



# HASC Briefs

## News

### HASC Continues Hospital Advocacy Regarding City of Los Angeles Waste Shed Proposal

The Los Angeles City Council voted 9 to 3 last week to direct staff to pursue an exclusive waste shed. A motion by Councilman Tom LaBonge calls for exempting hospitals. This motion, along with a dozen others, was referred to the Energy and Environment Committee and the Ad-Hoc Committee for discussion. The Board of Public Works has also expressed a willingness to HASC to continue discussions by establishing a hospital workgroup to examine ongoing concerns. This workgroup will be open to direct

hospital participation and include staff from the Bureau of Sanitation.

HASC recently urged hospitals in the city of Los Angeles to contact their local City Council representative to request that hospitals be granted a full exemption under the Bureau of Sanitation's exclusive waste shed plan.

Under the Bureau's plan, hospitals in Los Angeles will be required to contract their solid waste and recycling to a hauler designated by the Bureau. The Bureau would also assume responsibility for mediating disputes or

performance issues associated with the assigned hauler.

HASC previously voiced concern during the Bureau of Sanitation's stakeholder input period over the adverse implication this policy would have for hospitals, given the array of federal and state regulations that oversee hospital waste streams. HASC comments resulted in the Bureau's report recommending that hospitals be provided with partial exemptions.

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### Healthy Way LA Presentation at HASC Los Angeles Office Dec. 6

Hospital representatives from social work, discharge planning and business office are invited to attend a presentation on Healthy Way LA, scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 6 at the HASC Los Angeles Office, in

the Boardroom.

Healthy Way LA program representatives will be on hand to provide an update on the low-income health plan as well as address issues related to enrollment, member iden-

tification, treatment authorization and discharge planning among other topics. To RSVP, please email Lisa Kato at [lkato@hasc.org](mailto:lkato@hasc.org).

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### Institute for Performance Excellence Announces New Vice President of Business Development

The Institute for Performance Excellence (IPE), a not-for-profit wholly owned subsidiary of HASC providing continuous process improvement programs and sup-

port to hospitals, announced the addition of Terry Buske as vice president of business development. As part of IPE's leadership team, Buske will oversee all sales/busi-

ness development for IPE training and consulting programs.

Buske brings several years of leadership experience in the health

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care, continuous process improvement, financial services and revenue cycle industries. A member of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), Buske has also been a consultant for the Pentagon - Department of Defense Hospitals & Clinics, Department of Health and Human Services and the Indian Health Service.

“We’re extremely excited to leverage Terry’s expertise in business development to secure strategic alliances with future partners and hospital associations,” said Jennifer Wortham, IPE president.

“I’m so grateful for the opportunity to be part of an organization like IPE and the Hospital Association of Southern California,” Buske said. “It’s exciting to know our programs have a

direct positive impact on patient outcomes while strengthening the financial position for hospitals. There are not a lot of companies that can boast about both benefits at the same time.”

For more information about IPE, please call (213) 538-0700 or visit [www.ipeus.org](http://www.ipeus.org).

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## Events

### Register Now for 5th Annual Southern California Patient Safety Colloquium

Register now to get the early bird rate for the most valuable one-day conference of the year, the 5th Annual Southern California Patient Safety Colloquium, Jan. 23 at the Hyatt Regency Orange County. Bring a team of three or more and tuition is only \$99 per person.

This program will inspire and equip your team to successfully navigate health care reform. Breakout Track #6 is for senior executives and physician leaders who want to strengthen partnerships as they explore health care delivery options for their communities.

To register, go to <https://www.signup4.net/Public/ap.aspx?EID=5THA20E>.

The event will explore what’s best—and next—regarding policies and practices in quality and patient safety, bringing together executives and advocates from a cross section of care organizations including hospitals, health systems, post-acute care providers and more.

