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HASC Chair Officers for 2016 include (from left) current Chair Richard Afable, M.D., Chair-Elect Steven Barron and Immediate Past Chair Gary Wilde. (Submitted photos)

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Congratulations go out to the members of the 2016 HASC Board of Directors.

HASC officers are listed below. To download the complete roster, please click [here](#).

The association's next board meeting starts at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 26. Meeting agendas are available to members at www.hasc.org/hasc-board-agendas.

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Association Welcomes New CEOs

The association welcomes the following chief executives to member hospitals. To submit executive changes to HASC Briefs, contact Vhernalyn Julve at (213) 538-0789 or vjulve@hasc.org.

John Rossfeld is CEO at Antelope Valley Hospital (AVH). He is an employee of Aleco Healthcare Services, which entered into a management agreement with AVH in November.



John Rossfeld

Karen Price Gharzeddine is CEO at San Gabriel Valley Medical Center, which is part of AHMC Healthcare system. She previously served as COO.



Karen Price-Gharzeddine

TeamSTEPPS Promises Safety Culture Improvements

HASC is helping hospitals enhance their culture of patient safety by facilitating TeamSTEPPS® workshops throughout Southern California. TeamSTEPPS (Team Strategies and Tools to Enhance Performance and Patient Safety) is a suite of tools and resources created by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and the Department of Defense.

Hospitals and other health care providers use the tools to give staff specialized communication techniques to prevent medical errors. For example, in the Inland Empire, a regional collaborative has hospitals working together to accelerate improvement.

The 2015 cohort included nine Inland Empire hospitals: Arrowhead Regional



Julia Slininger

Medical Center, Loma Linda University Medical Center, Riverside County Regional Medical Center, Montclair Hospital Medical

Center, Chino Valley Medical Center, Eisenhower Medical Center, Hemet Valley Medical Center, Menifee Valley Medical Center and St. Bernardine Medical Center. Each of these hospitals are now acknowledged as TeamSTEPPS champions in the region.

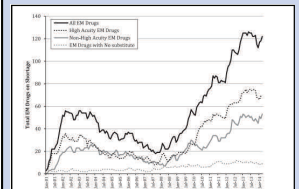
All other Inland Empire hospitals will be invited to participate in either the 2016 or 2017 cohorts.

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Study: Key Drugs Are Missing in EDs

An increasing number of medications that play key roles in emergency medicine are nowhere to be found in hospital emergency departments, a study published in the journal *Academic Emergency Medicine* relates.



As seen here, shortages increased by close to 400 percent between 2008 and 2014.

"Many of those medications are for life-threatening conditions, and for some drugs no substitute is available," author Dr. Jesse M. Pines said.

Some manufacturers have stopped making the drugs, and others can't keep up with the demand, the report said.

To read the study: visit <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/acem.12838/epdf>

O.C. Workgroup Tackles Reimbursement

At HASC's request, Orange County's CalOptima health system has formed a hospital rate workgroup to identify policy related to sustainable Medi-Cal fee-for-service (FFS) hospital rates.

The purpose of the workgroup is to explore the feasibility

of distributing a portion of surplus shared risk pool

the MCE population rates will continue to be reduced to the pre-ACA Medi-Cal "classic" rates. In addition, the state is recouping funds from all Medi-Cal managed care plans that did

Office, KPC Healthcare, Inc.

• CEOs from Tenet Healthcare also participated at the request of CalOptima

Questions about partici-



not meet the 85 percent medical loss ratio for the

pation, and the workgroup's schedule, can

Study: Medicaid Expansion Brought Hospitals Relief

Just six months after opening up health insurance to more low-income people, states like California saw a huge drop in the amount of care their hospitals provided to uninsured patients, a study released this week asserts.

The study looks at hospital discharges in a sample of states that expanded Medicaid, using data from a new national source. In all, hospital stays by uninsured patients went down 50 percent, and stays by people with Medicaid went up 20 percent, between the end of 2013 and the middle of 2014.

But the same study also shows the flip side of the situation, in a sample of states that didn't expand Medicaid after a Supreme Court decision made expansion optional.

"The shift from uninsured to Medicaid contrasts sharply with the steady demand for uninsured care in non-expansion states," said author Sayeh Nikpay, Ph.D., MPH, of the study published in this month's issue of Health Affairs. "This has implications for the financial status of hospitals."

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funds to contracted FFS hospitals, budgeting annual, incremental increases for contracted FFS hospitals and other rate structure modifications for contracted FFS hospitals.

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period of Jan. 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015. CalOptima has estimated that \$280 million will be returned to the state beginning in June.

The first workgroup meeting took place Dec. 17 and included the following representatives:

- Kerri Ruppert Schiller, CFO, Children's Hospital of Orange County
- Jon Gilwee, Director of Government Affairs, UC Irvine Health
- Tim Ogata, Director of IPA Operations, KPC Healthcare, Inc.
- Kenneth Wheeler, Director, Central Business

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HASC Helps Break Organ Donation Record



South African surgeon Dr. Christian Barnard completed the world's first heart transplant in a Cape Town hospital in 1967. (Wikimedia Commons)

OneLegacy, an organ-donation nonprofit supported by more than 100 HASC-member hospitals, has set a national record for organ donations coordinated in a single year.

On Dec. 21, the group announced its 450th organ donation of 2015, a one-year record, according to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. The previous record was 447, set by an Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) in Philadelphia.

OneLegacy, a Los Angeles based-group, is one of 58 national OPOs tracked by the government agency. The group credited a rising

awareness among Southern California hospitals and residents of the need for organs — and tissue — for a rise in participation.

HASC member facilities range from large academic medical centers to large health systems and small freestanding community hospitals.

An average of 22 people a day from across the country succumb because a life-saving organ did not become available, statistics show. Nationwide, more than one million people are in need of life-saving and healing organ, eye and tissue transplants each year.

While its 2015 record is a landmark, OneLegacy is eyeing further growth of its numbers, CEO Tom Mone said.

“While we have reduced deaths on the waitlist to half of what they were a decade ago, (we want to) redouble efforts to achieve our goal of ending deaths on the waitlists,” Mone explained.

To learn more about OneLegacy, and to register as a donor, visit <http://donatelifecalifornia.org>.

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Apprise, Commerce Bank, Team for AP Webcast

As an educational service to HASC members, Apprise Health Insights will offer an Accounts Payable (AP) webcast from noon to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 4.

Kurt Wachtendorf, a national AP consulting manager for Commerce Bank, is scheduled to host the event.



Kurt Wachtendorf

In this session, members will learn how to create an efficient and profitable Accounts Payable department utilizing AP Automation.

Member recipients are invited to forward this invitation to those on their team who may be interested in this event.

To register, visit <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/805047392102345217>

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