

The 2021 WHPRMS Annual Conference, Bridging Healthcare Marketing: Then → Now, will be held October 6-8, 2021, at the Milwaukee Marriott Downtown in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The conference will feature lively keynote speakers, workshops, networking opportunities, an exhibitor showcase, and a grand awards ceremony.



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Public relations, marketing, and business development professionals looking to further their healthcare knowledge and expertise should consider attending. Members and non-members are welcome to attend the conference.

2021 WHPRMS ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

(subject to change)

Wednesday, October 6

4:00-6:00 p.m. Conference Registration

6:30-8:30 p.m. Welcome Reception

Thursday, October 7

7:30-8:30 a.m. Breakfast and Exhibitor Showcase

8:30-9:00 a.m. WHPRMS Annual Meeting

9:00-10:30 a.m. Don't Just Meet the Moment, Beat the Moment!

Dr. Kevin Sansberry II, MBA, SHRM-CP, SPHR (He/Him)

This signature keynote focuses on "beating the moment." As we examine the current state, how can we go further than simply meeting the

expectations of today.

This is a keynote that challenges the status quo of how we need to show up related to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), and places emphasis on organizations to make proactive shifts to honor today but also to be

proactive for tomorrow.

10:30-11:00 a.m. Break and Exhibitor Showcase

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions

1.1 An Integrated Approach in Owned, Earned, and Paid Strategies

Emily Hartzog, Vice President, Chartwell-Agency

Websites, direct mail, Facebook, Twitter, radio, digital advertising, media relations...oh, my! Marketing and advertising for health care is more challenging than ever, especially given the diverse needs and changing behaviors of health care customers. With limited resources, your organization needs an integrated approach of owned, earned, and paid strategies to get the most out of every opportunity.

1.2 Using Communication and Collaboration to Make Your Organization's Values Come Alive

Samantha Andrews, APR, MBA, Senior Digital Communications Specialist, Froedtert Health

Brenda Fairfull, MA, OD, Organizational Development Change Consultant,

Froedtert Health

Erin Wichtoski, BA, Senior Strategic Project Manager, Froedtert Health

In fall 2020, Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin health network embarked on a journey to redefine its values. The new values replaced prior values developed in 2013. The new values better reflect our health network's mission and vision of who we really are for 20,000 staff and clinicians.

We created a communication plan, in partnership with Human Resources and Change Management teams from Froedtert Health and MCW to create awareness, excitement, and eventual behavior adoption for these new values. Our goal was to first create awareness of the values despite the stressful times of COVID-19. This awareness will successfully lead us to an actionable staff and provider engagement roadmap and change management to reinforce behaviors.

1.3 Rural Healthcare: The Value in Re-branding

Emily Gall, Co-Founder, Owner, North of Eight Design & Marketing LLC Kassie Dalsveen, Co-Owner, North of Eight Design & Marketing LLC

Rebranding a rural healthcare entity has a whole host of challenges but as our community demographics shift and patients are finding new ways to connect with the services they need, it's important to put your best foot forward.

Rebranding doesn't have to be scary, and there are ways to elevate your healthcare brand without alienating your community, your staff, and your key stakeholders.

12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch and Exhibitor Showcase

1:00-2:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions

2.1 Making Your Message Count: The Path to Consistent Brand Messaging Emily Hartzog, Vice President, Chartwell-Agency

If you asked 10 people on your team to identify your organization's brand, would the message be the same? It's essential to develop clear messaging, communicate those themes frequently, and make sure everyone within your organization understands his/her in delivering upon that brand promise. Develop your message so it is clear, compelling, authentic to you and resonates with everyone from internal staff to the community at large. Learn how to identify what matters most to your patients, how to craft and share that message effectively with various audiences (baby boomers to millennials), and gain tips and tricks to drive consistency and help everyone stay on message.

2.2 Pro-Tips: How Your Peers Recovered Lost Revenues from COVID-19 Jaci Haack, Vice President, Strategic Accounts, Welltok

Life after a global pandemic will never quite be the same as before, but your peers have found effective ways to reach out and engage patients and prospects to help their health systems recover from COVID-19. Join this interactive discussion to get insider tips from a healthcare strategist on what's been working, so you can adjust your plans and drive more revenue and recover strong as you head into 2022. You'll get tips and tricks from real-world campaigns, including ones from a Wisconsin-based health system.

2.3 Leveraging Social Media for Your Healthcare Organization Ashley Murcia, Senior Account Coordinator, MorningStar Media Group

This session will cover how to best utilize social media as a powerful marketing medium to create conversations and relationships with your current and potential patients. We'll cover how it is okay to be choosy when it comes to which social media platforms to focus on, content development and

planning, content management formats, and when to invest marketing dollars into your social media platforms.

2:00-2:30 p.m. Break and Exhibitor Showcase

2:30-3:30 p.m. Breakout Sessions

3.1 Web Writing - How Effective Copy Has Changed in the Post Pandemic World Stella Hart, Senior Web Writer and Content Strategist, Geonetric

This session offers an overview of the mechanics and art of writing compelling content for healthcare consumers. Well-written content that answers user questions and helps them complete tasks is essential to a successful digital strategy. The COVID-19 pandemic has only accelerated the importance of clear, actionable, consumer-friendly content that not only meets your organizational goals and stands out from competitors and market disruptors — but also helps improve health outcomes.

3.2 Start with Story: How to Influence the Stories People Tell About You Steven Meyer, Principal/Chief Strategy Officer, The Karma Group

Word-of-mouth has long been the elusive golden ticket for healthcare marketers. Whether shared over coffee between friends, passed between coworkers, or posted on social media, it has tremendous influence over new patient acquisition and brand reputation. As a result, public relations and marketing professionals work feverishly to stay in front of and influence the narrative because underneath it all is a simple reality: story is everything.

