



News Notes

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Quarterly News & Updates

Thank you to our employer members and associate members for your ongoing engagement. We hope you enjoy this latest e-Version of the LVBCH Quarterly News Notes!

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Welcome Message



Carl Seitz
President, LVBCH

We are coming off a busy and exciting year! We want to thank everyone who was able to participate in the Coalition's 2022 educational programming. We would also like to extend a special thank you to all of our sponsors, exhibitors, speakers, volunteers, and attendees who contributed to the success of these programs. .

We also hope you will join us again in-person in 2023 - we are excited to share the first of the major events we have planned:

- 10th Anniversary Lehigh Healthcare Systems Engineering Symposium
 - Tuesday, February 7
 - At Lehigh University
- 43rd Annual Conference
 - Wednesday, May 17
 - At DeSales University

As we move into 2023, we remain committed to the health and safety of our members, and will continue to offer opportunities to best meet your needs and interests.

Welcome New Members

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to our new Coalition members - We encourage all members to get involved and participate in Coalition activities!

- General Magnaplate
- High Company
- IBEW Local No 743
- PrimeCare Medical
- PA State Employees Credit Union

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LVBCH Updates

LVBCH Board Updates Mission & Vision

LVBCH Vision

To be the recognized leader in improving healthcare in the communities where we live and work.

LVBCH Mission

Provide access to high-quality and cost-effective healthcare through collective employer action, purchasing programs, educational resources, networking and partnerships.

ABOUT LVBCH

Upcoming Events

Register Now

10th Anniversary Healthcare Systems Engineering Symposium

Partnering to Tackle Obesity: How Employers are Rethinking Care, Treatment & Engagement

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

(February 21 - Snow Date)

12:00 - 1:00

Registration, Networking,
Exhibit Hall & Lunch

1:00 - 3:00

Symposium Presentations, Employer
Reactions, Audience Q&A

Lehigh University, Mountain

**Top Campus, Iacocca Hall,
Wood Dining Room**

111 Research Drive, Bethlehem, PA

To learn more and register, visit: hse.lehigh.edu

Presenting Sponsor



10th Anniversary Symposium with Lehigh University Healthcare Systems Engineering

- Tuesday, February 7, 2023
- *Snow Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2023*
- At Lehigh University

REGISTER NOW

MORE INFORMATION & SPEAKER BIOS

COMPLIANCE WEBINAR SERIES #1
Group Health Plan Transparency
In 2023 and Beyond

- Thursday, February 23, 2023
- 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Via Zoom Webinar



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EMPLOYER ONLY EVENT
Health Plan Analytics:
Control Your Biggest Costs

- Wednesday, March 29, 2023
- 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
- At The Glasbern Inn



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NOW

COMPLIANCE WEBINAR SERIES #2
FMLA - The Evolving Landscape
No Signs of Slowing Down

- Thursday, April 20, 2023
- 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Via Zoom Webinar



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NOW

Save-the-Dates

43rd Annual Conference

- Wednesday, May 17, 2023
- At DeSales University

More information about this event and registration coming soon

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Employer Forum



All LVBCH Employer Members are invited to participate in this ongoing peer-to-peer discussion between local employers on the topics most important to you!

Save-the-Date: The next employer forum is scheduled for:

- Thursday, February 16, 2022
- 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
- Via Zoom

For more information or to register please contact Donna Corsi: dmcorsi@lvbch.com.

Recent Events

5th Annual Documentary Screening *with Lehigh University Healthcare Systems Engineering*



- Tuesday, October 5, 2022
- ArtsQuest Theater at SteelStacks, Bethlehem, PA

Thank You Panelists:

- Dr. Reed, St. Luke's University Health Network
- Dr. Brandon, Lehigh University

- Moderated by: Amanda Greene, LVBCH

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National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions (NAHPC) Updates



LVBCH partners with the National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions to drive innovation, health, and value through the collective action of public and private purchasers. Together, both organizations seek to accelerate the nation's progress toward safe, efficient, high-quality healthcare and the improved status of the American population.

MENTAL HEALTH GRANT

LVBCH Convenes Employer Roundtable

The Lehigh Valley Business Coalition on Healthcare (LVBCH) was selected as one of three organizations to receive a grant through the National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions related to mental health and major depressive disorder, a top priority for many employers.

