



Greetings!

Don't Miss It! Our Annual Meeting: Does Health Advocacy Matter? Is Almost Here!

We heard you! This year, we have extended our meeting to cover more topics of interest. In addition to national, state and panel updates on health advocacy, this year all meeting participants will engage in small-group, roundtable discussions about what you think are the opportunities and challenges facing health advocacy and solutions. We will also hear about what progress is being made on the National Credential. When you attend the Annual Meeting, you can expect to meet a wide variety of people interested in health advocacy, including patients, clinicians, academics, students, voluntary health organization representatives and others. A healthy breakfast with coffee and tea will be available on site at Cambia Grove. [Register today!](#)

National Health and Patient Advocate Survey Deadline to Participate Oct. 25, 2015

Although health and patient advocacy work seems to be increasing, there are currently no national surveys that measure it. WASHAA has joined with other national organizations to launch a baseline annual survey to understand more about independent, professional, paid health and patient advocates. It is our hope that this effort will lead to insights that can help this emerging field. But we can't do it without data. If you have worked as a paid advocate, take the first National Survey before it closes, October 25. It is easy to do, just follow the [link](#) to register your anonymous answers by going to:

<https://advocatesurvey2015.typeform.com/to/C7I8QM>

Wondering How YOU Can Support Health Advocacy? Donate to WASHAA, Engage in Action

Tribute

WASHAA gratefully acknowledges the generous donation from Horizon House in memory of Harriet Trabert.

Want to honor a loved one and support the field of health advocacy? Consider a donation in honor or in memory of someone you love. Your donation directly supports WASHAA programs in Washington state. Contact WASHAA at info@washaa.org for more information! You can also make purchases by going to smile.amazon.com and looking up WASHAA. A small portion of your Amazon purchase will be given to WASHAA in the form of a donation.

Welcome New Board Members!

The Board welcomes the following new members to our Board:

- [Maureen Horgan, MSW](#)
- [Dale Reisner, MD](#)

Maureen Horgan, MSW

Maureen is an experienced health care administrator and clinical social worker with expertise in community health palliative care, behavior health, pediatrics, obstetrics, bereavement, community resources and community education. She was most recently the Executive Director of Gentiva Hospice.



Dale Reisner, MD

Dale is a Maternal Fetal Medicine Specialist and serves as the Medical Director of Obstetrics and Gynecology Quality & Patient Safety at Swedish Hospital. She became personally engaged in health advocacy when her father experienced a significant medical error. Dr. Reisner also previously served as the President of the Washington State Medical Association.



Not sure how you can make a contribution to the field of health advocacy? Contact us to learn more about our volunteer opportunities. We need help with communications, finance, volunteer management and more! Please contact us at info@washaa.org.

Lastly, we look forward to seeing you in a month on November 13th! Please register soon to ensure your seat at the event!

Sincerely,

Robin Shapiro

Chair, WASHAA Board

WASHAA 3rd Annual Meeting

WASHAA's 3rd Annual Meeting registration is still open!
Seating is limited so please register early!



Join WASHAA for the
3rd Annual Meeting

Health Advocacy *Does It Matter?*

Join us at Cambia Grove
1800 9th Ave., #250
Seattle, WA

November 13, 2015
7:30am - Noon

Limited Seating!

**Register
Today!**

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