ACHE OF ARKANSAS

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March 2026 Newsletter

ACHE of Arkansas Receives Awards

ACHE of Arkansas has earned two awards through the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE): **Award of Chapter Merit** and **Award for Sustained Performance** as part of the 2025 Chapter Management and Awards Program. ACHE of Arkansas achieved the standard for Chapter Programming Hours in 2025, as well as achieving at least one performance standards for a continuous three years.

The chapter will be acknowledged during the ACHE Congress on Healthcare Leadership at the Malcolm T. MacEachern Memorial Lecture and Luncheon on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas.

Members Can Share Professional Announcements

To improve your visibility in the healthcare field and to build your professional brand, don't forget to share career updates with ACHE.

Have you started a new job or been promoted recently? Are you planning to retire? Let ACHE know so you can possibly be listed in the "On the Move" section of *Healthcare Executive* magazine. All you have to do is email both your former and new job titles, organizations, locations and a high-resolution headshot to he-editor@ache.org.

Board of Governors Exam Fee Waiver Campaign Runs Through June 30

Are you planning on taking the Board of Governors Exam soon? Take advantage of ACHE's Board of Governors Exam fee waiver offer (a savings of $225). Candidates who submit an FACHE® application between March 1 and June 30 are eligible to receive the waiver, pending approval of the application. Visit ache.org/FACHE to learn more.

Did You Know?

- **If you have an open application to take the BOG exam, ACHE of Arkansas will reimburse you for the ACHE Flash Cards.**
- **If you take the BOG exam and pass, and your organization will not cover the cost of the exam, ACHE of Arkansas will reimburse you for the exam.**

Reach out to Lyndsey Dumas Gilbert with questions.

Upcoming Education

Partnerships for Success: Public Health and Health Systems Collaboration
UAMS 2026 MHA/MHSA Annual Alumni Luncheon

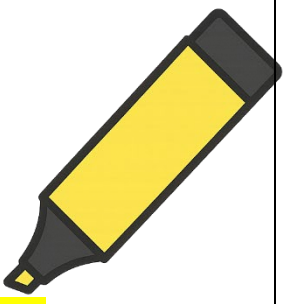
May 14, 2026 | 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Panel

Mellie Boagni, President & CEO, Arkansas Rural Health Partnerships
Stephen Bowman, PhD, Professor, Fay W Boozman College of Public Health, UAMS *(Moderator)*
Jennifer Dillaha, MD, Arkansas State Health Director
Michael Givens, FACHE, Administrator, S. Bernards Medical Center

1.5 ACHE In-Person Education Hours Provided.

Use the QR Code below to register.



ACHE of Arkansas has a goal of offering 7.0 In-person Education Hours for 2026.

Be on the lookout for more in-person education hours!

Reminder: Terminology for ACHE Continuing Education Hours

ACHE Face-to-Face Hours are Now Called ACHE In-Person Education.
As of January 1, 2024, ACHE Face-to-Face Education is now called ACHE In-Person Education under the revised credentialing policy. Offerings such as the Congress on

Healthcare Leadership, ACHE Clusters, in-person Choice programs and approved in-person chapter panels are all considered In-Person Education events. The terminology "Face-to-Face Hours" is no longer used.

ACHE Qualified Education is Now Known as ACHE Qualifying Education Hours
Also, as of January 1, 2024, ACHE Qualified Education is now ACHE Qualifying Education Hours. You will notice this new terminology being used on ACHE and Arkansas Hospital Association education programs for education that are not providing ACHE In-Person Education hours.

Chapter Member Needs Survey

On May 4, ACHE will launch the annual Chapter Member Needs Survey. This survey is designed to provide chapter boards with necessary feedback on the programs and services provided to members.

This survey is sent via personalized emails containing links to ACHE's survey provider's website. ***Please be aware the survey link is specific to the member – it cannot be forwarded to other individuals***.

The email will be sent to all members who have been a member of a chapter for at least a year and can receive emails from ACHE.

Things to know:

- The survey will be sent on **May 4** with follow-up emails scheduled for **May 11** and **May 18**.
- The emails will be sent from **surveys@ache.org.**
- Check your spam folders and filters if you do not receive the survey email.
- If you do not receive the survey and can't find it in your spam folder/filter, please contact the chapter relations team at **chapters@ache.org**.

Need to Post a Job Opening or Looking for a New Opportunity?

ACHE's Job Center can be found here. The job center allows members to search for open positions based on location, titles, keywords, and more. If your facility has an opening that you would like to fill, employers and recruiters are able to post jobs to the site. You do not have to be a member to post an open position; however, you must sign up as a new user.