



Healthcare Human Resources Association of Minnesota - An Affiliated Chapter of ASHHRA - American Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administration & American Hospital Association



Letter from the President

By Chad Engstrom

Today, we are faced with the most significant health crisis we have ever seen. Our families and members are unsure of what tomorrow will bring, as well as facing extreme hardships, challenges, and decisions. This is a difficult time for everyone and I hope everyone is staying healthy. I want to thank you for being a member of HHRAM.

We have cancelled the 2020 Spring Conference due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This global health crisis is a unique challenge that has impacted so many. I would like to express concern and support for all our HHRAM members, as well as their families and all others affected by this outbreak.

Our thoughts will continue to be with all of you as we continue to face these unprecedented times. We hope to see all of you at the HHRAM Fall conference scheduled for October 7-9, 2020 at Pier B in Duluth, Minnesota. Please stay safe and well.

2020 Goals:

- 1. Increase membership by 3%: Connect with MN ASHHRA members and share the benefits of HHRAM.
- **2. Increase conference attendance:** Increase attendance to 65 for the Spring conference and 55 for the Fall conference.
- 3. **Business Partners:** Attract one new business partner and connect with current business partners who have not attended a conference in a couple of years.
- 4. Offer two webinars: Partner with another ASHHRA chapter utilizing our current business partners.
- 5. **Better promote HRRAM:** Review HHRAM branding and **use** social media promote HHRAM activities.
- 6. **Newsletters and Eblasts:** Create and communicate two HHRAM newsletters and 10 eblasts in 2020.
- 7. **HHRAM Scholarship:** Increase awareness of the HHRAM scholarship by communicating four touchpoints.

Achieving these goals will help us increase the value of your HHRAM membership, recruit and retain members and business partners, and ensure we continue to strengthen our position as a strong chapter.

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2020 Budget:

Our 2020 budget reflects assertive goals to increase our 2020 conference attendance and overall HHRAM membership. With the spring conference cancelled, we will see an impact to the budget below. Please spread the word about HHRAM and the benefits of being a member. Our Minnesota HHRAM chapter continues to be financially stable and strong.

