



In the Spotlight

Name: Jerome Wohleb, PharmD, MBA

Title: Director, Pharmacy Services

Work Location: BryanLGH Medical Center, Lincoln, Nebraska

His Story

Jerome Wohleb received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Pharmacy, and his Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Utah, David Eccles School of Business. Jerome has been the Director of Pharmacy at BryanLGH Medical Center since October 2010. Prior to that, he held a position as the Regional Administrative Director for the Department of Pharmacy at Intermountain Healthcare Urban South Region in Utah. Previously, he held pharmacy management positions as the Director for Department of Pharmacy at Maricopa Health Plans, Director for Department of Pharmacy Services at Maricopa Integrated Health System in Arizona, and as Director for Department of Pharmacy Services at St. Luke's Health System in Arizona.

Overview of the Facility/Region

BryanLGH is a 672-bed acute, tertiary care Medical Center in Lincoln, Nebraska which provides service on two campuses for the BryanLGH Health System. The Health System provides support for several outpatient clinics, a regional alliance of 42 community based rural hospitals, and a College of Health Sciences.

Significant Projects

Jerome has experience working in several multi-facility systems which represent For-Profit, Not-for Profit and Governmental institutions. These organizations have provided opportunities to practice in hospitals, ambulatory, retail, long-term care, penal and managed care services at a variety of leadership roles.

Jerome has always had an interest in automation and clinical practice. He is currently involved in a specialty software application that will provide real time clinical decision support for a variety of conditions that promote patient safety and medication management. Healthcare Reform is also a personal interest for Jerome that compliments an integrated management system for the medical home model.

Jerome says that as the ASHP Pharmacy Practice Model Initiative evolves, the role of the pharmacist will compliment the need for medication excellence. The pharmacist is in an ideal role to provide key service support as part of the direct patient care team. Supporting established, evidence-based medicine will generate value too as the medication expert in these progressive settings.

Advice for New Managers

Jerome feels that networking at meetings, participating on work groups, and supporting taskforces provide you with ideas that are essential in maintaining the evolving needs for leadership roles. These relations open doors for personal, professional and expanded roles for continuing growth. His suggestion for new managers or leaders would be to take a risk and get involved by opening your world to new ideas. The connections you will develop will carry you through rough waters that exist in the challenging healthcare environment. Whether that need is political relationships at Capitol Hill, local services for state affiliates, standards of practice for residency and staff, or networking ideas, ASHP can foster your needs. His advice is to not waste time trying to figure it out by yourself, but participate on the informatics, practice management, ambulatory care, inpatient specialist or clinical specialist section workgroups. If you spend greater than 50% of your wakeful hours at work, it helps when you have an extended family of friends through ASHP!

Value of ASHP

Jerome has been a member of ASHP for several decades and would advocate the importance that ASHP can provide for professional development. Most recently, Jerome is focusing on leadership development in a variety of settings both locally and nationally to develop the next generation of Health System leaders. The ASHP Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers Section Advisory Group on Leadership has been invaluable to Jerome. He recently participated in ASHP webinars, continuing education and speaking opportunities on leadership supporting valuable networking and information sharing for new and existing leaders.