

# **2025 Spring KARQM Conference Bios**

## **Anne Huben-Kearney, BSN, MPA, DFASHRM, CPHRM, CPHQ, CPPS**

Anne, who is an independent Risk and Patient Safety Consultant with extensive risk management, clinical and administrative experience, provides consultation on risk management and patient safety for health care providers, including psychiatry and psychology professionals, as well as health care organizations. She has served in clinical leadership roles, as a director of performance improvement, as a patient safety officer, and as a risk management consultant, vice president and assistant vice president of risk management with medical professional liability insurance companies.

Anne is a Distinguished Fellow in the American Society for Healthcare Risk Management (DFASHRM), is the Faculty Team Lead for the ASHRM Patient Safety Certificate Program, was elected to the 2020-2022 ASHRM Advisory Board and to the 2025-2026 ASHRM Nominating Committee. She is the 2025 Massachusetts Society of Healthcare Risk Management President-Elect.

Anne is a co-author of the three-part ASHRM/American Hospital Association (AHA) White Paper series on *Recognizing and Managing Bias* in healthcare settings and digital technology, co-author of the ASHRM White Paper on *Growing as a Risk Professional: The Importance of Local Chapters*, the editor of the *ASHRM Failure Mode Effect Analysis Playbook*, contributing author to the *ASHRM Obstetrical Risk Management Playbook* and contributing author for the 4th Edition American Health Law Association (AHLA)/ASHRM Enterprise Risk Management for Health Care chapter on *Reducing Enterprise Risk Through Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion*.

Anne, a Certified Professional in Healthcare Risk Management (CPHRM), Healthcare Quality (CPHQ), and Patient Safety (CPPS), speaks on risk management and patient safety topics on state, regional, national and international levels.

## **Geri Schimmel, RN, BSN, MS, CPPS**

### **Patient Safety & Risk Consultant, Strategic Safety Advisors, LLC**

Geri is passionate about Patient Safety. For over 25 years, her professional energy and focus have been on improving the safety of care received by patients as well as ensuring that patients and their families are actively educated and engaged as the central focus of care. Appointed director of a new component Patient Safety Organization (PSO) for a large healthcare organization in 2009, Geri's role was to establish the a new component PSO while growing a Patient Safety Evaluation System (PSES) process under the PSQIA/AHRQ national guidelines and certification. Additional responsibilities included oversight for simulation education and incorporation of that program in the patient safety program. A nurse with over 30 years of clinical and educational experience, Geri is currently sharing her knowledge and experience to

guide and support others as a Patient Safety & Risk professional consultant. Her areas of expertise include higher education curriculum development including train-the-trainer concept development and implementation, facilitation & mentoring, team leadership & collaboration, communication & interprofessional skills & project management – including virtual content. Geri has experience speaking both nationally on patient safety, patient advocacy and risk issues over the course of her career.

As an active member of ASHRM, Geri has been a member of the Patient Safety faculty for over 12 years and become Team Lead in 2017. She is a member of ASHRM's Education and Content Committee and has been a contributor for ASHRM publications including the ASHRM Physician Office Practice Playbook (2015), and a section lead for the Failure Mode and Effects Analysis Playbook (FMEA 2022).

**Amanda Cackler, DNP, RN, CPHQ, CIC**

**Director of Quality, Safety & Infection Prevention & Control, The University of Kansas Health System Kansas City, KS**

Amanda Cackler is the Senior Director of Quality & Safety for The University of Kansas Health System. She has served in a variety of clinical and administrative roles over the past 20 years. Currently, she oversees various quality improvement teams, the Infection Prevention & Control Department, and our Health System Employee & Patient Safety Programs. Amanda has been an active leader in initiatives ranging from sepsis recognition and management, reducing healthcare associated infections, improving patient identification, promoting a culture of safety, and implementation of a Patient Safety Response Team. She has presented at national conferences on topics ranging from reducing preventable patient harm to developing the capacity of frontline teams to improve healthcare delivery.

**Jill Nelson, Maternal and Perinatal Initiatives Consultant KDHE,  
KPQC & KMMRC Coordinator**

Jill Nelson is the Maternal and Perinatal Initiatives Consultant with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). Within this role Jill coordinates and oversees the Kansas Maternal Mortality Review Committee (KMMRC) and the Kansas Perinatal Quality Collaborative (KPQC). 10 years prior to joining KDHE, she helped to build and lead Delivering Change: Healthy Families-Healthy Communities, a Kansas Perinatal Community Collaborative, whose collective impact work decreased infant mortality by over half and improved maternal health outcomes in her community. A SIDS parent, Jill hold a deep passion and interest in improving the health of mothers, infants and families in the state of Kansas.

**Cecilia Sherraden, BSN, RN**  
**Program Manager, Program Manager Risk Management**

Cecilia is the Program Manager over Risk Management for KDHE. Cecilia was previously a Health Facility Surveyor for KDHE from 1997 to 2002. She returned to KDHE as an Assistant Program Manager in 2023 prior to accepting the Program Manager position in August 2023. Cecilia received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Kansas Newman College. Prior to working for KDHE, she was the Regulatory Affairs Program Manager for Centura Health. She has also held the positions of Infection Preventionist, Quality Improvement and Risk Management in the hospital setting. Cecilia is a member of KARQM. Cecilia lives in Garden City with her husband and two fur babies. She enjoys traveling to see the grandkids and great grandkids.

**Clark Shultz, Executive Director Kansas Health Care Stabilization Fund**

Clark Shultz received his MBA from Baker University and was a Lindquist Honors Graduate from Wichita State University. He has served as a State Representative, State Senator, Assistant Insurance Commissioner, and is currently the Executive Director of the Health Care Stabilization Fund.