Account #	Income	20	18 Budget	20	018 Actual	2	019 Budget	20	019 Actual	20	020 Budget
45000	Investments										
45030	Interest-Savings, Short term CD		60.00		49.81		50.00		168.21		168.00
	Total 45000 - Investments	\$	60.00	\$	49.81	\$	50.00	\$	168.21	\$	168.00
46400	Other Investments										
46435	ASHHRA Chapter Awards		1,000.00		750.00		1,000.00		1,000.00		1,000.00
	Total 46400 - Other Income	\$	1,000.00	\$	750.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00
47200	Program Income										
47245	Salary Survey Revenue Sharing		6,500.00		13,463.01		8,400.00		3,534.43		8,500.00
	Total 47200 - Program Income	\$	6,500.00	\$	13,463.01	\$	8,400.00	\$	3,534.43	\$	8,500.00
47230	Membership Dues Income		\$14,000.00		\$13,305.00		\$15,000.00		\$15,500.00		\$15,000.00
49000	Conference Income										
49010	Spring Conference Registrations		12,000.00		8,350.00		10,500.00		6,750.00		10,000.00
49011	Spring Conference Business Partners		19,000.00		26,500.00		20,000.00		24,250.00		25,500.00
49015	Fall Conference Registrations		12,000.00		12,590.00		13,000.00		11,150.00		12,375.00
	Fall Conference Business Partners		20,000.00		21,500.00		21,000.00		25,500.00		23,500.00
	Total 49000 - Conference Income	\$	63,000.00	\$	68,940.00	\$	64,500.00	\$	67,650.00	\$	71,375.00
	Total Income		84,560.00	\$	96,507.82	\$	88,950.00	\$	87,852.64	\$	96,043.00
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60100	ASHHRA National Conference	\$	7,500.00	21	018 Actual 6,107.45	\$	8,000.00	\$	019 Actual 6,004.16	\$	020 Budget 7,500.00
61000	Conference Expense	Ф	7,300.00		6,107.45	Ψ	0,000.00	Ф	0,004.10	Φ	7,300.00
	Spring Conference Expense		25,000.00	\$	18,370.48		28,000.00		35,420.37		30,000.00
			30,000.00	Φ	30,969.46		35,000.00		38,796.45		35,000.00
61003	Fall Conference Expense Total 61000 - Conference Expense	\$	55,000.00	\$	49,339.94	\$	63,000.00	\$	74,216.82	\$	65,000.00
62100	Contract Services	Ψ	33,000.00	Ψ	49,339.94	Ψ	03,000.00	φ	74,210.02	φ	05,000.00
	Accounting & Management Fees		7,794.36		7,788.00		7,794.36		8,242.60		8,100.00
	Outside Contract Services (tax return)		500.00		485.00		500.00		0,242.00		500.00
62150	Total 62100 - Contract Services	\$	8,294.36	\$	8,273.00	\$	8,294.36	\$	8,242.60	\$	8,600.00
62190	Education	\$	300.00	\$	750.00	\$	750.00	\$	500.00	\$	750.00
64000	Membership Expense (ASHHRA dues/misc)	\$		\$		\$	320.00	\$		\$	
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65000	Operations		450.00		0.47		250.00		145.00		240.00
	Postage Mailing Service		150.00		0.47 17.31		250.00		145.03 896.11		240.00
	Printing and Copying Supplies, Mileage, Sales Tax		250.00		2,104.50		250.00		2,460.91		250.00
	Scholarships (2 Education, 1 ASHHRA, 2 HHRAM)*		2,800.00 3,500.00		1,500.00		2,800.00 3,500.00		2,500.00		2,800.00 3,500.00
	Technology		1,422.00		1,127.88		2,700.00		4,756.88		3,084.00
	Advertising		1,422.00		1,127.00		2,700.00		4,730.00		1,000.00
03080	Total 65000 - Operations	\$	8,122.00	\$	4,750.16	\$	9,500.00	\$	10,758.93	\$	10,874.00
65100	Other Expenses	Ψ	0,122.00	Ψ	4,730.10	Ψ	9,300.00	Ψ	10,736.93	Ψ	10,074.00
	Other Capenses	\$	150.00			\$	150.00	\$	58.48	\$	132.00
	Insurance	φ	525.00		525.00	φ	525.00	Ф	30.40	φ	1,558.00
05120	Total 65100 - Other Expenses	\$	675.00	\$	525.00	\$	675.00	\$	58.48	\$	1,690.00
68300	Travel and Meetings	φ	073.00	Ψ	323.00	Ψ	013.00	φ	30.40	Ψ	1,030.00
	Board and Committee Meetings		700.00		409.93		600.00		354.15		600.00
	Education Meetings		500.00		58.94	\vdash	500.00		JJ4.13		500.00
00320	Total 68300 - Travel and Meetings	\$	1,200.00	\$	468.87	\$	1,100.00	\$	354.15	\$	1,100.00
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	NET INCOME	\$	3,148.64	\$	25,973.40	\$	(2,689.36)	\$	(12,602.50)	\$	4.00

Once more: Our 2020 New Board Members

We are excited to welcome two new members to our 2020 board. Please join me in welcoming the following board members:

- Laurie Daniels Communications and Marketing Director: Laurie works at the North Memorial Ambulatory
 Surgery Center at Maple Grove, where she serves as the Human Resources Director.
- Jane Kolias Salary Survey Coordinator: Jane works at The University of Minnesota Physicians as the Compensation Manager.

HHRAM Board Meeting Dates for 2020

February 21: Conference Call
March 13: Conference Call
April 17: Conference Call
May 13: Conference Call
June 19^t: Conference Call

August 14: In Person – MNGI Digestive Health, Minneapolis, MN

September 18: Conference Call

October 6: In Person – Pier B, Duluth, MN

November 20: In Person

2020 Spring Conference - Cancelled

The HHRAM Board has been monitoring the COVID-19 situation and the impact it has on healthcare organizations across Minnesota and the country. During this pandemic, along with the increase to our human resources daily duties and knowing that when we reach a safe environment there will be rebuilding responsibilities to be done, we have decided to cancel the upcoming HHRAM Spring Conference scheduled for May.

