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THEF a Fully Chartered Chapter

On December 15, THEF received a letter from national officials recognizing our Fully Chartered Status. Many members have been working toward this goal for some time, and it is a recognition of their drive and hard work, and is a demonstration of the chapters' growth in numbers and member involvement.

The Chapter can now offer Level 1 educational programs, as well as provide higher quality and quantity of services to its members and the healthcare community at large. More on our new status and what it means in future issues of this newsletter.

Message from the President

By Shilpa P. Shelton

It's been another quarter and the new year is upon us. I hope that all of you had a happy and healthy holiday season! The Triangle Healthcare Executive Forum's (THEF) Executive Committee has been busy over the past several months. The most exciting news is that THEF was officially designated a fully chartered chapter on December 15, 2006.

This is something that the Executive Committee has been working on for over a year so it's exciting to have a successful outcome.

We also conducted a very successful seminar, with nearly 70 people in attendance, on November 9th featuring Dr. Dale Bratzler on the topic of Pay for Performance in healthcare. We are now busy planning for the upcoming seminar on February 8th on the topic of financing the future of healthcare. We have a great slate of panelist and I encourage you to register soon as our February seminar fills up quickly. Seating is limited and we expect all 100 seats to be filled. And as we had hoped for, this will be a Category 1 seminar. One more reason for you to attend!

I encourage you to stay informed about the future events through the website and newsletter. I also want to take this opportunity again to thank the Executive Committee, who have volunteered hours of their own time to provide these programs to you. In addition, I would like to encourage you to support THEF by promoting it within your organization and attending our informative and high quality seminars.

One additional request that I have of our members is to help us promote THEF with potential sponsors. We have developed a sponsorship packet for any organization that would like additional information on being a sponsor. Please feel free to contact me or Brent Anthony, Co-Chair of the Education Committee for more information.

I look forward to meeting many of you at the February 8th seminar. Please feel free to stop me or any of the Executive Committee members if you would like to learn about how you can become more involved.



COMING UP

February 8, 2007

The Future of Financing Healthcare @ Sheraton Imperial Hotel - RTP
ACHE Credit Available
17:30 - 20:30

March 15, 2007

THEF Executive Committee meeting @ Café Carolina in Cary. Everyone welcome
07:30 - 08:30

ACHE News:

Board of Governors Approves Credentialing Change

Following a two-year process involving extensive analysis and affiliate feedback, the ACHE Board of Governors revised the previous dual credential system and approved combining the Diplomate and Fellow credential into a single FACHE[®] credential. The decision is designed to advance healthcare management excellence by increasing the commitment to leadership and professional development represented by the FACHE credential.

Passing the Board of Governors Examination in Healthcare Management remains a key standard for becoming board certified and earning the FACHE credential. Additional criteria for advancement include requirements related to academic preparation, tenure as an ACHE Member, experience in healthcare management, continuing education, references, and professional and community/civic involvement. The new credentialing system is effective January 1, 2007.

As part of their review of the credentialing system, the Board of Governors also authorized the development of a separate approach to recognize service, leadership and giving back to the profession. The recognition system will be developed during 2007.

Additional information about the credentialing change is available on ache.org. If you have any questions, please contact the Division of Membership at credentialcomments@ache.org or (312) 424-9400.

SIA Survey Scheduled

The ACHE triennial survey of Special Interest Area (SIA) members is scheduled for this spring. The Division of Research and Development will administer the survey by e-mail invitation. Affiliates who are members of any of ACHE's nine SIAs will be sampled for the study. Results of the survey will be used in program development. If you receive an invitation, please voice your opinions and complete the survey. If you have any questions, contact the Division of Research and Development at (312) 424-9440.

The Student Corner:

The UNC Healthcare Executive Student Association has several big events planned for 2007!

Our first event was our Service Auction on Thursday, January 18th. All of the proceeds from the auction will be used to help pay for our members to attend ACHE Congress in New Orleans in March.

To help our members cultivate their business skills, we are hosting an Etiquette Dinner on February 1.

UNC HESA is actively advertising the THEF-sponsored CFO panel discussion on Feb 8, 2007, and we are really looking forward to another great THEF event.

And finally, the annual THEF Dinner is scheduled for April 10, so mark your calendars and watch for more information to come!

If you have any questions please contact: Jen Casey, President @ jlcasey@unc.edu, Jason Bartholomew, Vice President @ jsbartho@email.unc.edu, or Jeff Langdon, Professional Development Chair @ jeffrey.langdon@unc.edu

The Student Corner:

The past three months have been busy at the Duke MBA Student ACHE Chapter.

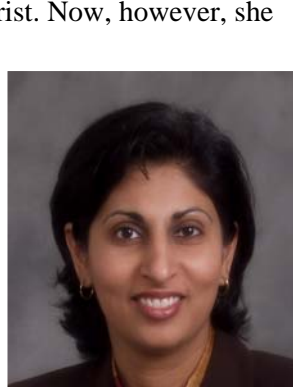
Along with fundraising efforts, Duke students are preparing for the annual ACHE Congress Fuqua Alumni reception. The event has been scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, March 20, 2007 from 6:30-8:30pm at the Sheraton New Orleans in the Bayside A, 4th Floor conference room.

If you would like to attend, or have any questions about the event, please Contact Scott Burfitt @ sgb10@duke.edu; or Richard Bovender @ richard.bovender@fuqua.duke.edu for further details.

Pacesetters:

Shilpa P. Shelton is our current THEF President. During her tenure, and as a result of her leadership, THEF has achieved its goal of becoming a fully chartered ACHE chapter. Since joining the organization in 1999, she has held practically every post in the group. Initially, she said, she joined as an early careerist. Now, however, she sees herself more a mentor to our younger members, remembering what it was like starting out on the ladder.

Currently, Shilpa is the Associate Operating Officer of Duke University Hospital where she provides senior administrative oversight for Neuroscience, Musculoskeletal, Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Services. She has led strategic planning efforts and spearheaded operations improvement in all of these areas. Having been with Duke for 14 years, she has successfully led financial turnaround initiatives, as well as breakthrough clinical quality improvements.



She says she is thrilled with THEF's growth in enthusiasm, participation and membership. Her goals for the group include continuing the excellent educational opportunities afforded to members, and making THEF one of the leading chapters in ACHE. With the interest and creativity shown by our members this year, her dream will be realized.

From National:

ACHE audio/Web conferences are an ideal way to gain quality education on the most important issues facing your organization without leaving your home or office. The following audio conferences are being offered this fall:

Breakthrough Strategies for Engaging Physicians, Nurses and Hospital Executives (http://www.ache.org/SEMINARS/audio_engaging.cfm), presented by Kenneth Cohn, MD, will be held February 14.

Revenue Growth through Strategic Cardiovascular Program Development (http://www.ache.org/SEMINARS/audio_development.cfm), presented by John O Goodman and Conrad Vernon, will be held March 7.

Detailed information about each of these programs, as well as ACHE self-study courses (<http://www.ache.org/PUBS/SELFSTUD.cfm>), is Available at [ache.org \(http://www.ache.org/SEMINARS/Audio_index.cfm\)](http://www.ache.org/SEMINARS/Audio_index.cfm).

