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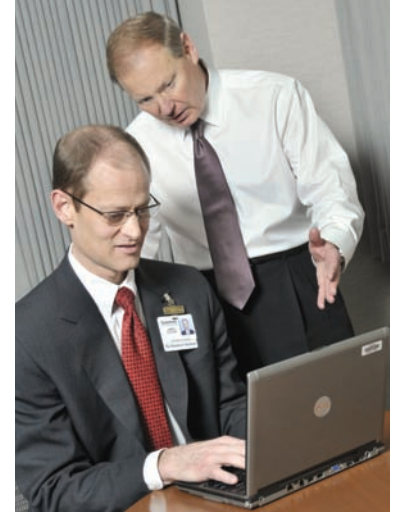
by *Gene Michalski, Executive Vice President
and Chief Operating Officer, Beaumont Hospital*

MHEGA in 2007 demonstrated many accomplishments as a result of the support and dedication of our leadership and members. Educational sessions, support to our student members, which included a golf outing for student scholarships and mentoring programs, are among last year's successes. These activities helped us to earn ACHE's Award of Chapter Merit in 2007.

January, 2008 was the start of a new programmatic year with our new board leadership and committee chairpersons. Together we have begun to review the activities and educational programs that have made MHEGA such a strong chapter and to chart our future course. We are launching these initiatives:

- *Surveying members for their perspectives on our opportunities for improvement and to solicit new ideas to secure our future success*
- *Strengthening our committee structure through broader participation*

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Jim Gilson, new MHEGA member, works with Gene Michalski, MHEGA president (right) on the MHEGA website.

Michigan Healthcare Executives Group Welcomes New Leaders

Beaumont Hospitals' Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Gene Michalski has been elected as the new president of the Michigan Healthcare Executives Group and Associates. "I'm excited to take on my new responsibilities as president," said Michalski. "With strong leadership, MHEGA has seen exceptional membership growth in the last years. We will continue that trend by setting forth our goals and objectives to support the mission of MHEGA and the American College of Health Executives (ACHE)."



Joe Tasse, ACHE Regent

Michalski has nearly 30 years experience in various health care leadership roles. Since June 2006, he has served as chief operating officer for Beaumont Hospitals, a three-hospital regional health care provider with numerous community-based centers, five nursing centers, a research institute, home care services, and a hospice. Michalski is a diplomate of ACHE, presiding over its Regent's Advisory Council for Michigan.

Joe Tasse, president of St. John-Macomb Hospital, has been appointed as the sole regent for the State of Michigan for ACHE. Tasse's appointment, to a position previously shared by two individuals, becomes effective in March at the ACHE Congress in Chicago. Tasse is a past-president of MHEGA who has served on ACHE's Executive Committee of the Regent's Advisory Council. Last year, he was the recipient of the ACHE Regent's Award and is well-known and respected among health care executives in Southeast Michigan.

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- Growing membership with an emphasis on ACHE members in Michigan and Ohio
- Reviewing program offerings, focusing on their value to senior leaders as well as early careerists
- Enhancing our MHEGA communications and website
- Seeking opportunities for members to expand their professional network and range of interpersonal contacts through job shadow days, professional development programs and our golf outing
- Improving our membership satisfaction score from previous years in order to achieve a chapter merit award in 2008

I look forward to working with our new officers, board and committee members, and welcome all of our new members. The MHEGA leadership team hopes to meet each of you at one of our upcoming programs – “Re-inventing Customer Service in Health Care” in February, our Executive Insight Series on April 17, or our May program, “Practical Leadership Strategies in an Age of Change.” I am excited about our opportunities for expansion and enhanced professional development for health care leadership in the region and appreciate your participation in ACHE and MHEGA in furthering our goals.

MHEGA Earns ACHE's Award of Chapter Merit

Thomas C. Dolan, PhD, FACHE, CAE, president and chief executive officer of ACHE, has announced that MHEGA has received ACHE's Award of Chapter Merit for achieving one of three award performance standards during 2007. MHEGA, as well as other winning chapters, will be highlighted and recognized for their achievements on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 during the annual Congress of Healthcare Leadership in Chicago. MHEGA will receive a certificate in recognition of this honor during the Chapter Leaders Reception, also on March 11.

ACHE Membership Carries Privileges – MHEGA Membership

Did you know that local dues are no longer necessary as a result of the new ACHE “Combined Membership Structure” policy? Effective January 1, 2008, all ACHE affiliates within the assigned geographical region (8 SE Michigan counties and 16 NW Ohio counties) of the Michigan Healthcare Executive Group and Associates (MHEGA) are MHEGA members. ACHE members in SE Michigan and NW Ohio are automatically MHEGA members.

We hope MHEGA associates who are not currently active ACHE members will join ACHE. Please visit the ACHE website for membership details at www.ache.org. Also, note that

non-members remain welcome to register for and attend MHEGA programs.

We would like to welcome all ACHE affiliates to MHEGA. If you haven't participated locally, we invite you to attend the MHEGA sponsored programs and events. MHEGA strives to enhance a sense of healthcare leadership community by addressing our members' professional, educational and leadership needs. A variety of activities are being planned to deliver value and benefits to members:

- Educational programs
- Networking
- Advancement seminars
- Early careerist conference

- Student mentoring
- Legislative update
- Job announcements
- Golf outing

The MHEGA Board will conduct a planning process to review our objectives, programs and performance. This process will include a survey of new and current members to align your interests with our resources. Your feedback is very important as MHEGA strives to deliver value-added programs to our membership. We thank you in advance for your suggestions and time.

