

Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy Great Plains Affiliate

Newsletter

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Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Great Plains Affiliate (GPA) of the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy Newsletter (AMCP). The Great Plains Affiliate was formed in October of 2019 to serve the local members of AMCP in the states of Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, and North Dakota. The GPA will provide two-way communications with AMCP, will provide information and publications that promote the profession of managed care pharmacy, offer opportunities for live and virtual accredited continuing education (CE) and support the advocacy activities of AMCP.

Important Links:

AMCP GPA website: www.amcp.org/great-plains-amcp

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Meet Your Great Plains Leadership Team

President



Jim Baumann, R.Ph. is a Regional Account Director for Pfizer. Jim is active within the profession of Pharmacy being on the Board of the Kansas Pharmacy Foundation, a past president of Kansas Pharmacists Association, and on the Dean's Advisory Council at the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy. He and his wife Kathy, also a pharmacist, live in Overland Park, KS.

President-Elect



Jeff Huether, PharmD is a pharmacist with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska (BCBSNE) where he is the Director of Pharmacy. Jeff joined BCBSNE in 2007 after graduating from the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) and completed a one-year Managed Care Pharmacy residency. Jeff is an AMCP Diplomat for the UNMC College of Pharmacy. Jeff lives in Omaha, NE, with his wife and 3 children.

Secretary



Ken Mishler, PharmD, MBA is the Chief Pharmacist at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas. He graduated from the University of Kansas with BS and Doctor of Pharmacy degrees. He has an MBA from the Baker University of Graduate Studies. He has been active the Kansas Academy of Health-Systems Pharmacy and served in various leadership positions including president. Ken resides in Lawrence, KS with his wife Debbie, also a pharmacist, and has three grown children.

Treasurer



Tami Sova is a pharmacist with over nineteen years of healthcare experience including fourteen years in the pharmaceutical industry in both commercial and medical affairs. She holds a Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from the University of Nebraska and completed a Post-Doctoral Fellowship with Rutgers University. She has worked as a Marketing Product Manager, Medical Science Liaison, and in her current role for three years working as a Medical Value Liaison. Tami lives in Omaha, NE with her husband and 3 kids..

Upcoming CE – June 9, 2020 6:00 PM Central Time

GPA is sponsoring a live continuing medical education for pharmacists, physicians, nurses and advanced practitioners via web cast. Jorge Mera, MD and Melissa Badowski PharmD will discuss novel therapeutic approaches in HIV that are poised to shift HIV treatment decision making. Learn strategies for aligning your organization with evidence and guideline updates and hear the most recent updates from major HIV conferences.

This activity is provided free of charge by PRIME Education through an educational grant provided by ViiV Healthcare.



*****REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT AT: [LiveCME.org/GreatPlains](https://livecme.org/GreatPlains)**

Save the Date – AMCP Great Plains Affiliate Education Day **September 10-11, 2020**

Kansas City, the City of Fountains and the home of the Super Bowl Champion Kansas City Chiefs, will be the site of the first GPA Education Day. Plans are still in the works but here are some of the highlights that you can expect.

- Thursday evening kickoff social event and mixer at an exciting Kansas City meeting venue. We did not have the opportunity to mix and mingle with our fellow GPA members at the AMCP Annual Meeting in Houston, SO COME TO KANSAS CITY.... KANSAS CITY HEAR I COME...!!!
- Friday September 11 will be a full day of live CE programs with planned topic that include lessons learned from COVID-19 experience, gene therapies, and value driven pharmacist services.
- Kansas City has a lot to offer for fun for the whole family. So come and make a weekend of it!
- More details to follow very soon so SAVE THE DATE!

