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Chair Elect Platform 2017

I want to thank all of you for the time this morning to present my platform for the Chair-Elect position for AHRMM. It is an honor to serve as a Board member and to work with other Supply Chain leaders with a passion to advance the Supply Chain within healthcare. I also want to thank the AHRMM staff for their dedication, hard work, and support of the organization and contribution to its success. They are instrumental to AHRMM's success, often operating very quietly in the background.

I have been a Supply Chain Leader in Healthcare for over 25 years, a member of AHRMM for over 20 of them. I have worked in faith based, for profit, not for profit, and academic facilities, as an affiliate, and again as a provider, the area for which I have the greatest passion. I have attended conferences, been a member of ad hoc committees, participated as a member of the Conference Education Committee, and am honored to be chair of this year's conference education committee helping assemble over 50 education sessions including for the first time sessions dedicated to help suppliers understand CQO and a forum to engage those new to the profession. AHRMM has continually ensured that the membership is well educated to be successful in the then current environment, while also preparing them for the future. I am proud to be part of this and fortunate to have the opportunities that I have had to participate.

As Board members leading this organization I think it is incumbent upon us to ask the question, 'are we focused on the issues that are the most important and have the greatest impact to the organization?' What I will talk about are those things that I feel are just that.

Collaboration

The best healthcare is a collaborative effort between physicians, nurses and support staff working together to meet the diverse needs of the patient and provide holistic care. This type of collaboration encourages diverse perspectives to ensure that we consider multiple perspectives. This same concept applies to Supply Chain. We need to not only grow relationships with those organizations that we have historically worked with like HIMSS and other administrative organizations like HFMA and ACHE, but also continue the work started by Jimmy to reach out to clinical organizations like the American College of Surgeons and AORN. We need to advance the collaboration with ISM in a way that does not diminish AHRMM as the leading organization for healthcare Supply Chain, but elevates the healthcare supply chain with other industries. We need to tighten relationships internally with AHA, working collectively to achieve the Triple Aim by leveraging Supply Chain's expertise in cost management and process improvement.

Value Based Care

CQO continues to be a strategic response to Value Based care, not only within supply chain but beyond as well. The linkage between CQO and the Triple Aim is clear and demonstrates how Supply Chain, including our provider partners, is an integral and strategic component of the delivery of cost-effective,

high-quality healthcare. We must continue to educate the membership as to how to operate and thrive in this new environment where cost is not the singular focus by sharing information through white papers, encouraging and sponsoring WebEx presentations spotlighting others success, demonstration projects, and through the creation of toolkits to provide structure to our Supply Chain leaders. We need to continue to collaborate with GS1, advocating the adoption of data standards, and sharing the results of the Learning UDI Community and the impact to care.

Education and Development

Development is one of AHRMM's core strategies and the cornerstone of the organization. We have multiple venues for the education of our changing membership including the Annual Conference, local chapter events, WebEx presentations, and resources published on the AHRMM website. We need to continue to build and enhance these resources and encourage the membership to act as a community, teaching and learning from each other. The collective intellectual capital of the membership provides the greatest pool of information and knowledge, we have to leverage this community and share this collective knowledge. We need to continue the work started by Darcy and Deborah to improve and formalize the Board Orientation to ensure that we are educating ourselves to be effective leaders and remain a learning organization. I also think we need to consider the strategic agenda presented by Glenn Tecker at our last meeting as it helps ensure that we use our time together to the fullest.

Next Gen Task Force

The Next Gen Taskforce, developed from the Academic taskforce, is key to attracting talent into the healthcare supply chain. Collaborating with academic institutions, designing programs and training, and creating career onramps to attract younger people into the supply chain is critical. Collaborating with academic institutions creates the opportunity to develop a formal academic curriculum to train a new generation of Supply Chain leaders in addition to the model on which we have traditionally relied of shared experiences and success. We also need to map out non-traditional career paths that appeal to the learning and growth preferences of younger generations. With this, we need to continue to look at new and relevant certifications to ensure that the incoming leaders are able to succeed in this Value Based Purchasing environment

Chapters

Learning is a personal and local process. We need to continue to grow and support the network of chapters to take AHRMM closer to the members and provide greater opportunity for personal development. A focused effort to strengthen our chapters, and plant new chapters where ones do not exist, will provide more opportunity to grow the membership and develop their skills and abilities. This local presence will also strengthen the organization as a whole by attracting more ideas, thought leaders, and influence within the industry. I believe that a greater chapter presence will also support the efforts of the Next Gen taskforce, allowing more people, and those earlier in their career, to enter the healthcare supply chain with a simpler level of commitment and can serve as a development path for growth.

Senior leader engagement

We do not have good representation within AHRMM of the most senior Supply Chain leaders. These executives at the premier institutions frequently do not look to AHRMM as their destination for education and development. These same senior leaders are the ones that have the greatest to offer to the organization and membership in return. We have to develop unique opportunities to attract these most senior leaders in a way that they not only benefit from a relationship with AHRMM but also have an opportunity to give back to the industry in which they have realized great success. We should reach out to these individuals through our informal channels, engage in a meaningful dialogue as to how they view AHRMM, what value they would like to receive from participation, and how they feel that they could give back based on their success.

My entire professional career has been in healthcare, almost all of it dedicated to Supply Chain. My passion has led me back to being a provider to continue this great work. I am excited about the opportunity to be able to contribute to AHRMM in such a meaningful way, help the organization to continue to improve, and serve the membership.

I ask again, are we focused on those things that are the most important and impactful? I believe that what I have presented are those things that warrant the greatest commitment from us as a leadership team.

Thank you for your time this morning, I appreciate your consideration.