For those who have registered, we will either refund or hold your registration fee for either the Fall 2020 or Spring 2021 conference.

Our thoughts are with you all as we continue to face unprecedented times. We hope you are doing well and look forward to seeing you at the HHRAM Fall Conference scheduled for October 7-9, 2020 at Pier B in Duluth, MN!

Welcome to our New Members!

Summer Benoit

Presybterian Homes

Benefits and Compensation Manager

Ashley Boyd

Bluestone Physician Services

HR Administrator

Sarah Donnay

Lake Region Healthcare

Christy Duncan

South Lake Pediatrics

HR Generalist

Rebecca Fossand

Mille Lacs Health System

VP of Human Resources

Leah Gerard

20-20 RMP, LLC

Business Manager

Patricia Jones

Bluestone Physician Services

VP Human Resources

Michael Moberg

Jackson Lewis

Principal

Beth Peterson

Health Star Home Health

Director of Human Resources

Sheri Priebe

Three Links

Director of Human Resources

Jon Terry

Marsh & McLennan Agency

Employee Health & Benefits Thought Leader

Kyle Williamson

Olmsted Medical Center

Employee Relations/Comp Coordinator

Annie Bergeson

Bluestone Physician Services

Sr. HR Business Partner

Tina Cubas

Sholom

Manager, Compensation and Benefits

Laura Drieling

Bluestone Physician Services

HR Operations & Benefits Partner

Hilary Emerson

North Homes, Inc.

Human Resource Director

Becky Foster

Sanford Health

Employee Relations Specialist

Lissa Johanson

Lake Region Healthcare

Felicia Mead

Bluestone Physician Services

Talent Acquisition Partner

Brittany Myers

Glencoe Regional Health Services

HR Generalist

Kari Plafcan

Centracare

Betsy Schmaltz

Cuyuna Regional Medical Center

Aaron Tetzlaff

St. Luke's

HR Generalist



HHRAM Healthcare Wage & Salary Survey - Looking Ahead to 2020!

The HHRAM Healthcare Wage & Salary Survey, designed by the HHRAM Compensation Committee, is our annual analysis of compensation data for healthcare organizations in the Upper Midwest. Administered by Lockton, it is relevant, robust, and a great value for your organization. It covers more than 400 job titles along with comprehensive pay practices information. Over 180 healthcare employers located in MN, ND, SD, WI, and IA consistently participate in this survey. It has been a trusted resource for more than 20 years.

What does that mean for you? It gets better every year. When you participate in the survey, you can be sure the data you'll receive is up-to-date and valuable for achieving your business goals.

Thank you again to everyone who participated in the 2020 survey. Your participation makes the data more valuable for all our members. Pricing for the 2020 HHRAM Healthcare Wage & Salary Survey is now available online at hhram.org. Our tiered pricing ensures a great value for all participants, and we will continue to offer a \$25-\$50 discount for participating HHRAM members.

2020 Fall Conference - Save the Date!

OCTOBER 7-9, 2020

The 2020 HHRAM Fall Conference will be held at Pier B in Duluth, MN, with breathtaking views of Lake Superior, the aerial lift bridge, waterfront dining, and just 5 minutes from Canal Park.



Member Spotlight



Jane Kolias is a new 2020 HHRAM Board member. She serves as HHRAM's Salary Survey Coordinator. She is currently employed as the Compensation Manager at the University of Minnesota Physicians.

Tell us a little bit about yourself:

I was born and raised in Maplewood MN. I've been in Healthcare HR Compensation for over 20 years. I am a wife, mother, and grandmother. I love spending time with my family and I enjoy sports (hockey and baseball) and any outside activities. I have a granddaughter Elouise Jane (3½), grandson Oliver (4 months) and a grand dog Maia (2).

How long have you been a member of HHRAM?

I have been in Compensation for many years. I've been involved with HHRAM on and off for over 20 years. I was on the HHRAM Committee back when I worked at Allina Health.

What do you most enjoy about HHRAM?

