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**EMERGING
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Healthcare continues to change as organizations respond to new technologies, financial pressures, workforce challenges, changing patient expectations, and an increasingly complex policy and regulatory environment.

Leaders at every level are asking important questions about how to strengthen their organizations while continuing to provide high-quality care.

The Healthcare Council's Emerging Healthcare Trends: 2027 Fall Conference brings together executives, clinicians, managers, and healthcare professionals from across the region for a day of discussion

focused on the issues influencing healthcare today and in the years ahead.

This year's conference will explore four areas that are especially relevant to healthcare leaders:

- Transitions of care across the continuum
- Federal and state policy developments
- AI and digital health transformation
- The changing behavioral health landscape and its integration within health systems

Through a featured policy presentation and panel discussions

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Emerging Healthcare Trends: 2027—continued

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with experienced healthcare leaders, attendees will hear different perspectives, learn how organizations are responding to current issues, and gain ideas they can bring back to their own organizations.

Healthcare organizations are balancing the need to adapt and innovate with rising costs, workforce demands, changing regulations, and growing patient and community needs.

At the same time, advances in technology are creating new opportunities to improve care, strengthen operations, and support both patients and providers.

The conference will examine how healthcare organizations are responding to these changes while considering what comes next.

Whether you are responsible for organizational strategy, lead a department or team, participate on a planning committee, or simply want to stay informed about emerging trends, this conference offers an opportunity to learn from experienced leaders, exchange ideas with colleagues across the healthcare continuum, and make valuable professional connections.

Join us this fall as we explore the issues, ideas, and changes shaping healthcare in 2027 and beyond.

Register Today
2027 Fall Conference

Getting to Know WellLink: *Meet More of the Team Behind The Healthcare Council and WellLink*

For 80 years, The Healthcare Council has built its legacy around relationships, collaboration and service to its members. As the organization continues this next chapter as part of WellLink, that history remains an important foundation, now strengthened by the resources, reach and growing national network of the WellLink organization.

In our [spring issue](#), we introduced you to The Healthcare Council and WellLink President and CEO [Brian Lane](#) through a Q&A about his background, his leadership, and what the affiliation with WellLink means for The Healthcare Council members. This summer, we would like to continue the introductions.

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Getting to Know WellLink—continued

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Meet more of the [leadership team](#) who are helping guide The Healthcare Council and WellLink. Some may already be familiar faces, while others are newer to The Healthcare Council community. We wanted to give you a chance to learn a little about who they are, what they do, and what they're looking forward to as our organizations continue building a shared future.

Daniel Lettenberger-Klein **Chief Member & Programming Officer**

If you haven't met [Daniel](#) yet, there's a good chance you will soon. As Chief Member & Programming Officer, Daniel is focused on building relationships with members and creating opportunities for them to connect, learn and collaborate. He's also working to expand what membership offers, including developing new divisional groups and bringing additional federal policy insights and resources to The Healthcare Council members.



Daniel knows healthcare from the inside. Before joining WellLink, he spent more than a decade leading Stella Maris, a nonprofit behavioral health organization in Cleveland, including seven years as CEO. That experience gives him an understanding of the pressures healthcare leaders face and a natural curiosity about what's happening within member organizations.

Since the affiliation, Daniel has been spending time meeting The Healthcare Council members and getting to know the region, while also looking for ways to build on the value the organization already provides. Those conversations help inform new opportunities for members to connect around shared priorities, access timely information and expertise, and get even more from their membership.

"What I've enjoyed most so far is getting to know The Healthcare Council members and hearing directly about the opportunities and challenges they're navigating. There's a tremendous amount of experience and expertise within this membership, and I'm looking forward to spending more time in the region, building relationships, and making sure The Healthcare Council continues to be a place where members can connect, share ideas and find value in being part of this community."

Getting to Know WellLink—continued

Maria Summers **Chief Customer Success & Revenue Officer**

[Maria](#) has been part of WellLink for more than a decade, which means she knows the organization, its members and its resources exceptionally well. Just as importantly, much of her career has been spent listening to healthcare organizations and finding ways to connect them with resources that can make a difference.



