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CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

January 1 - March 31, 2023

A Message from Your Chapter President

The first quarter of 2023 has come and gone too quickly! Our chapter has had a busy few months as we plan for the year ahead.

As this year's President some of my goals include facilitating increased member engagement, encouraging greater student membership and encouraging those student members to continue with ACHE of South Florida after graduation. Furthermore, I want to work with the chapter to boost the number of members with Fellowship credentialing. My request to all of you is to give back to your chapter, by fostering collegial interaction and where appropriate offering mentorship to our newest members. Finding ways to give all interested members a "seat at the table" and encouraging greater involvement will grow and strengthen our organization.

On February 28th we had over 250 attendees at our Board Installation Dinner. Congratulations to the 2023 Board of Directors and a special thank you to Shane Strum, President & CEO, Broward Health, and K. Scott Wester, FACHE, President & CEO, Memorial Healthcare System for leading our fireside chat.

We recently held our first education event at Nicklaus Children's Hospital, and it was a terrific program. Panelists shared their knowledge on financing via private equity or alternative funding in healthcare. It was very relevant to today's healthcare landscape. If you were not able to join us in person you have the opportunity to view the lecture on our website at [Event Videos](#).

ACHE Congress was held in March' and I would like to thank those members who attended and presented on behalf of our chapter. You represented us well!

ACHE of South Florida received the Chapter Innovation Grant under the leadership of our Immediate Past President, Oyinkansola "Bukky" Ogunrinde. This grant encourages a focus on growing the membership of C-suite leaders who work in non-hospital settings. Special thank-you to Haroula Norden, FACHE, President-Elect for spearheading this effort and ensuring we fulfilled all requirements for the Chapter Innovation Grant.

I am very honored and excited to have the opportunity to lead our 1,200 members through this year, a year of recovery. I encourage each of you to engage with our chapter and your fellow members throughout the year.

Please reach out to me or any of our Board of Directors at any time.

For the latest news, including upcoming [events](#), member and sponsor spotlights and much more, please bookmark our chapter's [website](#) and follow us on [LinkedIn](#)!

Wishing you all the best!

Jenna Merlucci, FACHE
Chapter President, ACHE of South Florida



About ACHE of South Florida

ACHE of South Florida, known as the South Florida Healthcare Executive Forum (SFHEF) until 2020, is the local chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). Its origins date back to 1972 and serves over one thousand healthcare executives, students, and supporters spanning seven counties throughout southeast Florida, from Monroe to the Treasure Coast.

The mission of ACHE and ACHE of South Florida (ACHE-SFL) is to advance our members and healthcare leadership excellence.



Chapter Highlights

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The 2023 Board of Directors Annual Installation Dinner was held on February 28th at the Signature Grand. Thank you to the 250 attendees who represented more than 60 companies. Please check out photos from this event at [2023 Installation Dinner Pictures](#)

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2023 ACHE OF SOUTH FLORIDA
ANNUAL
Board of Directors
INSTALLATION DINNER

Save the Date
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, 2023 | 5:30-8:30PM

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



SHANE STRUM
PRESIDENT & CEO
BROWARD HEALTH



K. SCOTT WESTER, FACHE
PRESIDENT & CEO
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DAVIE, FL 33317

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 Jenna Merlucci, FACHE President	 Haroula Norden, FACHE President-Elect	 Oyinkansola "Bukky" Ogunrinde Immediate Past President	 Kristen Palanza Treasurer
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Educational Programs

On March 16th, an expert group of panelists from our local healthcare community discussed The Future of Healthcare Financing, Private Equity in Healthcare.

I would like to thank the panelists for their time and dedication to making this event a success and to our hosts Nicklaus Children's Hospital.

If you missed it, you may watch the program [Here](#) and receive FREE Qualified Education Credit. Remember that you must self-report QECs in your ACHE profile.

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THE FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE FINANCING

PRIVATE EQUITY IN HEALTHCARE



MARCH 16



NICKLAUS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
MAIN AUDITORIUM
5100 SW 62nd Ave, Miami, FL 33155



NETWORKING 5:30
PROGRAM 6:30



ANGELO PIROZZI, CPA
Partner & Member for Healthcare Center for
Excellence & Innovation at BDO
MODERATOR



BRAD BOYD
Managing Director,
Management Advisory Services at BDO
PANELIST



JAMES PETKAS
CEO of South Florida
Health, Inc.
PANELIST



LAURIE LEVINE, CPA
Administrative Director of
Corporate Finance at Nicklaus
Children's Health System
PANELIST



**BEN ASSAD MIRZA, ESQ.,
MPHA, CHC**
Founding and Managing Partner
at Healthcare Law Partners, LLC
PANELIST

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[HTTPS://WWW.ACHEOFSOUTHFLORIDA.ORG/EVENTS.PHP](https://www.acheofsouthflorida.org/events.php)

This program has been developed and is presented locally by ACHE of South Florida, an independent chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE).
The American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) has awarded 1.5 ACHE Face-to-Face Education Credits to this program.

Member Updates & Recognition

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New Fellows



FACHE

Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives
The Distinction of Board Certification

ACHE of South Florida celebrates these individuals who recently earned board certification in healthcare management!

