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SC CHAPTER OF AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HEALTHCARE RISK MANAGEMENT +HEALTHCARE QUALITY

SC ASHRM + AHQ Webinar Agenda
March 24, 2023 – 9:00 am – 11:30 am

Target Audience

Risk Managers	Physician Leaders
In House Council	Human Resources
Defense Attorneys	Physician Office Managers
Patient Safety Officers	Safety Officers
Quality Directors & Managers	Compliance Officers
Nurse Leaders	Health System Pharmacists

Agenda

9:00 am	Workplace Violence John Williams, Director Disaster Preparedness, SCHA, & Patrick Devlin, Director of Safety, Security and Emergency Management Tideland Health This session will focus on: Awareness and operational processes
9:30 am	Legislative Update Edward Bender, General Counsel & Executive Director Regulatory Affairs, SCHA This session will focus on: Legislative best practices & standards Current & proposed SC legislation as it relates to quality & risk management
10:00	Nuclear Verdicts in South Carolina? There soon may be an "occurrence" or two...or twelve...in the near future.

David Williford, Esq., Partner, Huff, Powell, & Bailey

This session will focus on:

Nuclear verdicts - and, consequently, settlements - are on the rise in other states, based on a variety of factors including the erosion of tort reform protections. In South Carolina, the primary avenue through which large verdicts and settlements are being pursued is the "occurrence" doctrine. Current efforts among the plaintiffs' bar to allege multiple occurrences in their Complaints and to request jury determinations of multiple occurrences on verdict forms, coupled with efforts within the South Carolina Legislature to change the definition of "occurrence" under S.C. Code Ann. § 15-78-30(g), indicate that a nuclear war may be on the horizon. Hospitals, health care professionals, risk managers, and attorneys must understand what the law is, how the law is being utilized, and how it is being changed. Understanding these current efforts in the medico-legal environment might help us to encourage better delivery of health care services to patients.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Understand the current law with respect to "occurrence" in the S.C. Tort Claims Act
 - a.) What is the current definition of "occurrence" in the South Carolina Tort Claims Act?
 - b.) How has case law defined and applied the term "occurrence" in South Carolina?
 - c.) How are plaintiff attorneys drafting Complaints to allege multiple occurrences for the purpose of "stacking" caps?
2. Understand the proposed legislative changes to the term "occurrence" in the S.C. TCA
3. Practical ways to encourage health care professionals to provide better care to patient

11:00 am Lessons Learned at ASHRM

Shana Lee, RN, MSN, Medical University of SC

This session will focus on:

Overview of key sessions of topics that were presented at ASHRM

Lessons learned at ASHRM

11:30 am Board Meeting – Board Members Only

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Registration & Fees

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A registration and payment confirmation will be emailed directly to you once you complete the registration process. **You will receive an email from Kim Wooten, kwooten@scha.org with the webinar login information a couple of days before the event. Please do not share the link, as it is unique to your registration.**

Continuing Education:

Certified Professional in Health Risk Management

This program has been submitted for a total of 2.5 contact hours of continuing education credit toward fulfillment of the requirements of ASHRM designations of Fellow (FASHRM) and Distinguished Fellow (DFASHRM) and towards Certified Professional in Healthcare Risk Management (CPHRM) renewal.

Continuing Legal Education

Application has been submitted for a total of 2.5 contact hours for CLE credits.

Bio's:

Edward Bender:

Edward Bender is the General Counsel and Executive Director of Regulatory Affairs for the South Carolina Hospital Association. In addition, he also acts as the Association's primary lobbyist. He spends most of his time in this role, working on health care policy, advocating SCHA's positions before the General Assembly and other governmental entities, and drafting legislation. This job is the perfect blend of his prior legal jobs – an associate on Nexsen Pruet's health care team and counsel to the Clerk of the South Carolina Senate. Outside of work enjoys spending time with his wife and their four kids, lifting weights, and the New York Times crossword puzzle.

John Williams:

John provides leadership for SCHA's disaster and emergency preparedness initiatives. He joined SCHA in 2018 from Palmetto Health (Prisma Health), South Carolina's largest healthcare system. He has more than 12 years of experience in healthcare emergency management, serving in leadership positions in engineering, safety, emergency management, and life safety at healthcare facilities prior to joining SCHA. At SCHA, he serves as an advisor and information resource, offering one-on-one support, such as helping emergency managers prepare for Joint Commission reviews, and serving as liaison for professional membership groups for engineers and emergency managers. He is a member of the Governor's Task Force for Public Health Emergencies and coordinates with state, federal and local agencies on behalf of hospitals in preparing for and managing statewide crises, such as hurricanes, floods and the COVID-19 pandemic. John holds a double major B.S. degree in occupational safety and health and in environmental engineering and an M.S. in organizational leadership and healthcare management from Waldorf University in Forest City, Iowa. He is a certified hospital safety professional, certified emergency safety professional and certified electrician.

Patrick Devlin:

Patrick provides leadership to Tidelands Health in his role as Director of Safety, Security and Emergency Management. He joined Tidelands Health in 2015 from M Health Fairview (formerly know as Fairview Health Services). He has 15 years of experience in healthcare safety and emergency management and 8 with healthcare security. During his time with Tidelands Health, he has lead the organizations crisis response to multiple hurricanes, floods, a global pandemic, IT incidences and numerous other day to day emergencies. Patrick holds the title of Certified Healthcare Protection Administrator from the International Association of Healthcare Safety and Security as well as being a certified emergency manager through the state of Minnesota. Patrick holds a B.S degree in microbiology and immunology from East Carolina University (Go PIRATES!). He lives in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina with his wife and dogs.

David Williford, Esq:

David is a partner in the firm's Greenville, SC office. Since 2006, David has devoted his litigation practice to defending physicians, hospitals, & other healthcare facilities, medical practices, mid-level providers, dentists & other healthcare professionals in medical & professional malpractice litigation throughout the sate & federal courts of SC.

He has extensive experience defending clients in jury trials & has achieved a high success rate of defense verdicts & dismissals for his clients, including cases with significant & catastrophic exposure from allegations of birth injuries, brain, damage & wrongful death.

David has defended physicians in almost every specialty, including obstetrics & gynecology, neurosurgery, anesthesiology, cardiothoracic surgery, emergency medicine, cardiology gastroenterology, orthopedic surgery, pathology, pulmonology, general surgery, bariatric surgery, urology, radiology, internal medicine, family medicine, ophthalmology, pain management, & dermatology.

David frequently consults with risk managers & advises hospitals & other healthcare facilities on a wide range of legal issues, including litigation risks, peer review, , HIPAA, patient safety & various policies & procedures. He also represents physician, nurses, dentists in LLR investigations & proceedings before the SC Medical Board & the SC Board of Dentistry, respectively. He has also successfully defended pharmaceutical companies in negligence actions.

He has served as an invited speaker on medico-legal topics to various medical & other professional groups & institutions, including the University of SC School of Medicine, Greenville Technical College & other attorneys in the healthcare field.