Today, Maria oversees WellLink Group Purchasing, which welcomed ShareSource members earlier this year. That transition has also been supported by longtime ShareSource team members Donna Bailey, Jason Hill, Jami Starliper and Teresa Sirbaugh, who are now part of the WellLink GPO team. Their experience, relationships and knowledge of ShareSource have helped provide continuity for members as the organizations have come together.

In partnership with Kathryn Dougherty, Maria also leads WellLink Innovations. Through these two divisions, she works to identify opportunities that can help organizations operate more effectively, reduce costs, and access emerging solutions. Her work is grounded in a simple question: What do members need, and how can we help?

As The Healthcare Council becomes more deeply connected with the broader WellLink organization, Maria is particularly interested in understanding the needs of members and making sure they benefit from the expanded resources now available to them.

"The affiliation gives us an opportunity to bring more of WellLink's resources directly to The Healthcare Council members, and I'm excited about what that can mean for organizations across the region. Whether we're helping members find savings, explore new solutions or connect with expertise from across our broader network, I want them to feel that being part of The Healthcare Council, and now WellLink, too, opens the door to opportunities they can put to work in their organizations."

Getting to Know WellLink—continued

Lesley Forneris **Chief People Officer**

Talk with a group of healthcare leaders for long enough, and the conversation is likely to turn to people. Recruiting and retaining employees, developing leaders, supporting teams through change, and building strong workplace cultures are challenges Lesley has spent her career helping organizations navigate. With more than 20 years of experience in human resources and healthcare, she understands many of the workforce realities The Healthcare Council members are facing every day.



As Chief People Officer, [Lesley](#) leads WellLink's people strategy. Under her leadership, WellLink has earned multiple top workplace and employer recognitions, reflecting the strong culture she has helped build. At the heart of that culture is a belief that people do their best work when they feel valued, supported and connected to one another. That emphasis on people has been especially important as The Healthcare Council and WellLink have come together. Lesley has helped foster that connection across the growing WellLink family while preserving what makes each organization and its people special.

With previous HR leadership experience within healthcare organizations, Lesley also understands many of the workforce realities The Healthcare Council members are navigating every day. That shared experience gives her plenty to talk about with members as she learns more about what leaders across the Mid-Atlantic region are seeing within their own organizations.

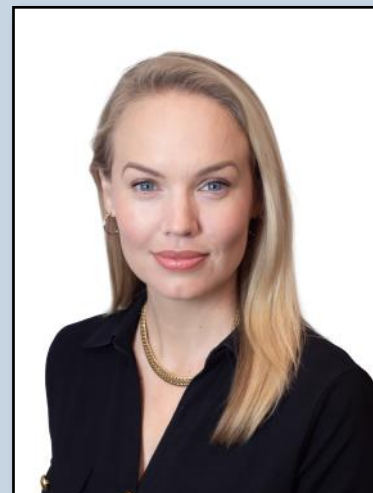
"Healthcare is a people business, and so many of the issues leaders are facing today ultimately come back to their teams. I've spent much of my career in healthcare HR, so I know how complex that work can be. I'm looking forward to connecting with The Healthcare Council members around the workforce issues we share and creating more opportunities for leaders across our network to learn from and support one another."

Getting to Know WellLink—continued

Kathryn Dougherty Chief Growth & Innovation Officer

[Kathryn](#) spends a lot of time thinking about what's next, rooted in an understanding of what healthcare organizations need today and anticipating what they will need tomorrow.

As Chief Growth & Innovation Officer, Kathryn leads WellLink's growth strategy and explores opportunities for new partnerships, acquisitions and investments, and developing new solutions. Her career has touched nearly every part of an organization, from finance and strategy to product development, marketing, sales and operations. That broad perspective helps her look at a challenge from multiple angles and ask where there may be a new or better way forward.



For Kathryn, getting to know The Healthcare Council members is an important part of that work. The challenges members are facing, the opportunities they see, and the ideas that emerge from conversations across the region can all help inform where WellLink and The Healthcare Council focus their attention to best serve members in the future.

"This is an exciting time for The Healthcare Council because we have an opportunity to build on everything that has made the organization valuable to members while also opening up new possibilities through WellLink. I'm excited about what we can create together, from new partnerships and solutions to new ways of connecting organizations and ideas across our growing network."

Getting to Know WellLink—continued

Kerri Scriven **Senior Director, The Healthcare Council**

While some members of the WellLink team are just beginning to get to know The Healthcare Council community, [Kerri Scriven](#) already knows it well.

Since joining The Healthcare Council full time in 2021, she has built relationships across the membership and taken on an expanded role supporting member engagement, governance, programming, and the services and connections members value.



That role has been especially important as The Healthcare Council and WellLink have come together. Throughout the transition, Kerri has remained a familiar presence for members, bringing her knowledge of the organization, its history and the relationships that have shaped it while helping build connections with new colleagues and resources across WellLink.

Kerri's background reflects a career centered on communication and connection. Before joining The Healthcare Council full time, she spent more than a decade living overseas with her family, where she worked remotely as a speech-language pathologist and volunteered as an English language conversation facilitator with international organizations. Those experiences strengthened skills that continue to serve her today: listening closely, building relationships and helping people connect.

"What makes The Healthcare Council special has always been the relationships within this community. I've had the opportunity to get to know so many of our members over the years, and I'm excited to continue building on what they value about The Healthcare Council while connecting them with new people, ideas and resources across WellLink. There's a lot to look forward to as we continue moving forward together."



THE BOARD CORNER

How Boards Should Engage in AI Decision-Making

Artificial intelligence is reshaping healthcare, and hospital boards can no longer afford to sit on the sidelines. In this conversation, Ajay Gupta, board vice chair for Trinity Health Mid-Atlantic, explains how trustees can confidently guide AI adoption while protecting patients and supporting innovation. Learn the key questions every trustee should be asking as AI becomes a critical part of healthcare's future.

[Click here to list to the American Medical Association podcast](#)

Getting to Know WellLink—continued

Continuing the Conversation

Of course, the best way to get to know someone is through a conversation. You will see Daniel, Maria, Lesley and Kathryn at The Healthcare Council meetings, events and other opportunities in the months ahead, and we hope you'll introduce yourself when you do.

We hope to see you at one of our upcoming [divisional meetings](#) and the [annual fall conference](#) on Oct. 22. We also invite you to join us at a virtual [meet and greet](#) on Aug. 24, where you'll have the opportunity to connect directly with the WellLink team.

They want to hear what's happening in your organization, what's important to you, and what you'd like to see from The Healthcare Council.

As WellLink and The Healthcare Council continue building a shared future, those relationships will guide the way forward, preserving the connections and sense of community that have defined The Healthcare Council for generations while creating new opportunities for members through the broader WellLink organization.



Educational EVENTS

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Q3 2026 Divisional Group Meetings

Our divisional groups bring healthcare professionals together to exchange ideas, share best practices, hear from industry experts and build valuable peer connections. Meetings are organized by professional area and are open to all interested professionals, providing opportunities for learning, networking and collaborative discussion.

- **Physician Liaison/Business Dev.:** *Proving ROI* — Aug. 20 | 12–1 p.m.
- **Population Health:** *Preventing Hospital Readmissions* — Aug. 27 | 2–3 p.m.
- **Rehab:** *AI in Rehab: From Innovation to Implementation* — Sept. 2 | 12–1 p.m.
- **Human Resources:** *Bias in Healthcare* — Sept. 9 | 12–1 p.m.
- **Pharmacy:** *Drug Shortage Management* — Sept. 11 | 12–1 p.m.
- **Behavioral Health:** *Workplace Violence Prevention Training at Kennedy Krieger Institute* — Sept. 15 | 9–10 a.m.
- **Supply Chain:** *Supply Chain Disruptions* — Sept. 16 | 12–1 p.m.
- **Quality:** *Workplace Violence Training Program* — Sept. 16 | 2–3 p.m.
- **Patient Experience:** *Trust and Patient Experience* — Sept. 17 | 1–2 p.m.
- **Facilities & Engineering:** *Staffing Challenges* — Sept. 18 | 1–2 p.m.
- **Leadership Book Club:** *When Breath Becomes Air* — Sept. 22 | 7–8:30 p.m.
- **Healthcare Policy:** *Topic TBD* — Sept. 23 | 12–1 p.m.
- **IT:** *Business Continuity and Downtime Preparedness* — Sept. 24 | 10–11 a.m.
- **Volunteer Services:** *Open Forum Discussion: Hot Topics, Continued from Q2* — Sept. 24 | 1–3 p.m.
- **Post-Acute:** *Medicaid Policy Updates and Implications for Healthcare Providers* — Sept. 29 | 12–1 p.m.
- **Young Healthcare Professionals:** *Networking Event* — Sept. 30 | 6–8 p.m.

