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HLD Alumni Association Board of Directors 2014 - 2015

Announcing the Fall Alumni Meeting!

November HLD Gathering To Focus On:
Resiliency In a Time of Transformation

Mark your calendars and plan to attend a special gathering of HLD alumni on Monday, November 17 in the Portland area. The meeting will take place from 1:00 to 5:00 pm, followed by a reception that will go to 7:00 PM with the Hanley Center Board. The Board's Annual Meeting is 4:00-5:00 pm. The program will feature presentations and interactive sessions designed to help you stay energized and be a positive, visionary leader in today's challenging environment. Keep an eye on your inbox for more details!

Hope to see you November 17!

Alumni Association Update

New Members Elected

The Alumni Association Board of Directors welcomes 10 new members this year. They join 13 returning members from the 7-year span of HLD graduates. The board is looking forward to the innovation and fresh ideas of its new members.

The new board members are:

- Ron Pelton - II
- Cheryl Davis - III
- Sarah Dubay - IV
- Michele McCormick - V
- Rhonda Selvin - V
- Kim Watson - VI
- Donna Guenther - VII
- Kelly Bickmore - VII
- Melissa Caminiti - VII
- Dee Kerry deHaas - VII

HLD I

Kevin Lewis
Peter Sirois

HLD II

Steve Keegan
Ron Pelton

HLD III

Cheryl Davis
Diane Skog
Judiann Smith

HLD IV

Mary Ann Amrich
Sarah Dubay

HLD V

Michele McCormick
Chris Muffett
Lorrie Potvin
Jana Purrell
Rhonda Selvin

HLD VI

Poppy Thacher Arford
Ruth Frydman
Deb Silberstein
Kim Watson

HLD VII

Kelly Bickmore
Melissa Caminiti
Donna Guenther
Dee Kerry deHass

The new board members participated in an orientation webinar on Sept. 11 & 12 with board chair, MaryAnn Amrich. The orientation meetings generated great discussions and suggestions for the board.

Board Retreat Info

The Board will hold its annual retreat on November 17th in conjunction with the annual HLD Alumni Fall Event. Combining the annual events helps reduce the amount of time its members are out of the office.

The board, comprised of representatives from each of HLD's 7 classes, will review their accomplishments and plan projects for the coming year. In the past the board has supported an ongoing newsletter, a Fall and a Spring annual alumni meeting, an annual Pizza Night for the new HLD class and fundraising for an annual HLD Alumni Scholarship. The board is currently working on designing an online HLD Consultancy Network and developing regional HLD meetings.

Good-Bye and Thanks to HLD Alumni Association Board Members!

Eleven members of the HLD Alumni Association Board of Directors stepped down this year. Most of them had served multiple terms - some from the inception of the Alumni Association. The Board is enormously grateful to these members who brought the alumni association from a vague concept to a vibrant organization serving HLD alumni in a variety of ways.

They include:

- Shawn Anderson - I
- Emily Rines - I
- Anita Ruff - I
- Evelyn Kieltyka - II
- Julie Osgood - II
- Valli Geiger - III
- Bob Williams - III
- Arabella Perez - IV
- Dennis Roy - IV
- Kate Chicherster - V
- Brenda Czado - V

Many of these alumni will continue to serve the HLD community in a variety of ways, including development of the HLD Alumni Newsletter and Evelyn Kieltyka's sponsorship with Karen Mosher of the annual Pizza Night for the incoming HLD class.

The retiring HLD Alumni Association board members will be recognized at the annual HLD Fall Event on November 17, 2014.

HLD Consultancy Network Takes Shape

The unveiling of the new HLD Consultancy Network is so close!! Several HLD alum volunteers are testing the system before we go live. This includes submitting mock offerings for the network and Hanley staff developing an easy to use sytem.

Within the next couple of weeks, we will need volunteers to test the system by going into the network and searching for peer offerings. If you are not already one of the volunteers and would like to help, contact [MaryAnn](#). Stay tuned!

Alumni News

HLD I



Congratulations to **Dan Mingle**! His company, [PQRS Solutions](#), continues to grow, becoming the fastest growing registry in Medicare's stable of qualified registries.



Anita Ruff was interviewed on [Good Day Maine](#) to talk about MaineHealth's new patient education [website](#).

HLD III



Congrats to **Don Antonucci**, who recently was named President of Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Washington State. Don was a senior executive at Anthem in Maine before heading to the west coast, where he

headed a large insurer in Oregon.



HLD IV

Terry Danowski was recently promoted to Director of Revenue Cycle Management at Maine Medical Center.

HLD VI



Ruth Frydman is the Chief of Central Maine Mental Health Services, the mental and behavioral health division of Central Maine Medical Group.

Jeff Roosevelt is now the Marketing and Community [Kendal](#) at Hanover.



Director of Relations at



Heather Skolfield, formerly at Mercy Health Systems in Portland, has been named Administrative Director of Surgical Services at MaineGeneral Medical Center.



Congratulations to **Deb Taylor**, who has been named CEO of one of Maine's largest health agencies. Deb has been Sweetser's longtime CFO. She will succeed Carl Pendleton, who is retiring after many years at the organization's helm. Carl was an early supporter of the HLD program.

Taylor, Sweetser, behavioral

HLD VII

Congratulations to **Tom Bartol** for being named Nurse Practitioner of the Year at the National Nurse Practitioners' Conference in Chicago!



Dee deHaas was selected as the Executive Director of the Maine Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Donna Guenther has been appointed to the position of Director of Acute Care Coordination at MidCoast Health Services. She will oversee Case Management Department, Palliative Care and Spiritual Care Services.



Congrats to **Kim Humphrey** who was selected to present at the 6th International Conference on Patient-and Family-Centered Care in Vancouver, BC.



Mary-Rita Reinhard has accepted the position of Chief Operating Officer at Community Concepts, Inc.

Welcome HLD VIII!

The HLD Alumni Association welcomes HLD VIII!

The class, a diverse mix of 33 impressive health and healthcare leaders from across Maine, gathered last week for the opening session at Maple Hill Farm. They're now packing for next month's Outward Bound adventure! Click [here](#) to see a list of HLD VIII. By the way, the new class now brings us to 263 members of the HLD family! Special note to all HLD alumni: the new class will be reaching out to many of you to ask you to serve as Mentors. We urge you to make yourself available to help ensure that new HLD class members are able to benefit from your leadership experience.

A special thanks to **Evelyn Kieltyka** and **Karen Mosher** (II) who hosted their annual pizza party to welcome the new class.

We hope that the members of HLD VIII have a transformative experience, and we look forward to welcoming them to the Alumni Association in May!



Readings on Leadership

Here are our newest recommendation for articles on leadership:

- [8 Qualities that Make Great Bosses Unforgettable](#) by Jeff Haden
- [Organizational Leadership for Building Effective Health Care Teams](#) by Stephen Taplin et al