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Los Angeles County Department of Health Services planner Dr. Anish Mahajan briefed attendees at June 10's HASC-hosted session on the LANES health information exchange – which is designed for Medi-Cal and uninsured patients across Los Angeles County. (HASC photo)

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With the anticipated fall launch of its LANES health information exchange (HIE), the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services expects to soon begin connecting hospitals and outpatient clinics, LANES Program Director Sai Pratap said this week.

LANES, which stands for Los Angeles Network for Enhanced Services, is an electronic community-based data exchange that will allow hospitals and care providers to update, access and share medical records

of Medi-Cal and uninsured patients. As a community-based entity, it is governed by the community, public and private hospitals, community clinics and health plans.

To prepare for the kickoff, HASC hosted LANES staff and planners from area hospitals at its Los Angeles headquarters on Friday, June 10.

The team is spreading the word about the system, and encouraging organizations to join by highlighting its advantages, LANES

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U.S.-wide Job Board Debuts on HASC.org

HASC has joined forces with the American Hospital Association (AHA) and HealthCareerCenter.com to better connect health care employers and job seekers.

The HASC job board will now be directly integrated into

HealthCareerCenter.com, the online job board powered by AHA.

Over the past several years, both organizations have been participants in the National Healthcare Career Network (NHCN) — a coalition that brings quality talent from health care associations and professional societies to employers seeking to fill roles ranging from nursing and physician jobs to operational and executive positions.

“By integrating the HASC job board into our own, we can bring a streamlined experience to our members and

provide better access to recruitment services and resources,” said Amy Goble, vice president, HealthCareerCenter.com.

quality talent as the gateway to more than 300 prestigious health care association career centers and nearly 3 million professionals participating in the NHCN, including:



California’s health workforce is undergoing significant change with a growth projection of nearly 23 percent by 2020, about 10 percent of all new jobs.

“The health care workforce is critical to the success of the field as our members undergo the transformations necessary to thrive as we move from volume to value-based care delivery,” said Teri Hollingsworth, VP, human resources services, HASC.

HealthCareerCenter.com will continue to provide unmatched reach and access to

- 40-plus nursing associations (state and national) representing more than 440,000 members
- 60-plus physician/surgeon associations representing more than 569,000 members
- 35-plus allied health associations representing more than 580,000 members

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Keck, PIH Augment Cooperation, Align Service Lines

Keck Medicine of the University of Southern California (USC) and PIH Health have united their service lines to both enhance the accessibility and quality of health care for eastern Los Angeles County residents.

The new agreement represents a natural progression in that longstanding relation-

ship, a statement issued earlier this month said. For many years, Keck Medicine of USC has served as a primary quaternary referral center for PIH Health.

“We are proud to join with PIH Health, the foremost health care provider in eastern Los Angeles County,” said Thomas E. Jackiewicz,

senior VP and CEO of Keck Medicine of USC.

The agreement also opens the door to increased educational cooperation between the providers, Keck School of Medicine of USC’s Rohit Varma M.D., M.P.H. said.

“Myriad educational opportunities” will result, Varma said.

Most Appropriate Care Initiative Moves Forward

The Most Appropriate Care Pilot Initiative concluded this month with 50 hospitals (representing 17 hospital systems and several stand-alone facilities) participating in one or more of the three in-person meetings or webinars. The most frequently selected topic areas were Continuous Telemetry, Palliative Care, Antibiotic Stewardship and Serial Labs.

Participation agreements were signed by 30 hospitals, indicating that the topic areas were meaningful and the initiative was valuable. By the end of the pilot, about 20 hospitals remained actively engaged.

HASC is reviewing the various options for continuing support to member hospitals who are working on Most Appropriate Care objectives. Stay tuned for more information on collaborative programming.

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Patient Safety First Gains Are Noted



Located off the 605 Freeway in the City of Industry, the Pacific Palms Resort is the site of multiple education sessions run by the Patient Safety First Collaborative. (Pacific Palms Resort photo)

Earlier this week, organizers of the Patient Safety First Collaborative recognized the accomplishments of more than 50 hospitals enrolled in the program. As of the fourth quarter of 2015, the following hospitals improved their safety goal rates in one, two or all three of the following areas: *C. difficile*, NTSV C-section and/or sepsis mortality.

“We want to send a heartfelt congratulations to all of these hospitals and care providers,” HASC VP, quality and patient safety, Julia Slininger said.