For complete details and registration information, visit the [Healthcare Council's Q3 2026 Divisional Group Meetings page here](#).

The data you need from the region you serve! The region's only Wage & Salary Survey and Executive/Department Head Salary Survey.

Here are a few takeaways from the 2026 Wage & Salary Survey. One number rarely tells the whole story.

The survey breaks every role out by geography, organization type, and bed capacity — where the real value lies. Retention pressure persists, and the fight has shifted to incentives.

RN turnover averaged ~27%, and recruitment (86%) and sign-on (71%) bonuses are now near-universal — even as budgeted 2026 base-pay increases eased to 2.32%.

AI is still on the sidelines. 83% of organizations report no current use — an early-mover moment.

Please note, the data is reported only where at least three organizations responded; treat narrow cuts as directional and rely on overall and weighted-average figures.

2026 Salary Surveys
Now Available

Dr. Omega Logan Silva Scholarship Fund

In honor of Dr. Omega Logan Silva

The Dr. Omega Logan Silva Scholarship empowers economically disadvantaged women pursuing careers in healthcare. Applications for the 2027 scholarship will open at the end of this year — please help us spread the word to eligible students in our community. We also welcome donations to help expand this impactful opportunity. Learn more about the scholarship and how to give by visiting [here](#).

If you'd like to support this important initiative, you can help by making a donation that will provide needed funding to gifted women pursuing a career in healthcare with limited financial means.

**Scan the QR
code to donate
today!**



2026-2027

Mentorship Applications Closing Soon

The Healthcare Council is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for our 2026-2027 mentorship program. The goal of the program is to connect early to mid-level professionals among our member organizations with leaders who can support career development.

The program will focus on employees who have completed, are currently engaged in or are working towards completing an advanced degree and are looking for advancement within their organization.

The aim of the program is to promote collaboration among healthcare and industry, support career growth, and facilitate retention in healthcare organizations that are experiencing staffing shortages.

We are currently seeking both **mentors** and **mentees** (aligned with areas of interest &/or experience in various healthcare career paths) to take part in this six-month program.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact us at:

thehealthcarecouncil@healthcare-council.org.

We encourage you to share this with your peers and colleagues who may be interested in participating as either a mentee or mentor.

Apply now and complete your application **by Friday, Sept. 11, 2026 to receive full consideration.**

Thank you for your interest—we look forward to reviewing your application.

Please note that mentee acceptance is based on mentor availability and not all applicants may be matched.

All applicants will receive an update in early October.

Click on the registration link below for more details and to see the 2026-2027 Young Health Care Professionals Divisional Group Mentorship Program at a Glance.

Thank you ~ The Healthcare Council

Apply Today



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Join us for our next Leadership Book Club discussion
on "When Breath Becomes Air" by Paul Kalanithi

Open and welcoming space for all healthcare professionals.

Zoom Meeting on September 22 at 7 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

Divisional Group Features: Get Involved

THE POWER OF PARTICIPATION

Our divisional groups are where professionals connect, collaborate, and lead. Through volunteer planning committees and member presenters, professionals bring their organizations' expertise, experiences, challenges, and perspectives to the table...helping shape timely conversations and topics that matter across our healthcare community.

By participating in these groups, professionals have an opportunity to share what they are seeing on the ground, learn how peers are addressing similar challenges, and bring valuable ideas and insights back to their organizations.

Thank you to our member organizations for investing in their people and supporting the leaders who make these opportunities possible. Your commitment creates meaningful opportunities for learning, professional growth, collaboration, and shared problem-solving that strengthen our entire healthcare community.

In this issue, we're highlighting four of The Healthcare Council's divisional groups, along with a preview of a new offering, to provide a glimpse into the conversations and collaboration taking place throughout our member community. Future issues of the quarterly newsletter will continue to spotlight additional groups and the timely topics they are exploring.

If your organization is a member of The Healthcare Council and you aren't yet participating in a divisional group, we encourage you to reach out and discover how you can get involved.

Divisional Group Spotlights



Executive Assistants Divisional Group

ABOUT THE DIVISION

The Executive Assistant Division brings together the professionals who support healthcare leaders across our member organizations. The group provides a trusted space to exchange best practices, share ideas, and build connections with peers who understand the unique demands of supporting healthcare executives.

The division grew from The Healthcare Council's longstanding tradition of recognizing and thanking the executive assistants who have played such an important role in connecting The Healthcare Council with our member organizations and supporting our mission. Today, that tradition continues through our spring and fall appreciation luncheons, the only divisional group of The Healthcare Council to gather twice each year in person for this special purpose.

Executive assistants are often the behind-the-scenes connectors who help build relationships, open doors, and keep collaboration moving. Through this divisional group, they have an opportunity to connect with peers, share their experiences, and strengthen the network that supports healthcare leadership across our region.

VOLUNTEER PLANNING COMMITTEE

These volunteers help identify the issues and challenges affecting executive support professionals and shape conversations that provide practical value to their peers across the membership.

- Co-Chair: Tracie Thomas, Executive Assistant, Office of the President, Howard University Hospital
- Co-Chair: Denny Ventura, Manager Government Affairs Operations & Executive Administrator, Premier
- Angela Cummings, Executive Assistant, Howard University Hospital
- Melissa Bodrick, Executive Assistant to Nathaniel Richardson, Jr., President & CEO | Joel Sandler, SVP & CNO, University of Maryland Capital Region Health
- Josephine Ogbenna, Executive Assistant to Paul Hagens, VP of Human Resources, MedStar Health
- Randi L. Blount, BS HCM, EMT, Executive Assistant, Mary Washington Healthcare

RECENT DISCUSSIONS

- **Q1 Topic:** Prioritizing Wellness Amid the Demands of the Administrative Profession
- **Q2 Meeting:** Executive Assistant Thank You Luncheon

Members Shared Feedback On:

- Strategies for maintaining personal wellness while balancing the demands of a busy administrative role
- Achieving a healthy work-life balance
- Navigating the complexities of scheduling across multiple executive calendars

Member Organization Presenter:

- Angela R. Cummings, Executive Assistant, Howard University Hospital



Human Resources Divisional Group

ABOUT THE DIVISION

The Human Resources Division brings together HR professionals from member organizations to discuss workforce trends, leadership development, employee engagement, and issues impacting today’s healthcare workforce. The division provides a trusted space for peer collaboration and shared learning. The division is led by a team of volunteer professionals representing organizations around the region.

VOLUNTEER HR PLANNING COMMITTEE

Professionals serve on our planning committees to help identify emerging topics, recruit presenters, and foster meaningful conversations among HR professionals across organizational membership.

- Co-Chair: Dione Powell, VP HR Employee & Labor Relations, Johns Hopkins, Talent Acquisition Center of Excellence
- Co-Chair: Lindsey Brown, Assistant Vice President, Human Resources, Chase Brexton Health Care
- Will Raglin, Assistant VP, Human Resources, Adventist HealthCare
- Paula Mejia, Regional HR Director, Asbury Communities
- Stephanie Barnes, Director Human Resources, Sentara Healthcare

RECENT DISCUSSIONS

- **Q1 Topic:** Open Forum: Trends and Hot Topics in Human Resources

Member Organization Presenters:
Planning committee members

Members Shared Feedback On:

- Leveraging artificial intelligence to enhance employee engagement
- Balancing transactional HR responsibilities with strategic leadership
- Finding more time for strategic work amid competing priorities
- Managing organizational change and building a more change-resilient culture
- Delegating and redistributing transactional work
- Addressing employee retention challenges

- **Q2 Topic:** Building a Just Culture

Member Organization Presenter:
Dr. Stephen Jones, Executive Director for Patient Safety & Quality, Johns Hopkins Sibley Hospital

Members Shared Feedback On:

- Helping leadership understand and embrace just culture principles
- Breaking down silos and aligning teams around a shared mission
- Strengthening leader accountability through coaching and timely feedback
- Addressing attendance challenges and employee morale
- Navigating remote work in a healthcare environment



Behavioral Health Divisional Group

ABOUT THE DIVISION

The Behavioral Health Division provides a collaborative forum for professionals to explore behavioral health trends, share innovative approaches, and discuss strategies that improve access, quality, and patient outcomes across our communities.

