



Kansas Association of Risk and Quality Management



## **KARQM Spring Conference**

**April 8, 2026**

**8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**Hilton Garden Inn Conference Center**

**3320 S. 9th Street , Salina, KS**

### **Registration:**

**KARQM Members– \$100    Non-Members \$135**

Register at [www.karqm.starchapter.com](http://www.karqm.starchapter.com)

Registration must be received by March 26



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# AGENDA

7:30-8:00	Registration
8:00-8:05	Welcome KARQM President– Michelle Lour
8:05-9:15	<b>AI: What to Know and Be Concerned About</b> Keith Fricke
9:15-9:30	Break
9:30-10:45	<b>Quality in Healthcare Survival</b> Darlene Bainbridge
10:45-12:00	<b>Review of an event, how to do a good investigation, root cause analysis and working together (Risk, Quality, Safety)</b> Panel Discussion
12:00-12:30	<b>Lunch/KDHE update –Cecilia Sherraden</b>
12:30-1:00	District Breakouts
1:00-2:00	<b>Quality in Focus: Reporting That Matters to the Board and Staff</b> Susan Runyan
2:00-2:15	Break
2:15-3:15	<b>Risk Rounds: Legal Insights</b> Anne Kindling
3:15-4:15	<b>RHTP Proposal Update</b> Dr. Moser and Jodi Schmidt
4:15-4:30	Wrap Up/Book Giveaway



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## SPEAKERS

- ◆ Darlene Bainbridge, President and CEO of Strategic Quality Support System (SQSS)
- ◆ Anne Kindling, JD, CPHRM Joseph Hollander & Craft LLC
- ◆ Susan Runyan, Healthworks Consultant
- ◆ Keith Fricke, MBA, CISSP, PMP tw-Security Co-Managing Partner and Director Business Development
- ◆ Dr. Robert Moser MD; Executive Director, Center for Rural Health – Salina; Medical Director, UKHS Care Collaborative
- ◆ Jodi Schmidt, Executive Director, Care Collaborative
- ◆ Cecilia Sherraden BSN, RN, Assistant Program Manager, Risk Management KDHE
- ◆ Panel of Quality and Risk Managers from Kansas hospitals

## OBJECTIVES

1. Recognize that you're not alone with legal aspects of risk management– your colleagues have these same questions!
2. Analyze issues to spot the legal and risk implications and discuss the laws that might impact the responses or outcomes.
3. Recognize AI terminology necessary for context of risks.
4. Articulate risks AI creates for patient care, compliance, privacy, and security.
5. Identify options to address and reduce the risks AI introduces.
6. Understand the initiatives for the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) funding
7. Discuss ways to review an incident and conduct an investigation.
8. Describe ways to conduct a root cause analysis.
9. Discuss the three most important quality-related changes that our hospitals have to embrace if they are going to stop their financial, operational, and reputational stories of decline, and
10. Identify the three most important reasons that today's healthcare providers need to adopt the business practice of managing money and quality like they are two sides of the same coin.
11. Differentiate which quality metrics are most meaningful for Boards versus frontline staff.
12. Translate data into clear, actionable insights that support decision-making and drive improvement.
13. Apply practical strategies to increase staff engagement by connecting metrics to daily work and patient outcomes.



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# Information

## **WHO SHOULD ATTEND**

Risk managers, quality improvement personnel and all related professionals in a health care setting such as nurses, health information management personnel, case managers and health care administrators will benefit from this program.

## **DRESS**

Attire for the conference is business casual. As conference rooms are generally kept at cooler temperatures, please dress accordingly.

## **OVERVIEW**

Intent of this program is to provide risk and quality management and related professionals with essential information to enhance their skills in management of healthcare systems and processes

## **PARTICIPATION**

Participation will be required throughout the program to earn continuing education credits.

## **SPECIAL SERVICES**

The Kansas Association of Risk and Quality Management will take measures as needed to insure no individual with a disability attending the conference is excluded, denied services, or segregated due to absence of auxiliary aids and services. If you need any auxiliary aids or service in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, please contact Shawna Blanka, 785-332-9088.

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

The Kansas Hospital Association is approved as a provider of continuing education by the Kansas State Board of Nursing. This conference is approved for 8.5 hours toward RN and LPN re-licensure. The Kansas State Board of Nursing approved provider number is LT0031-0116. Education Certificates will be available to submit to other organizations for credit.

## **MEDIA RELEASE:**

Photo of the conference participants may be used for publicity purposes. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns