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Let's Connect: SFHEF Spotlight

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As the healthcare industry evolves, the South Florida Healthcare Executive Forum, the local chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives, continually strives to improve healthcare delivery by providing opportunities for the professional development of our members.

As a board member, serving as Treasurer, my goal is to make sure the Forum remains fiscally viable so we can continually provide a full lineup of events each year. We host educational events throughout the year such as our October event *Accountability for the Care We Provide*. This event, held at Memorial Regional Hospital facilitated a panel discussion where executives from three prominent ACO's discussed current issues facing their industry. In September we held an event titled *Diversity in Healthcare Management: Value Added Business Sense* at Kendall Regional Medical Center where panelists' discussed the important current topic of diversity in the healthcare industry.

We also hold numerous networking events during the year such as our July event in Fort Lauderdale held jointly with two other health care industry organizations (Women's Healthcare Executive Network and the National Association of Health Service Executives). The event had attendance of over one hundred healthcare professionals giving our members the opportunity to network with professionals from other organizations. We also host an Annual Installation Dinner each December where we honor a community healthcare leader and introduce our incoming Board members.

The Forum funds annual scholarships for healthcare management students, one each for an undergraduate and graduate student. In addition, we hold an annual Student Case Competition where local college student teams are challenged to evaluate a case study and present solutions to solve the business situation provided. The presenting students are judged by local senior healthcare executives and a financial award is granted to the winning schools.

The Forum has a robust schedule of educational and networking events, with activities offered each month of the year. The Forum is managed by a committed Board of Directors comprised of local healthcare industry professionals. As a Forum member, I have made lifelong friends, met influential industry executives, learned new skills attending educational events and enjoyed networking at the numerous social events.

I invite you to join me as a Forum member and to get involved with this leading healthcare organization.

Until next time, I'm Jeff Kramer ... *Let's Connect!*

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