VOLUNTEER PLANNING COMMITTEE

Planning committee members guide conversations by identifying relevant topics and creating opportunities for professionals to learn from one another.

- Co-Chair: Dr. Melanie Pinkett-Davis, Assistant Vice President, Clinical Services, Kennedy Krieger Institute
- Co-Chair: Jennifer Swenson, Senior Director of Behavioral and Rehabilitative Medicine, VHC Health
- Sarah Frazell, Director, Behavioral Health, Primary Care Coalition
- Joe Petrizzo, Director Behavioral Health Department, Holy Cross Hospital
- Lori Mannino, Maryland Department of Health Operations Discharge, Division Manager of Aftercare and Diversion

RECENT DISCUSSIONS

- **Q1 Topic:** Strategies for Professionals Caring for Themselves While Supporting Others in Times of Stress.

Member Organization Presenter:
Sarah Frazell, LCSW-C, Director of Behavioral Health at Primary Care Coalition

Members Shared Feedback On:

- Supporting employees feeling disheartened by external decisions (funding cuts, more limited resources, inequity)
- Having enough time to respond to situations requiring more urgent responses and allowing time to take care of routine and proactive projects
- Time management for all tasks—having to triage every day
- Generational gaps and supporting newer generations

- **Q2 Topic:** Workplace Violence Training Program

Member Organization Presenter:
Jenni Hanni, MSN, RN, NE-BC, CARN, RN-BC, Patient Care Director

Members Shared Feedback On:

- Addressing staffing challenges and supporting employee well-being
- Helping providers navigate patient misinformation from social media while maintaining trust in treatment recommendations
- Strategies for preventing and responding to workplace violence
- Managing competing priorities while adapting to changing regulations



Allied Health / Post-Acute Divisional Group

ABOUT THE DIVISION

The Post-Acute/Allied Health Division brings together professionals from across the healthcare continuum who work in settings beyond the hospital, including post-acute care, long-term care, rehabilitation, home health and other community-based services. Members exchange ideas, explore emerging issues and share practical solutions to common challenges, while building connections across the diverse organizations that support patients and communities.

VOLUNTEER PLANNING COMMITTEE

These volunteers help shape divisional discussions by identifying timely topics, recruiting presenters, and creating opportunities for peer learning.

- Co-Chair: Marya Sabalbaro, VP, Home Care Services and Business Process, Adventist HealthCare Home Care Services
- Co-Chair: Ann Horton, Area Director, Joint Venture Governance & Strategy, Bayada Home Health Care
- Kelly Miller, Executive Director, Loudoun Volunteer Caregivers
- Blanca Lissette Toso, D.O., Director of Medicine, Unity Health Care
- Divya Goel, Director of Hospital Operations, BridgePoint Healthcare, Post Acute Management Solutions

RECENT DISCUSSIONS

■ **Q1 Topic:** Open Forum: Hot Topics and Challenges

Member Organization Presenters:
Planning committee members

Members Shared Feedback On:

- Changes to Medicaid eligibility and reimbursement
- Unionization and access to care
- Managing increasingly complex patient transitions across the continuum of care
- Adapting to evolving healthcare delivery models amid workforce shortages
- The growing impact of Medicare Advantage

■ **Q2 Topic:** Skilled Nursing Facility Alliance Program

Member Organization Presenter:
Mindy Pierce, Sr. Director Population Health, Primary Care Coalition

Members Shared Feedback On:

- Community outreach strategies and identifying sustainable funding sources
- Reducing avoidable hospitalizations through stronger care coordination
- Supporting patients who choose home health care over skilled nursing or hospice while managing complex medical needs

Divisional Group Features: Get Involved

How to Get Involved with The Healthcare Council's Divisional Groups and Planning Committees

Your organization's membership with The Healthcare Council provides opportunities for professionals at all levels to connect with peers, share expertise, bring real-world challenges to the table, and help shape conversations that matter to the healthcare ecosystem.

We invite you to spread the word and encourage your team to participate in a divisional group, join a planning committee, or share their expertise as a presenter. Together, we can turn individual experiences into collective learning and stronger solutions for our healthcare community.