As part of this grant opportunity, LVBCH convened a roundtable of local employer members. The goal of the roundtable was to identify employer priorities and directions related to mental health, post-COVID, and determine what drives value for employers in supporting the mental health of

their workforce.

The roundtable, which was held virtually on November 17, 2022, 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., included LVBCH employer members of various sizes and representing diverse industries. The discussion provided an opportunity for employer members to share their thoughts and needs. A report summarizing results and next steps from the national roundtables is expected in 2023.

Thank you to all LVBCH employer members who participated in this opportunity!

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Leapfrog Updates



LVBCH continues to develop its relationship with the Leapfrog Group, serving as a Regional Leader. In this role, LVBCH invites and encourages hospitals across Pennsylvania to complete the annual Hospital Survey that assesses hospital safety, quality, and efficiency based on national performance measures.

Marking the 10th Anniversary: Fall 2022 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades for Pennsylvania Announced

Marking the tenth anniversary of the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, the Leapfrog Group, an independent national watchdog organization representing the nation's most influential employers and purchasers of health care, driven in Pennsylvania by the Lehigh Valley Business Coalition on Healthcare (LVBCH), announced the fall 2022 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades.

The Leapfrog Group has a 10-year history of assigning letter grades to general hospitals throughout the United States, based on a hospital's ability to prevent medical errors and harm to patients. The grading system is peer-reviewed, fully transparent, and free to the public. Hospital Safety Grade results are based on more than 30 national performance measures and are updated each fall and spring.

The independent grading system assigns an "A," "B," "C," "D," or "F" grade to all general hospitals across the U.S. based on over 30 national performance measures reflecting errors, accidents, injuries, and infections, as well as systems hospitals have in place to prevent harm. LVBCH is your Regional Leader for The Leapfrog Group in Pennsylvania.

In Pennsylvania, 132 hospitals were graded, and 54 earned an "A," 43 earned a "B," 33 earned a "C," 2 earned a "D," and none earned an "F." Overall, Pennsylvania has 40.9% "A" Hospitals and ranks 9th in the Nation.

LVBCH would like to recognize our local hospital systems and their campuses that received an "A" including: Geisinger's Bloomsburg, Lewistown, and St. Luke's campuses; Lehigh Valley Health Network's Pocono campus; and St. Luke's University Health Network's Allentown, Anderson, Bethlehem, Easton, Miners, Monroe, Sacred Heart, and Upper Bucks campuses.

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Pennsylvania's Hospitals and Surgery Center

Awards National Distinction by Leapfrog Group

The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit watchdog organization that rates hospitals on how well they protect patients from errors and infections, as well as the effectiveness of procedures and other care they provide, announced today five hospitals and one ambulatory surgery center (ASC) in Pennsylvania that have been named to its 2022 national lists of Top Hospitals and Top Ambulatory Surgery Centers. The winning hospital and ASC facilities will be officially recognized today as part of Leapfrog's 2022 Annual Meeting & Awards Dinner.

Lehigh Valley hospitals, St. Luke's Hospital Allentown Campus and St. Luke's Hospital Anderson Campus, were both awarded Top 2022 Small Teaching Hospitals. UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh – Top 2022 Children's Hospital, WellSpan Gettysburg Hospital – Top 2022 General Hospital, and Einstein Medical Center Montgomery – Top 2022 Small Teaching Hospital also received awards. The elite award is one of the most competitive honors American hospitals can receive in safety and quality.

St. Luke's Endoscopy Center – Buxmont was the only facility in Pennsylvania to be awarded a Top ASC award. The highly competitive award honors an elite selection of 12 ASCs across the country for their commitment to patient safety and quality, including error prevention, safe staffing, patient experience, hand hygiene, and surgical checklist protocols.

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Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council (PHC4) Updates



PHC4 was formed to address rapidly growing health care costs and to contain costs by stimulating competition in the health care market by giving comparative information about the most efficient and effective health care providers and identifying opportunities to contain costs and improve the quality of care they deliver.

Hospital Performance Report

Annual Report on Hospital Performance Shows Improvement in Readmission Rates but Increasing Mortality Rates

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Holiday Greetings & Guest Articles



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the holidays and into
the new year.



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Our affiliation with these national organizations is a value-added benefit for our members.



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