I enjoy the networking opportunities. I also appreciate having peers in the industry to bounce ideas and/or questions off when I'm struggling for direction.

What do you enjoy most about working in HR?

I enjoy helping others. I really want to make sure employees feel valued at their jobs and are paid fairly. They should understand how and why they are paid a certain salary. I know I can't please everyone but I want to try. Since I have been in the business a long time, I like educating new HR colleagues on Compensation.

What is a typical day like for you?

I do a lot of consulting with managers and my HR colleagues (Business Partners and Recruiters) on salary offers, equity requests, job descriptions, and market reviews.

What's your favorite tip for someone in our industry?

Be willing to learn and be open to doing any task.

What would you do (for a career) if you weren't doing this.

I had originally wanted to do television broadcasting. I think hosting a show like the Twin Cities Live Program would be fun. I don't want to be reporting only the news. I like all the interesting segments they get to do.

What is the best professional advice you've received.

Work hard. Treat others fairly.

U.S. Department of Labor: Wage and Hour Division Unauthorized Hours Worked



As many of you know, during our 2019 HHRAM fall conference, the MN Wage Theft Law was a big topic of discussion and it became apparent there is an industry wide confusion on the intent, implementation, and interpretation of this law. As an association dedicated to supporting our members through advocacy and education to ensure excellence in our healthcare Human Resources Professionals, three of our board members (Chad Engstrom, Shannon Demgen and Lisa Smude) met with Senator Eric Pratt on December 18th to discuss our concerns with this new law. Grant Collins, an attorney with Felhaber Larson, also joined us. On January 10th, we sent an email detailing this meeting and what we had learned.

Since that time we also met with the Department of Labor and Industry on January 15th to gain additional insight on the enforcement of this law from their perspective. Below is a recap from that meeting.

- Employee Notice form-Employer Signature not required to meet the requirement. Some employers are using the Employee Notice rather than an offer letter so that is why the employer signature line was put on the form.
- Don't need to go back and notify all employees hired before July 1st, 2019, but by doing so it may make the future notifications easier. (State of MN decided to do this because they referenced the CBA so that employees could refer to that rather than be notified of every change.)
- If you aren't using state provided form, make sure you are including the language options in your offer letter. In future notifications you don't need to include the language options. You would default to their first language selections.
- If you reference the CBA or policy in your first notification and instruct the employees on how to find things in it like benefits, PTO, etc., you don't need to send out change notifications for those items. If an employee can look at both the initial notification and the CBA/policy and understand the requirement notification items you are meeting the requirement.
- She talked a lot of limited resources and they are focusing enforcement on industries with a history of not paying employees correctly (Construction, did also mention Home Health and Hospice)
- The different language translations are now online. It is not required to interpret other employment documents into different languages, just the employee notice form. However, if you refer to a CBA or a policy in the employee notice form and the employee selects a different language, you need to translate those documents OR go into detail on the employee notice form to answer those questions and satisfy the requirement.

• For policy brief description, it can be as simple as having the PTO policy title name stating what it is. So instead of Policy #14536 say that it is the PTO Policy. That is enough.

A Day at the Capitol...Part 2

Shannon Demgen and Chad Engstrom testified regarding the Minnesota Wage Theft Law in front of the Senate Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy Committee on February 19th, 2020. The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry testified and shared their efforts to bring Minnesota companies into compliance with the new law. Approximately ten others (including Shannon and Chad) representing companies/organizations testified. Shannon and Chad sat with the Minnesota SHRM Legislative Director, Justin Terch, while we testified so it was great to see many voices representing the Human Resources profession. It was interesting to hear the various feedback and concerns about the law.

Some of the feedback included: Companies understand and agree with the intent of the law that most companies want to be honest, pay employees the wages owed to them for the work they perform, and treat employees well. The committee was encouraged to lessen the administrative burden to employers who are doing the "correct things" and focus on the industries or companies with high percentages of employee theft. The short implementation window and lack of clarity led to an undue burden on Minnesota employers and many feeling they needed to notify all employees of wages and gather signatures. Confusion between best practices stated in the DOLI communication verses what is required under the law. It was clear that employers want to be able to communicate to employees in the manner they find best rather than complete another administratively burdensome form. We also encouraged the committee to consider updating the law to be similar to California Wage Theft in respect to a notice must be provided in the language the employer normally uses to communicate employment-related information to employees.

