



**Wichita Business Coalition
on Health Care**

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COALITION NEWS AND VIEWS

From the Executive Director

Dear Coalition Members and Friends,

As we transition the Wichita Business Coalition on Health Care to the Medical Society of Sedgwick County, we have been working on a number of areas to help strategize the future of the Coalition. We have met with existing members who have provided feedback and suggestions about the Coalition. We also recently sent out a **survey** asking for similar feedback. We appreciate all your responses and hope you will continue to provide feedback as we move forward.

The focus of our time the past month has been planning the annual Innovation Summit, which will be held November 1 at the Wichita Advanced Learning Library. I believe we have put together a very interesting agenda. A number of presenters will be physicians from Wichita who are doing innovative things in care, treatment, and

Coming up

7th Annual Innovation Summit

November 1

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Wichita Advanced Learning
Library



payment models.

We also are working on a calendar for 2019 that will identify specific topic areas for shorter presentations (one to two hours). We are restarting a program committee with representatives from our different membership categories. If you would like to be on this committee, please **let me know**.

We also have spoken with a number of coalition leaders throughout the country. It has been a great learning experience and has given us a number of ideas to consider for our future.

As we continue work on the transition to the Medical Society, please know we greatly appreciate your continued support. I believe this move will make for a stronger and more valuable coalition that will help you meet your specific needs.

With gratitude,
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7th Annual Innovation Summit

Registration is now open for our 7th annual **Innovation Summit** on
November 1st!

Join local businesses and health care leaders at this popular and informative event as we learn about the changing health care landscape and share tools and strategies for improving health,

improving care and reducing cost. The Summit will be held at Wichita's new Advanced Learning Library.

The Innovation Summit will focus on local initiatives and trending innovations in health care. This Summit will include local physicians presenting on innovative treatments, delivery and payment designs as well as a number of other speakers sharing innovative changes within the health care market, and initiatives available to employers.

Presentations include:

- Physicians at the Wheel: Doctor-led Health Model Reforms
- Opt-Up for Health: Improving Food Choices
- Telemedicine: Using Technology to Improve Access To Care
- Increasing Transparency and Other Coalition Initiatives
- Innovative Approaches to Patient Care
- Bundling: Can Bundles Lower Your Health Care Costs?
- Legal Updates

This event is \$75 for employees of WBCHC member organizations and WorkWell KS participants. The registration fee for non-members is \$150 (\$100 will be credited to Coalition membership dues for non-members that join by December 31, 2018).

Lunch and beverages will be provided by Reverie Coffee Roasters. CEU's will be available for insurance professionals.

Registration and a light breakfast begin at 8:30 a.m. Program begins at 9:00 a.m. Click [here](#) to register and learn more.

We hope to see you there!

New Faces at WBCHC



We are excited to report that we will have two new faces around the WBCHC!

Matt Thibault, who has been with Health ICT, will be working alongside Shelley Duncan and Phillip Brownlee as a dedicated staff person to support efforts and initiatives of the Coalition.



Mason Rohleder, a student completing his Master's in Public Health from the KU School of Medicine, will be working with us now through December to research best practices of the nation's leading business and health coalitions, as well as initiatives that have shown to be effective in lowering health care costs. This will be extremely valuable as we begin to plan programming for 2019. Resources developed by Mason will be posted to the [WBCHC website](#).

We also want to be sure to we are addressing any issues that are critical to Coalition members. If you have a program, initiative or concept you've wanted to investigate further but haven't had the time, **let us know** and we may be able to research it for you.

Diabetes Prevention Program Makes Great Cents

DIABETES PREVENTION: Good Business Sense

The **National Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP)** is an evidence-based program recognized by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention that aims to prevent individuals with pre-diabetes from developing Type II Diabetes.

The program assists participants with taking control of their health by adopting healthy habits to reduce their risk of diabetes. Research has shown that the DPP can reduce the incidence of Type II Diabetes by nearly 60 percent.

Not only does the program improve the health of those who complete it, but preventing diabetes is also a **significant cost-saver** for employers. Click [here](#) to view a financial analysis, created by Health ICT, on the cost of diabetes in the workplace, as well as the potential savings that could be realized.

There are multiple local Diabetes Prevention Programs in Wichita. A **website** has been created that allows individuals to take a 1-minute test to determine their risk for pre-diabetes, and find information on each DPP in Wichita.

Contact us if you'd like to learn more about the program, or how it can be integrated into your benefit plan!

For more information visit PREVENTDIABETESWICHITA.COM

Small Business Concerned about Health Costs

According to the National Small Business Association's **annual Politics and Small Business Survey**, the #1 issue small business owners discussed with elected officials was health care costs. Forty percent of surveyed owners said they contacted elected officials about controlling health care costs.



Do you have similar concerns in your organization? We are here to help you find creative solutions to lowering health care costs and improving the health of your employees.

Read the entire annual survey [here](#).

Joint-Use Agreements

Do your employees need a nice place to walk during the day, especially when the weather makes it tough to be outside? Well now you can!



Employees of Coalition members are able to walk the gardens of **Botanica** Monday - Friday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. for just \$1 (normally \$7)! This resource is available from March through November, so there's still time to take advantage!

Employees can also visit "The Center" at **Iasis Christian Center**, 1914 E. 11th, to walk their BRAND NEW indoor recreation center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for just \$1! This resource is available all year long.

To take advantage of this resource, simply inform the person at the front desk which company you are with, pay your \$1, and you're all set!

Not a Coalition member? **Contact us** to learn more about the Coalition and all the benefits available to members.

We want to hear from you!

We are currently in the process of planning programming we will offer in 2019, and we want to hear which issues are important to you. Our goal is to offer content and resources that are specific to employers of every size and provide shorter, as well as topic-specific learning opportunities between the annual Health Care Roundtable Conference and Innovation Summit.

Please take this **5-minute survey** to let us know what topics are important to you and what you'd like to see from the Coalition. If you have other thoughts or suggestions, **email** Shelley Duncan.



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