The improved facilities include Alhambra Hospital Medical Center, Anaheim Global Medical Center, Bear Valley Community Hospital, Centinela Hospital Medical Center, Chapman Global Medical Center, Chino Valley Medical Center, Citrus Valley Medical Center, Community Memorial Hospital, Desert Valley Hospital, Eisenhower

Medical Center, Foothill Presbyterian Hospital, Garden Grove Hospital and Medical Center, Gardens Regional Hospital & Medical Center, Glendale Adventist Medical Center, Good Samaritan Hospital - Los Angeles, Hemet Valley Medical Center, Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital, Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian, Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center, Huntington Beach Hospital, Kindred Hospital - San Gabriel Valley, La Palma Intercommunity Hospital, Lompoc Valley Medical Center, Memorial Hospital of Gardena, Menifee Valley Medical Center, Methodist Hospital of Southern California, Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach, Ojai Valley Community Hospital, Orange Coast Memorial Medical Center, Pacific Alliance Medical Center, Parkview Community Hospital Medical Center, Providence Saint

John's Health Center, Ridgecrest Regional Hospital, Riverside University Health Systems - Medical Center, Saddleback Memorial Medical Center, San Antonio Regional Hospital, San Bernardino Mountains Community Hospital, San Dimas Community Hospital, San Gabriel Valley Medical Center, Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital, Shriners Hospital for Children - Los Angeles, South Coast Global Medical Center, St. Francis Medical Center, St. Joseph Hospital, Orange, St. Mary Medical Center, St. Vincent Medical Center, USC Verdugo Hills Hospital, Valley Presbyterian Hospital, Victor Valley Global Medical Center, White Memorial Medical Center/Adventist Health and Whittier Hospital Medical Center.

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Workplace Violence Roundtables Remain

Cal/OSHA's new health care workplace violence prevention regulations are now expected to go into effect on Jan. 1.

As the deadline approaches, two HASC-facilitated roundtable meetings remain this month. There is no charge to attend either meeting.

- **Santa Barbara/Ventura – Monday, June 27, 10 a.m. – noon** at St. John's Regional Medical Center, Garden Level, Conference Room 2, 1600 North Rose Ave., Oxnard, CA 93030
- **Los Angeles – Tuesday, June 28, 9 – 11 a.m.** at HASC – Los Angeles Office Board Room, 515 S. Figueroa St., Suite 1300, Los Angeles, CA 90071

To reserve a seat, visit www.cvent.com/d/zfq5cm/4W.

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Board Chair Anish Mahajan, M.D., told listeners last week.

“When a patient has gone for care to multiple facilities, a doctor needs to know,” Mahajan said. “(The LANES system) is user friendly — it gets the information to you quickly with just a couple of clicks.”

The system will allow

participants to upload and share continuity of care documents, ADTs, transcribed notes and information on patient medications, allergies and immunizations.

The exchange will be governed by the community, public and private hospitals, community clinics and health plans. HASC’s Regional VP for Los An-

geles County, Jaime Garcia, serves on the LANES Board of Directors.

A non-profit organization, LANES is funded by Los Angeles County, United Health Care and L.A. Care.

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Merritt Hawkins Explores Industry’s History

As an educational service to HASC members, Merritt Hawkins and Staff Care will offer a webcast on *Medical Practice in America: Past, Present and Future* from 12 to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22. Kurt Mosley, Vice President of Strategic Alliances for Merritt Hawkins — with over 20 years of health care industry experience, will present.

Webinar highlights include how the medical practice has evolved over the last 100 years, the prevailing characteristics of its practice today and where it is headed in the future.

The presentation will also trace the roots of medical practice in the U.S., from the pre-Flexner Report era to today’s medical profession, which includes 200 certified specialties. Issues examined include current

and historical physician supply and demand trends, training, compensation pat-



Kurt Mosley

terns and practice types.

Merritt Hawkins will also discuss its projections on how health care reform and related changes will reshape the way physicians approach care and receive payment.

An engaging and instructive look at where physicians have been and where they are going, the presen-

tation is likely to interest doctors, urgent care administrators and anyone else who follows today’s evolving health care trends.

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

Please register for the webinar at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2804122262237676035>

To learn more about HASC Endorsed Business Partners Merritt Hawkins and Staff Care, please visit the following websites:

- Merritt Hawkins: www.merrithawkins.com/
- Staff Care: www.staffcare.com/

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On the Calendar



Friday, June 24 Security and Safety Committee Meeting

9 a.m. - 12 noon

Barlow Respiratory Hospital
2000 Stadium Way
Los Angeles CA 90026

Thursday, June 30 HASC Board Meeting

9 a.m. - 12 noon

HASC Board Room
515 S. Figueroa St., Suite
1300, Los Angeles CA 90071

Friday, July 15 Accreditation & Licensure Committee Meeting

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

HASC Board Room
515 S. Figueroa St., Suite
1300, Los Angeles CA 90071

Learn more about these
and other HASC events at
www.hasc.org/calendar