Breakout session tracks include:

1. *Embracing the Continuum – It Takes a Village*
2. *Wellness for You and Your Organization – Practicing What We Preach*
3. *The Right Stuff – Saving Lives*
4. *Error Prevention in Clinical Specialty Areas – Chasing Zero*
5. *Lean and Clean – Preventing*

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6. *Is There a Doctor in the House? – Leadership Strategies Engaging Physicians*

Keynote speakers for the event include Charles Denham, MD, chairman, Texas Medical Institute of Technology & CEO, Healthcare Concepts Corporation; and Kristine White, RN, BSN, MBA, president, Spectrum Health Innovations & Principal, Aerate Consulting.

For a complete program brochure, please visit [www.hasc.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/2013scpscolloquium-memberrev8.pdf](http://www.hasc.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/2013scpscolloquium-memberrev8.pdf).

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### Thank You, 2012 Golf Sponsors and Attendees

Seventy-seven players participated in the 2012 HASC Charity Golf Classic on Oct. 22, making it one of the most successful events in recent years. A special thanks to the Oakmont Country Club for hosting the event designed to bring together HASC hospital members

and other organizations providing services to hospitals for an enjoyable day of golf, networking and support for National Health Foundation (NHF).

Congratulations to 2012 HASC Charity Golf Classic Contest Winners

- Closest to the Pin, Hole 3: Kevin Roberts, CEO, Glendale Adventist Medical Center/Adventist Health
- Closest to the Pin, Hole 5: Daryl Braun, PIH Board Member
- Closest to the Pin, Hole 11:

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Robert Minkin, The Camden Group

- Closest to the Pin, Hole 16: Fred Wolfe, The Camden Group

- Ladies' Long Drive, Hole 4: Shannon Yocum, The Camden Group

- Men's Long Drive, Hole 4: Fred Wolfe, The Camden Group

- Ladies' Low Gross: 1st—Shannon Yocum (71), The Camden Group, and runner-up Destiny Douty, Care Ambulance

- Men's Low Gross: 1st—Fred Wolfe (68) and runner-up—Robert Minkin

- Team Net: 1st—(110) Duane Turner, Toby Reclusado, Matt Trujillo (OneLegacy) and Dr. Bill Foran; and runner-up—(115) Michael Hunn, Phil Jackson, Rich Snader, and Nick Lymberopoulos (Providence Health & Services)

- Opportunity Drawing Winner: Jack Schlosser, SpencerStuart

Save the date for next year's event, Oct. 21, 2013, at the Oakmont Country Club in Glendale. For more information, contact Jamila Mayers, (213) 538-0739, [jmayers@hasc.org](mailto:jmayers@hasc.org).

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Left to right: Richard Cordova, president/CEO, Children's Hospital Los Angeles; Doug Bagley, CEO, Riverside Community Hospital; Matt Gerlach, VP/COO, Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center; Jim West, CEO, Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital.

## Featured Services

### SHIP Launches Portland Chapter

The Society for Healthcare Improvement Professionals (SHIP) held its first Portland chapter meeting Nov. 5 at Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Portland. More than 30 attended the meeting geared for those interested in Lean, Six Sigma and performance improvement work in health care settings.

Themed *Enhancing the Patient Experience*, Kate Pillar, MA, MPH, of OSHU Family Medicine at Richmond, presented "Standardization of MA Rooming Process." Kathy Haberly, Center for Healthcare Improvement Coordinator at Peace Harbor Hospital, presented "Lean Transformation."

The event's mistress of ceremonies was Portland chapter president Kelly Rinehart, RN, CNOR, RNFA, CPHRM, executive consultant with Institute for Performance Excellence (IPE) and principal at Medical Risk Consulting, with SHIP president Jennifer Wortham providing an update of SHIP and IPE activities.

SHIP is a virtual community dedicated to professional development of performance improvement, Lean



SHIP Portland Chapter President Kelly Rinehart, RN.

and Six Sigma health care professionals from across the country. Chapters provide the opportunity for local performance improvement experts to network and engage with one another in a social environment.

Sign up for a free SHIP membership at [www.shipus.org](http://www.shipus.org) to access one of the three chapter pages (Los Angeles, Portland, Tennessee) or to express interest in establishing a chapter in your area. The website also has Lean-focused tools and resources available to all members.

The next Portland chapter meeting is scheduled for Feb. 11, 2013 at a location to be determined.

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