Arlen Ross, FACHE

If you are exam-eligible, NOW is a GREAT time to schedule your BOG exam! Submit your advancement application between now and June 30th and, if approved,

ACHE will waive the \$225 Board of Governors Exam fee. Apply [Here](#)

Updated FACHE Continuing Education Requirement for 2024:

Current Requirement, through Dec. 31, 2023

Complete a minimum of 36 continuing education hours over 3 years, including:

- **A minimum of 12** ACHE Face-to-Face hours
- **Up to 24** may be Qualified Education hours

NEW Requirement Beginning Jan. 1, 2024

Complete a minimum of 36 continuing education hours over 3 years, including:

- **A minimum of 12** ACHE In-Person Education hours
 - **12** ACHE Virtual Interactive Education hours
 - **Up to 12** may be Qualifying Education hours
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Message from Your ACHE Regent

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Winter 2023

Dear esteemed healthcare executives,

As we embark on a new year, I wanted to take a moment to discuss with you some of the latest developments in the healthcare industry, specifically related to emerging technologies and artificial intelligence (AI).

As healthcare leaders, it is our responsibility to stay informed and ahead of the curve, which is why I am thrilled to announce that the ACHE Congress on Healthcare Leadership is coming up soon in March. This event offers a unique opportunity for us to gather and learn about the latest trends and best practices in healthcare management, with a good bit of focus on emerging technologies and AI. I highly encourage you to [register for this event](#) if you haven't already.

In addition, I would like to draw your attention to some of the recent issues from the [Journal of Healthcare Management](#), which features several articles on the topic of emerging technologies and AI in healthcare. These articles provide valuable insights into the potential impact of these technologies on our industry, including the use of predictive analytics for patient care and the potential of robotic process automation in healthcare administration.

Furthermore, I would like to highlight a recent article from the [U.S. Government Accountability Office](#) that explores the use of AI in healthcare to improve patient outcomes and reduce costs. As we all know, the cost of healthcare is a major concern for both providers and patients, and the potential for AI to reduce these costs while improving outcomes is a promising development in our industry.

Finally, I would like to touch on the use of emerging technologies such as virtual and augmented reality in healthcare education and training. An article in [HealthLeaders Media](#) discusses the potential of these technologies to enhance education and training for healthcare professionals, ultimately leading to better patient outcomes.

Now, I know some of you may be skeptical of the role that AI and emerging technologies will play in healthcare management, but I assure you that these technologies are here to stay. It is our responsibility as healthcare leaders to embrace these changes and adapt to the evolving landscape of our industry.

In closing, I want to leave you with one final thought. You may have noticed a slight difference in the tone and style of this message, and that's because this message was actually generated by a language model called ChatGPT. Not only was the entire message written by AI, but it also identified and chose which relevant articles to include. While the technology is still evolving, it is clear that AI and natural language processing have the potential to revolutionize the way we communicate and interact with one another.

Thank you for your time and attention, and I look forward to working with all of you as we navigate the exciting and ever-changing world of healthcare management.

Sincerely,



Neil A. Mangus, FACHE
Regent for Florida - Eastern
neil.mangus@orlandohealth.com

Note:

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CONGRATULATIONS *to the 2022 ACHE Regent Award Recipients*



Haroula Norden, FACHE
Senior Level Healthcare
Executive Award



Marla Sanfilippo, FACHE
Mid Level Healthcare
Executive Award



David Duvivier Morpeau
Early Career Healthcare
Executive Award

MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

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JEN CONNELLY-ROSATI, CPA
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
BROWARD HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER

Jen Connelly-Rosati, CPA joined Broward Health Medical Center as its new chief financial officer and became treasurer-elect for ACHE of South Florida.

Connelly-Rosati, who previously worked at Memorial Healthcare System, has spent the past six months getting to know the team at Broward and finding her way through a large onboarding process.

Connelly-Rosati first became involved with ACHE of South Florida when she was asked to speak on a panel. "I had a great time with the other panelists, the moderator and the participants."

"Being able to learn from those around me who have more or different experiences or different perspectives enables me to be a better leader for my organization, team, and myself."

Jen Connelly-Rosati

Broward Health

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Columbia University and NIH trained, Dr. Ochner holds a PhD in clinical psychology, an MS in biostatistics and an MBA with a specialization in healthcare management. His experience includes serving as Division Director of Research for HCA Healthcare, Director and faculty at the Columbia University Medical Center, CEO of a \$45M medical research organization, and CEO of a consulting firm for clinical research and healthcare organizations.

Dr. Ochner reports that Modern Trials was the impetus for seeking Fellowship status with ACHE: "Similar to how the implied credibility of an MD or DO degree facilitates open doc to doc communication, the FACHE credential facilitates healthcare administrator to healthcare administrator communication. Thus, the docs we serve know that the physicians on our team understand their world, while the healthcare organization CEOs we serve know that the CEO of Modern Trails understands the challenges and opportunities they face."

Dr. Ochner is an active member of the South Florida chapter of ACHE and strives to make a substantive contribution to healthcare in the US: "I look forward to giving back to the healthcare community by helping to democratize access to advanced treatment options through Modern Trials and the FACHE credential will undoubtedly help in achieving that goal."



CHRISTOPHER OCHNER
PHD, MBA, FACHE

Thank you to those ACHE of SF members who spoke at 2023 Congress!

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ACHE 2023 CONGRESS on Healthcare Leadership



Why Become/Remain a Member of ACHE?

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Learn more about membership [HERE](#).

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