Through nearly 800 focus groups and hundreds of interviews with healthcare consumers, we have listened to several thousand individual stories of healthcare encounters. We know how these stories are built, how they're shaped, how they're told, and what's retained, highlighted, and emphasized when they're shared online and off.

This presentation explores: 1) how the relationship between expectation and experience shapes stories; 2) how public-facing messaging tints the lenses through which consumers encounter and create the stories they tell; 3) how internal-facing messages influence the public narrative; and 4) how belief drives story, story drives belief, and together they define your brand.

3.3 Strength in Services: How to Build a Stronger Service Line Marketing Plan Jennifer Horton, MBA, VP Network Marketing & Communications, Ten Adams Jimmy Phillips, MBA, Network Director, Marketing & Communications, Kettering Health

Digital advertising has opened unprecedented opportunities for marketers to provide the right message, at the right time, to the right audience. For many though, determining which digital strategies and spend level are appropriate for the audience and market is still a mystery. In this session, we will decode some of the most popular digital strategies including search engine marketing, display ads, retargeting, social media marketing and direct e-mails. Attendees will have a better understanding of each strategy, how they work independently or in combination with other tactics and reasonable expectations for results.

3:30-4:00 p.m. Break and Exhibitor Showcase

4:00-5:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions

4.1 Welcome to Fun: Finding Value in Employee Events
Travis Baumgarten, Communication Coordinator, Mile Bluff Medical Center

Just like no one wants to sit through a boring presentation, employees don't want to work in a dull environment. Too often, leaders think that all work

and no play is the best way to maximize productivity. However, studies have shown that when you add a little bit of fun into the workplace, employees are happier and feel more satisfied with their jobs.

Fun in the workplace is an easy way to keep people feeling part of the organization. It can help raise employee engagement, satisfaction, and retention. Not to mention, it can be a great opportunity for you to enhance your marketing strategies.

4.2 How to Manage Your Brand Through the Patient Experience Randy Jacobs, President, Tag Team Agency Brian Irby, Vice President of Strategy, Tag Team Agency

There are thousands of touchpoints that happened in your healthcare environments every day. These touch points are sometimes managed by experienced marketing and communication experts, but the vast majority are not.

During this presentation, we will walk you through the ways to identify key branding touchpoints throughout your patient experience, build a plan to help manage them more effectively and support your efforts through culture and training. We will present some best practices used throughout healthcare, but also give you some thought provoking ways that companies around the world are using touch points for branding opportunities you might not have thought of.

4.3 How to Prioritize Your Brand in Your Website Content Strategy Colin Deval, Sr. Communications Strategist, Core Health

By engaging leaders at all levels – executive, administrative, and clinical – you will create a content strategy that captures your brand story and reinforces it throughout your website so it's felt by your community. We'll detail the steps you need to create a content strategy that guides your website overhaul, keeping your brand front and center and providing key differentiators for a competitive marketplace, so you better communicate the advantages you know to provide.

6:00-7:00 p.m. Cocktail Hors d'oeuvres Reception with Exhibitor Showcase

7:00-9:00 p.m. Dinner, Leadership Recognition, and Awards Ceremony

9:00 p.m. Explore Milwaukee on Your Own

Friday, October 8

7:30-8:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:30-9:15 a.m. Wisconsin Hospital Association Update

Kelly Lietz, Vice President, Communications, WHA

9:15-11:15 a.m. Panel Discussion

Various Speakers (more information to come)

11:15 a.m. Conference Concludes

GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Registration Rates

Register by September 8, 2021 and receive the full conference early-bird discount of \$50

Registration Options	By September 8, 2021	After September 8, 2021
Full Conference WHPRMS Member	\$250	\$300
Full Conference Non-Member	\$400	\$450
Thursday Only WHPRMS Member	\$225	\$225
Thursday Only Non-Member	\$375	\$375
Thursday Evening Only *	\$100	\$100

^{*}Thursday evening includes a cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception, exhibitor showcase, leadership recognition, awards ceremony, and dinner.

Online Registration

You must be a current WHPRMS member to register at the member rate. Conference registrations can be made online at: whprms.org. Payment can be made online or by check. If paying by check, please include names of ALL registrants with payment. For members and non-members paying by check, please send payment to: WHPRMS, 563 Carter Ct. Ste. B, Kimberly, WI 54136.

Hotel Accommodations

Milwaukee Marriott Downtown

625 N Milwaukee Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53203

Rooms are available at the Milwaukee Marriott Downtown at a special group rate of \$174/night (plus tax + fees) for a standard guest room. To make a reservation within the WHPRMS room block, please visit this link: https://book.passkey.com/e/50143118

Reservation Deadline: September 15, 2021

Conference Cancellation Policy

Cancellations must be received on or before September 15, 2021, by email at WHPRMS@badgerbay.co. All cancellations will be subject to a \$50 cancellation fee. No refunds will be given after September 15, 2021.

Conference Attire

Casual, comfortable attire is appropriate for all Wednesday evening activities and all conference sessions. Thursday evening's reception dinner and awards ceremony are celebratory events, for which formal or semi-formal dress is encouraged.

Speaker Presentations

All speaker presentations and supplemental materials for this event will be posted on the WHPRMS Annual Conference App.

Special Needs

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, our organization seeks to make this conference accessible to all. If you require special accommodations, please email us at WHPRMS@badgerbay.co.

Questions

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Conference event staff at or by email at WHPRMS@badgerbay.co or call (920) 560-5610.