



Greetings!

It has been a busy summer for WASHAA and we are looking forward to seeing you at an upcoming event. We have added an early Fall networking event in just two weeks and want to make sure you have our Annual Meeting on our calendar for November 18th. This year, our Annual Meeting will coincide with the NAHAC (National Advocacy Organization) meeting in Seattle and we hope you take advantage of the program and location to attend! We also have welcomed a new WASHAA Board Member, [Melissa Giampietri](#).

Please look for the registration links below for our upcoming networking, webinar, and annual meeting events. We look forward to seeing you there!

Robin Shapiro

Chair, WASHAA Board

Don't Miss Our First Advocate Networking Event Sept 9!

Join experienced advocates who are working in the Northwest for networking, light hors d'oeuvres and beverages while they share their successes and challenges in working in the field of health advocacy. Ever thought it might be nice to partner with another advocate to cover client load or be a back up to cover for you when you travel? Are you considering a job in health or patient advocacy and want to learn more about what the field is all about? WASHAA will host a networking event for experienced advocates and people considering the field. Hosted by Beth Droppert, RN, BSN and co-founder of Allied Health Advocates and WASHAA, she will facilitate discussion as we share stories of success and challenge. You do not need to be a WASHAA member to attend! It is easy to register and space is limited.

[Register today!](#)

4th Annual Meeting Registration Now Open!



Save the Date!
Mark Your Calendar!

WASHAA 4th Annual Meeting

When: Friday, Nov. 18, 2016
Where: Cambia Grove, Seattle, WA

If you have attended previous WASHAA Annual Meetings, you know that the event is dynamic, engaging and is the place to learn about this emerging field. As we open registration for our meeting, we are grateful to have local and national speakers who will address the topic: [Defining Health Advocacy: A Key To Our Future?](#)

When: Friday, November 18, 2016
Where: Cambia Grove-1800 Ninth Ave., 2nd Floor, Seattle, WA

Ready to register? Click this link to be taken to the registration page: [WASHAA 4th Annual Meeting Registration](#). Keep in mind - we have early-bird registration available until October 1st! We look forward to seeing you there!

NAHAC National Meeting Adjacent to WASHAA Meeting in November in Seattle

Advocates know too well that the process of healthcare sometimes loses sight of the person at the heart of it. NAHAC, the National Association of Healthcare Advocacy Consultants, supports advocates as we bring the focus of care back where it should be. NAHAC's 2016 National Conference theme is "Shifting the Paradigm: Advocates for a Person-Centered Healthcare System." Over three days, beginning Wednesday, November 16, advocates are invited to share thought-provoking perspectives on:

- Narrative Medicine
- Patient and Community Engagement in Healthcare
- Quality, Safety, and Risk
- End of Life Conversations
- Advance Care Planning, and more.

The program features [national and local experts](#); speakers from the Seattle area include Josephine Ensign and Anthony Back, MD,. WASHAA Members can take advantage of a special rate by registering by October 1 under the WASHAA member rate and using the code: "NAHAC". The registration link is: <http://nahac.memberlodge.com/event-2248353>. Together, NAHAC and WASHAA offer unique insights into national and local healthcare challenges.

Watch for National Health and Patient Advocate Survey 2016

Last year, WASHAA was a leading organization in the first National Health and Patient Advocate Annual Survey. The survey, open to all advocates in the country that are paid for their advocacy work will be fielded again in October 2016. If you would like to receive notice when the next survey becomes available, please [provide us with your email address via this website](#). To see results from last year's survey, visit: <http://advocacycoalition.org/data-and-reports/>. You can expect to hear preliminary results of this year's survey at the 4th Annual WASHAA meeting ([register here](#)). If your organization would like to participate in this year's survey, please contact trisha@aphadvocates.org.

WASHAA Volunteer Training Selected for Elder Friendly Futures Conference

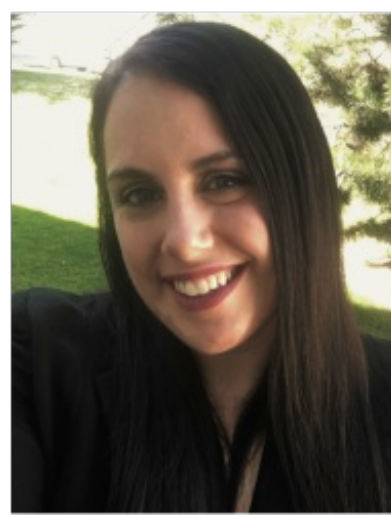


As you might remember, our Volunteer Health Advocate (VHA) Training program launched with our first two community organization Partners in April. The program has been selected to present our initial experience at the upcoming [Elder Friendly Futures Conference](#) through a poster on September 16, 2016. You can attend this conference too by registering! Pilot programs trained volunteers who may not have a medical background, but whom often help community members with health advocacy tasks, such as attending and taking notes during doctor appointments, helping prepare for a successful doctor visit, help organize health records and support and help listen to health challenges. The six-hour, live training is now available to be utilized by other organizations. If you or your organization is interested in learning more, please contact Robin Shapiro at robin.shapiro@washaa.org.

Meet New WASHAA Board Member Melissa Giampietri!

Melissa serves as Senior Account Executive for

Qualifacts Systems, Inc., a leading technology company providing electronic health record solutions to behavioral health organization nationally. She has worked in the behavioral healthcare field for over a decade, serving in roles such as case manager, care coordinator, program administrator, technology solutions consultant and sales executive. Melissa is passionate about improving healthcare systems through efficient, highly coordinated, and integrated delivery systems, as well as helping others leverage technology to improve patient outcomes, and decreasing costs through operational efficiencies. "We are fortunate to have Melissa join our efforts and look forward to her utilizing her behavioral health background and Spokane location to broaden WASHAA's efforts," said Robin Shapiro. Please join me in welcoming Melissa to the WASHAA family! Check out her profile [here](#).



Are You Committed to Supporting Health Advocacy? We can't do it without you!

WASHAA needs your help! We are looking for members, volunteers, donors and partners!

Members join WASHAA Here: <http://www.washaa.org/become-a-member.html>

Volunteers contact WASHAA Here: <http://www.washaa.org/volunteer-form.html>

Donate to support Health Advocacy in our state: [Visit our website and click "Donate" in the top right corner](#)

Want to partner with WASHAA on programs, contact: robin.shapiro@washaa.org

Upcoming Events

Advocate Networking Event

When: September 9th, 2016 @ 5pm

Where: Party Room at Continental Place in downtown Seattle

Register today!

Upcoming Webinar - End of September 2016

Please be on the lookout for an upcoming webinar near the end of September 2016. We will send further details within the next 1 to 2 weeks. Know that you want to attend? Send us an email at info@washaa.org to ensure we send you the

registration links.

SAVE THE DATE!
WASHAA 4TH ANNUAL MEETING | NOV. 18, 2016 IN SEATTLE, WA



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