Interested in getting involved?

Contact us at thehealthcarecouncil@healthcare-council.org to learn more about upcoming meetings, volunteer opportunities, or new divisional groups.

New Emergency Preparedness Division in Development

We are excited to begin developing a new Emergency Preparedness Division to bring together professionals from our member organizations who are responsible for emergency preparedness, response, and continuity planning.

We are currently seeking volunteer planning committee members to help shape this new group. Founding committee members will have an opportunity to identify timely topics, bring real-world challenges to the table, suggest speakers, and help create a valuable forum for collaboration and peer learning. Please reach out to us at thehealthcarecouncil@healthcare-council.org if you would like to participate!

Could Your Organization Benefit from Another Divisional Group?

Our divisional groups are shaped by the needs and interests of our members. If there is a professional area or emerging issue where you would value the opportunity to connect with peers across our membership, we'd love to hear from you.

Interested in helping launch Emergency Preparedness or have an idea for a new divisional group? Let us know!

AREA NEWS

**Mary Ann Riley**

[UPMC Western Maryland Appoints Mary Ann Riley, DO, as Vice President of Medical Affairs](#)

**Carrie Adams**

[Carrie Adams Promoted to President of Meritus Medical Center](#)

**Brian J. Cawley**

[Brian J. Cawley Named New Carroll Hospital President and Chief Operating Officer](#)

**Erica Moncrief**

[Luminis Health Names New CIO](#)

**Nick Mendyka**

[Children's National Names Nicholas "Nick" Mendyka Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer](#)

**Ashish Gupta**

[Bayhealth Partners with Nemours Children's Health to Strengthen Neonatal Care in Delaware](#)

**C. David Minifie**

[ChristianaCare Names C. David Minifie Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer](#)

**Donna Anthony**

[Donna Anthony, MPH, Appointed President of Health Services for Children with Special Needs](#)

**Rick E. Armiger**

[Rick E. Armiger Elected Chair of Univ. of Maryland Golisano Children's Hospital Board of Advisors](#)

**Patrice Harris**

[Nemours Children's Health Appoints Patrice Harris, MD, MA as Executive Vice President and Chief Health Impact Officer](#)

**Michael W. Stein**

[Michael W. Stein Appointed GBMC Hospital EVP and COO](#)

**Erica Schwartz**

[Senate Confirms Dr. Erica Schwartz as CDC Director, Bringing New Leadership to Troubled Agency](#)



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Interested in Joining The Healthcare Council and WellLink?

The Healthcare Council continues to grow its inclusive, broad-based membership to reflect the full spectrum of healthcare providers across the mid-Atlantic region.

Now, as part of WellLink, members gain access to an even greater network of resources, connections and solutions, extending beyond the region to a national community.

The Healthcare Council remains committed to delivering exceptional value by keeping dues affordable while expanding opportunities for engagement, collaboration and growth.

Members benefit from timely communications, professional connections, strategic partnerships, educational programming, surveys and collaborative initiatives, now enhanced by WellLink's integrated capabilities in advocacy, group purchasing and innovation.

To learn more about membership opportunities, please contact us at 301-731-4700 or visit us at: Healthcare-Council.org

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The Healthcare Council Vision:

To meet the healthcare challenges of tomorrow by working together today.

Mission Statement:

The Healthcare Council is a membership organization dedicated to helping members reduce costs, encouraging co-operative working relationships and promoting quality healthcare in our region.

The Council functions as a neutral intermediary to facilitate networking and to provide member driven services.

Purpose:

The Healthcare Council is an organization consisting of hospitals and allied health care facilities, associations and educational institutions located in the Mid-Atlantic region. The purpose of the Council is to provide for members "strategic and business advantages" that no single institution or system can efficiently or economically develop alone.

Divisions of specific activity have been formed to carry on the ever-changing tasks at hand. These divisions develop information and improve performance using cooperative networking meetings, surveys, group discussion, analysis and continuing education programs.

The aim of the Council's wholly-owned subsidiary, ShareSource, is to serve its membership in the promotion of programs and services that will enhance the members' ability to operate their organizations successfully and cost effectively with integrity and competency.

The Healthcare Council is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation.

The Council has opportunities for Associates. For membership information, call 301-731-4700.