



# ACHE of East Texas August 2020 Newsletter

## A Message from Our President



I have lost count...

I bet you have, too.

The number of days we have been dealing with the Covid-19 crisis and the social distancing limitations that have severely hampered our agenda for chapter engagement. It has been a frustrating year for everyone. That said, we are working to serve our members. East Texas ACHE Forum is collaborating with the Dallas-Fort Worth and the Texas Midwest chapters to provide several category 1/Face-to-Face education programs on a virtual basis. You will receive 1.5 hours of credit for each session you attend.

I want to thank Gurinder Singh, our Chair for Education, for collaborating with those chapters and processing the all-important paperwork to ensure you receive these important credits.

We are attempting to organize two more programs for our chapter members since we are aware that several of you are facing a recertification credit crunch. We will keep you informed of our progress. ACHE specifies which programs we can offer under this arrangement.

Meanwhile we continue to monitor Covid-19 infection spread rates in hopes of hosting our annual meeting at the Holly Tree Country Club in Tyler in December. Things are still very dicey but we will let you know within the next 30 days whether this will be possible.

Jean-Paul Puryear is serving as Chair of the Nominating Committee for chapter board positions. Jamie-Crystal Wyle, FACHE, has agreed to serve as a member of this important committee. Thank you both.

There are so many members of our chapter who are working hard to serve our communities as front-line care givers, hospital and supply chain executives, and public health officials. We appreciate and thank each of you for your dedication and service to the residents of the 34 counties of East Texas ACHE Forum.

John G. Self  
President  
East Texas ACHE Forum



# A Message from Our Regent



I hope this message finds each of you safe and secure as we continue to battle the Covid-19 pandemic. Many of you have remained on the front line of this battle and I want to send my deepest appreciation to you and your teams for the continued effort expended in the care of our communities. While we do not know our future we do know we will continue to have many changes and surprises over the next several months. I wish the absolute best for each of you as remain vigilant to the task at hand.

Even as this battle continues, I hope each of you will take some time for yourselves and continue to invest in your career. While we are still unable to have face to face events, we have become very adept at providing educational and networking activities via virtual meetings. Having participated in one recently, I can verify it is a great way to remain connected and still receive needed education and networking opportunities. Please know there will continue to be several opportunities in the very near future so please stay tuned!!!

As soon as we are able, I hope to see each of you in the coming year!!

As always, if I can do anything to help you please do not hesitate to call.

Ken Hutchenrider, FACHE  
ACHE Regent, District 4



The following four multi-chapter events are being offered by the East TX, North TX and TX Midwest ACHE Chapters.

Each of these panels have been approved by ACHE National to qualify for 1.5 Face-to-Face virtual credits.

Please note we are required to restrict these panels to a maximum of 50 participants each – limiting it to 16 per hosting chapter. Please register early to reserve your spot.



**Date:** Thursday, September 17  
**Time:** 10:30am-12pm

**Moderator: Richard G. Greenhill, DHA, PMP, FACHE**  
Asst Program Dir/Assistant Professor  
Dept of Healthcare Management & Leadership

TTUHSC School of Health Professions

**Panelists:**

**Leonard "Lenny" Christo**  
Patient Experience Specialist  
Shannon Health

**Christopher M. Roquemore**  
VP of Operations & Data Management  
Adjunct Professor, Liberty University

**José F Flórez-Arango MD PhD**  
Associate Professor  
College of Medicine, Texas A&M University

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**COVID-19: What We Learned:  
Staffing/People Resources**

**Date:** Thursday, September 17  
**Time:** 12:30-2pm



**Moderator: Victoria O. Sanders, FACHE**  
Senior Vice President of Specialty & Ancillary Operations  
USMD-Optum

**Panelists:**

**Kyle Cavin, FACHE**  
Assistant Administrator  
Patient Services at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children

**Deb Chelette, RN, BSN, MHA**  
Vice President of Operations  
CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances in Tyler, Texas

**Holly Hrabik**  
Director of Operations  
Methodist Medical Group, with Methodist Health System in Dallas



## Sustainability of Healthcare Organizations: A Plan of Action

**Date:** Thursday, September 24

**Time:** 10:30am-12pm

**Moderator: Kevin Barnes**

Director of Finance  
Southwest Transplant Alliance

**Panelists:**

**Christina Haxton**

Founder and CEO  
Center for Sustainable Strategies (CFSS)

**Armida Klute**

Executive Director of Managed Care and Financial Clearance  
Dell Medical School at the University of Texas at Austin

**Ajith Pai, PharmD, FACHE**

President  
Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Cleburne

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## COVID19: What We Learned: Supply Chain

**Date:** Thursday, September 24

**Time:** 12:30-2pm



**Moderator: Patrick Brown**

VP/Chief Operating Officer  
Methodist Mansfield Medical Center

**Panelists:**

**Andy Brailo**

Chief Customer Officer  
Premier, Inc.

**Charles (Charlie) Cobb**

Associate Vice President for Supply Chain Management  
UT Southwestern Medical Center



We are now accepting nomination applications for available seats on the 2021 East Texas ACHE Forum (ACHEETX) Board of Directors. All members of ACHEETX in good standing may nominate themselves or others for consideration by the chapter Nominating Committee. Nominations should be submitted with the candidate's resume and

photo by the deadline of Friday, September 11 to [info@acheetx.org](mailto:info@acheetx.org).

The Nominating Committee is chartered with ensuring our Board is broadly representative of our membership. As such, the Committee is focused on maintaining cultural diversity as well as targeting healthcare executives from all segments of the industry (i.e., payer, acute care and post-acute, consulting, physicians, information technology, architectural design, etc.) as well as engaging the valuable participation of our Life Fellows and Retired members. Additionally, as we evaluate our strategic goals for 2021 and match those with Board competencies, we will also be targeting applicants with interests in serving as liaisons to our various committees.

The Nominating Committee will meet soon after the deadline and will then present their nominations to the Board. The Board will then finalize their recommendations with a ballot to be presented at the ACHEETX general membership meeting later this year.

Should you have any questions about this process, please contact our executive director, John Whittemore at [info@acheetx.org](mailto:info@acheetx.org).

Thank you for your support of our great chapter!

**Download the nomination application [here](#). The submission deadline is Friday, September 11, 2020.**

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