – 10:45 am

SDHEG Social @ Sheraton Atrium
6:30 – 8:00 pm drinks and appetizers



SDHEG MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Teri Bergeleen, FACHE

**DIRECTOR OF PROVIDER CONTRACTING AND ACO OPERATIONS
AVERA HEALTH, SIOUX FALLS**

Tell us about your current role and what it entails.

I am responsible for the day-to-day operations for our system contracting, delegated credentialing, claim escalation and managed care organization relationships. I also serve as the operational lead for the value-based programs that Avera has with contracting and reporting and manage our Medicare Shared Savings Program for the system. I also just completed serving as the Interim Administrator at Avera Dells Area Hospital for the last seven months.

What prompted you to pursue a career in healthcare?

My mother was a community health nurse administrator and worked for the South Dakota Department of Health for 42 years. I loved knowing how she was assisting the communities across the state with her work and quietly making a difference in the lives of others. I was not built for direct patient care but loved being behind the scenes to help caregivers help patients and their families every day.

What advice would you offer to students or other early careerists?

Take advantage of every internship and networking opportunity. Your path to your “dream job” is not always linear so expose yourself to numerous opportunities and skill sets. Interview and network with individuals that have the position or career you are interested in and always do “check-ins” with your mentors on where you are with your professional and personal aspirations.

What have you gained most from your ACHE membership and participation thus far?

It was a career goal for me to become a FACHE and I achieved that in 2021. As much as I love to travel and go to a Cluster meeting, I have been able to take advantage of many Face-to-Face webinars to grow my skills in areas I do not always see in my current role. It has been an excellent group to network with and share information across the State.

How do you recharge and avoid burnout?

I love to play golf so you can usually find me playing during the spring, summer, and the fall if the weather will let me. I am also hanging with my family or at some sort of a basketball game being a bit excessive with my cheering.

ACHE National News

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 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.

Connect With Fellow Members

We are pleased to offer members three new, free online communities for physician executives, Asian healthcare leaders and LGBTQ healthcare leaders. The communities' platform makes it easier than ever for peers to connect in real time, tackle issues together and ask important career-related questions. Members can participate in discussion threads, share resources, and best practices, and crowdsource innovative ideas and solutions.

To join, follow these steps:

1. Log in to my.ache.org.
2. Under "Helpful Links" on the right-hand side, click the last option, "My Communities."
3. Click the "Add" button to choose the online communities you wish to join. *An MD or DO degree is required to join the Physician Executive Community.*
4. Watch your inbox for your welcome email and instructions to access your new community! The email will arrive within 24 hours.

We hope you will join these communities. If you have any questions, please email communitymanager@ache.org.

Executive Diversity Career Navigator

The [Executive Diversity Career Navigator](#) is an online resource designed for healthcare leaders from underrepresented groups to successfully navigate their career path to senior-level positions. By enhancing diversity in leadership, the EDCN will help cultivate a diverse healthcare workforce that is best equipped to address disparities in care and access—effectively improving health for all.

EDCN offers its users access to information, tools, and inspiration for navigating their career paths to senior level positions. It is a place for healthcare leaders from diverse backgrounds and at all career levels to learn from others who have successfully navigated their route to C-suite healthcare management. Learn more about [EDCN](#).