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LA Department of Mental Health Offers Training for Targeted Violence

Hospitals interested in learning about available resources related to targeted violence may contact the Department of Mental Health/Emergency Outreach Bureau/School Threat Assessment Response Team (START) for training, consultation and assessment at (213) 739-5565; (213) 738-4924; or ACCESS 1-800-854-7771.

DMH also offers three- to four-hour training sessions on

threat management, focusing on a team approach, for interested hospitals. To schedule an on-site training for staff, email Tony Beliz, Ph.D at tbeliz@dmh.lacounty.gov and Mikesha Taylor at mtaylor@dmh.lacounty.gov.

These training sessions have been sparked in part by several instances of targeted school violence that have occurred recently in the city and county

of Los Angeles, as well as nationwide.

A fee-based training is being offered by the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals on March 21. Visit <https://m360.atapworldwide.org/event.aspx?eventID=73059> for more information.

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Charge Nurse Education Series Begins March 14

HASC, in partnership with FlexEd, presents a challenging new series of courses that provide the direct training and development necessary to effectively manage a department in a clinic, hospital or health care facility. Engaging, insightful courses bring nurse leaders of all levels together to enhance communication and conflict resolution skills, produce better outcomes, foster improved performance from staff, and enhance patient safety across the unit and throughout the organization.

In today's hospitals, charge

nurses are expected to lead staff while balancing the organizational systems of their patient care units. Being successful takes the right training and continued leadership development.

The Charge Nurse Education series kicks off on March 14, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Good Samaritan Hospital, with the topic *Communication Challenges*. Subsequent dates and topics include:

- April 11: *Leadership Skills for the Registered Nurse*
- May 8: *Role of the Charge Nurse*

- May 29: *Creating a Culture of Safety*
- July 18: *Critical Thinking*
- September 26: *Managing Change*

A complete list of sessions and locations is available at <http://www.hasc.org/charge-nurse-series>. Register online at <https://www.signup4.net/Public/ap.aspx?EID=CHAR99E>.

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SCAHRM Endorses HASC Security and Safety Drill

HASC is pleased to announce the Southern California Association for Healthcare Risk Management (SCAHRM) has endorsed the 2013 *HASC Security and Safety Conference: Active Shooter Drill*, to be held March 19, at the LAC + USC Medical Center.

The conference will include dramatization of an active shooter event in both emergency room and office settings. Participants will collaborate with law enforcement and risk analysis experts to develop a plan and effective policies focused on survival and recovery from such devastating events.



The drill is expected to draw more than 200 hospital and community stakeholders, including security, emergency room and nursing staff, human resources, risk managers, social workers, and administrative personnel with an interest in minimizing the effects of workplace violence or an active shooter event.

SCAHRM, affiliated with the American Society for Healthcare Risk Manage-

ment, provides continuing education, networking opportunities and professional enhancements within the health care industry for its membership that includes risk managers, patient safety personnel, attorneys, insurance and claim management professionals, and quality management professionals.

Space is still available for this unique event. HASC and SCAHRM members can register for the discounted price of \$125. Nonmembers can attend for \$150. For more about the event, please contact Jamila Mayers, (213) 538-0739, jmayers@hasc.org.

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Register Now for March 21 Labor Review Webinar

Hospital CEOs, HR executives, labor relations professionals and chief nurse executives are invited to participate in *State of the Union: Organized Labor Review Web Seminar*, on Thursday, March 21, 10 to 11:15 a.m.

Learn about formal organized labor activities in the California and U.S. health care industry as well as recent NLRB case law changes that drastically impact employers.

Presented by HASC and the Hospital Council of Northern and Central California, the webinar

will feature three distinguished experts in the area of organized labor: Susan Connelly, Douglas R. Hart and Susan Harris.

Cost for the program is \$150 for members. Register online at <http://events.SignUp4.com/2013stateoftheunion> for Southern California and <https://www.thinkreg.com/coral/register.do?formId=NF1C7X7M9YPA> for Northern California.

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Upcoming Events

Join us for *Getting Ready for Contract Negotiations*, a popular 20-minute interactive webinar to discuss how you can use PDS data as a powerful tool to level the playing field during contract negotiations. We will discuss how to identify areas of opportunity for revenue enhancement, prepare for new payment models, as well as how to dig into the data.

February 28
11:00 a.m. PST, 1:00 p.m., CST

Register at <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/637467490>.

For more upcoming calendar events, visit www.hasc.org/calendar.

HASC Is Celebrating 90 Years—and We Can't Do It Without You

HASC is compiling a special anniversary brochure to commemorate our organization's first 90 years—and we want to hear from you.

Hospitals and health systems are on the front lines, providing care and experiencing the impact of prominent changes in the health care industry over the last century—like the advent of Medicare

and health care reform. To capture the membership's perspective, HASC is looking for responses to the following question from across the Southern California region:

- What do you think the most important development in health care has been in the last 90 years and why?

Please forward your comments to hasconline@hasc.org and include your name, title and organization. Please note responses may be published in a print and online edition of the brochure.

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Thank You 2013 Palliative Care Attendees and Sponsors

Nearly 200 people attended the 2013 HASC Palliative Care Conference, Feb. 26 at the Hilton Pasadena. Attended by executives and frontline professionals interested in enhancing communication across the continuum of care, the event presented the latest information and best practices from leaders in the industry.

Featured speakers included international and local experts in supportive care, including Dr. Richard Brumley, GeriNet; Dr. Robert Bear; Pat Forman, The Schwartz Center for Compassionate Healthcare; Dr. Mark Livingston, CareRX; Dr. Mark Leenay, Optum-Health; and Dr. Glen Komatsu, Center for Palliative Care, Little Company of Mary Hospital – Torrance. Several stellar panelists were also on hand to host an

open forum for attendees. Panelists included Pat Blaisdell, California Hospital Association; Libby Hoy, Patient Family Centered Care Partners; and Norina Nilas, CareMore. Steve Nahm, Companion Management Group, also participated.

HASC would also like to acknowledge the [following sponsors](#) for their generous participation this year. Special appreciation is extended to our Platinum sponsor, Health Essentials.

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For more information about this event, or next year's dates, please contact Jamila Mayers, (213) 538-0739, jmayers@hasc.org.

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Spring JSHIP Edition Set for March 4 Release

Volume 2 of the *Journal of the Society for Healthcare Improvement Professionals* is set to be released March 4, 2013. *JSHIP* is a peer-reviewed publication designed to inform and educate health care professionals who are leading change, quality, service and operational improvement initiatives within health care organizations.

JSHIP includes timely articles and case studies on the practical application of leading edge tools and methodologies that are enhancing service delivery and efficiency within hospi-

tals and health systems. This issue of *JSHIP* includes several peer-reviewed articles focused on enhancing the patient experience and reducing the cost of care.

For more information about *JSHIP*, Vol. 2, or to contribute to future editions, please contact David Belson, PhD, editor@jship.org. Sign up for a free subscription online at www.jship.org.

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Patient Safety First: March 12

Don't miss the first meeting of the Southern California Patient Safety First Collaborative on March 12 at the Pacific Palms in the City of Industry.

Participating hospitals will discuss strategies across several clinical areas, preventing:

- Sepsis mortality
- Retained surgical items
- Early elective deliveries
- *C. Difficile* infection

If you have not received a registration notice, or are unsure if your hospital signed up for 2013 Patient Safety First events, please email Dominique Diaz at ddiaz@hasc.org.

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