It will be interesting to see if and what changes are made with this legislative session. We will keep everyone posted and will share more information at the spring conference.

HHRAM Conference and Education Scholarships

HHRAM will provide one HHRAM member with a scholarship to attend the ASHHRA Annual Conference & Exposition, August 22- 25 in Denver, Colorado. Total scholarship award is \$1,500, per individual. Applications are being accepted through April 1, 2020.

HHRAM Conference Scholarship:

HHRAM will provide one HHRAM member with a scholarship to attend the Fall Conference Oct. 7th-9th, 2020 in Duluth, Minnesota. The scholarship package includes one conference registration fee. Applications are being accepted through September 1, 2020.

Education Scholarship:

HHRAM has established a scholarship program to encourage undergraduate and graduate level academic pursuits for a career in healthcare and or healthcare human resources. HHRAM members, HHRAM member's dependent children, employees from a HHRAM member's workplace or current HHRAM members pursuing PHR or SPHR Certification are eligible to apply. This scholarship awards \$1,000 and may be used to pay for tuition, books, supplies, certification test and fees associated with academic pursuits in healthcare and/or healthcare human resources. Applications for the Fall semester are being accepted through July 1, 2020.

Visit the HHRAM website to obtain an application! Please email the HHRAM Scholarship Director, Christina Draper at ChristinaDraper@catholichealth.net if you have any questions.

Gallagher's 2020 Benefits Strategy & Benchmarking Survey



Don't miss your opportunity to complete Gallagher's 2020 Benefits Strategy & Benchmarking Survey.

By participating in this year's survey research, your entire organization gains complimentary access to an unparalleled data set, including:

- 2020 U.S. National Report: See where you stand compared to your competitors to better compete for talent, inspire employee engagement and improve organizational wellbeing at the right cost structure (valued at \$650).
- Best-in-Class Benchmarking Analysis: Learn what top employers are doing differently to build a better workplace and confidently position your organization for success.
- Executive Summary: Quick reference of key insights and implications.
- Participation has never been easier. We're saving you time by pre-populating your survey with your 2019
 responses just verify your answers and respond to a few new questions. This link can be shared with anyone in
 your organization.

COVID-19 is changing the landscape of business and workforce dynamics around the world. The 2020 Benefits Strategy & Benchmarking Survey U.S. National Report will explore the most recent total compensation data through the lens of this global pandemic, to help organizations plan for success in this new environment.

To accommodate any disruption your organization may be experiencing, we have extended the Benefits Strategy & Benchmarking Survey submission deadline to May 1, 2020.

Complete the survey and get the insights you need to confidently navigate unprecedented economic uncertainty. Please be sure to verify all prepopulated data and provide responses for any new questions. Let me know if there is anything I can provide to help.

If you did not receive an email regarding this Benefits Survey and your organization would like to participate, please contact us at HHRAMinc@gmail.com.

ASHHRA Update

By Karen Gillespie, ASHHRA Regional Consultant - Region 6

ASHHRA Membership

The American Society for Health Care Human Resources Administration (ASHHRA) is the nation's only membership organization dedicated to meeting the needs of human resources professionals in health care. Visit ASHHRA.org and click on the link to register or renew your membership today!

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Invest in your future by earning the Certified in Healthcare Human Resources (CHHR) professional designation. Nationally recognized, CHHR is the premier credential based on sound assessment that delivers both internal and external rewards. Visit www.ashhra.org for more information.

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Updates and Resources on Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) from ASHHRA
See the link below for resources and information available on the ASHHRA website regarding COVID-19.
https://www.ashhra.org/updates-and-resources-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-0

Save the Date for #ASHHRA20

ASHHRA 56th Annual Conference & Exposition Registration is available at www.ashhra.org. Aug. 22-25, 2020; Denver, CO; #ASHHRA20



Health Care HR Week



Please share with us how you celebrated Healthcare HR week. Please email your posters and pictures to Shannon Demgen at:
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