Thank you,

John Green
MHEGA Membership Council Chair

New MHEGA Board Assumes Leadership for 2008

We welcome Michigan Healthcare Executive Group & Associates new and returning Board members:

- Anthony Armada, President & CEO, Henry Ford Hospital

Communications Chair:

- Marie Baloga, System Administrative Director for Service Excellence, Beaumont Hospitals

Recent Graduate Representative:

- Mason Dixon, Business Manager, Cardiology, St. John Hospital and Medical Center
- Steven Faine, Administrator, Professional and Support Services, Botsford General Hospital
- John W. Fick, President, John W. Fick and Associates, Inc.
- James Fitzgerald, Executive in Residence, University of Michigan
- Leslie Fleming, Director, Marketing/Public Relations, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital

Membership & Golf Chair:

- John E. Green, Jr., President/Partner, The Aegis Group Consultants

Career Development Chair:

- Ellie Heinrich, President, Heinrich, Casey & Associates
- Peter Karadjoff, President & Chief Executive Officer, Mercy Hospital-Port Huron
- Jean Ann Larson, Chief Learning Officer, Beaumont Hospital
- Andre L. Lee, President & CEO, Leeway, LLC

Program Chair:

- Brian Madison, Vice President, HC Solutions

President:

- Eugene Michalski, Executive Vice President & COO, William Beaumont Hospitals
- Robert Milewski, Senior Vice President, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan
- Susan d'Olive Mozena

Student Activities Chair:

- Mary S. O'Shaughnessey, Chair, Assistant Professor, Health Services Administration, University of Detroit Mercy

By-Laws Chair:

- Donald P. Potter, President, The Potter Group
- Andrea R. Price, Executive Vice President and COO, Sparrow Hospital & Health System
- Terry Reiley, President, Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan and Michigan Orthopaedic Specialty Hospital

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 21, 2008

Re-inventing Customer Service in Health Care
Embassy Suites Hotel Detroit – Southfield

MHEGA's first meeting of 2008 features guest presenters Gerard van Grinsven, president of Henry Ford-West Bloomfield, and Ann Lofgren of Zingtrain Consulting. Rob Casalou, president of Providence Park Hospital, will moderate this educational presentation which provides 1 CAT-1 Credit. The Embassy Suites is located at 28100 Franklin Road and a map is available on their website, www.embassysuites.com.

April 17, 2008

Executive Insight Series
Providence Hospital Auditorium

Presenter: Patricia Maryland,
CEO of St. John Health System

May 1, 2008

Practical Leadership Strategies in an Age of Change
MSU University Club, Lansing, Michigan

Seminar leader: Carson F. Dye, FACHE
Attendees will receive 6 Category I AACHE credits.

For registration information, please call (586) 218-4442

President-Elect:

- Willaim Scheuber, Administrator, Professional and Support Services, Botsford General Hospital

Treasurer/Secretary:

- Stanley D. Sleight, Partner, Accenture
- Michael A. Slubowski, Executive Vice President – Eastern Division, Trinity Health

Regent:

- Joseph M. Tasse, President, St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital
- Luanne Thomas-Ewald, Vice President, Business Development, Detroit Medical Center
- Steve Velick, Consultant, ASI Consulting, LLC

Past-President:

- Robert J. Yellan, President, Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital
- Richard T. Young, Chief Operating Officer, Henry Ford-Kingswood Hospital

Secretary for the MHEGA Board:

- Deb Ellis, Secretary, MHEGA

Students Learn about the Life of Health Care Executives During Job Shadow Week

Thirty-three MESA students from Sienna Heights, the University of Detroit Mercy and the University of Michigan participated in the 2008 job shadow week held February 4-8. Individual students were matched with a wide range of health care executives including CEOs, vice presidents, directors, strategic planning coordinators, and attorneys. The students accompanied the executives during a typical work day to gain a better understanding of their administrative duties. For the executives, the job shadow day provided an opportunity to learn about issues of interest to students.

MHEGA is grateful to the members from these organizations who participated in the job shadow day:

- Alliance Mobile Health & OHA
- Beaumont Hospitals
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan
- Botsford General Hospital and Health Care Continuum
- Crittenton Hospital Medical Center
- Detroit Medical Center: Children's Hospital of Michigan, Harper University Hospital, Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan
- Hall Render Killian Heath & Lyman
- Henry Ford Hospital and Health Network and Henry Ford Bi-County Hospital
- HHA Services
- Hospice of Michigan
- Hurley Medical Center
- Mercy Hospital-Port Huron
- Sparrow Hospital and Health System
- St. John Health System: St. John Macomb Hospital and St. John Hospital Foundation
- St. Joseph Mercy Oakland
- University of Michigan Health System
- Total Health Care, Inc.
- Trinity Health



About Michigan Healthcare Executive Group and Associates (MHEGA)

MHEGA provides a local forum for the open exchange of information and viewpoints. In doing so, we help enhance the decision-making expertise and professional growth of the professionals with a major responsibility for healthcare management in southeastern Michigan – all while promoting the mission of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE).

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