

Spring Workshop

KANSAS HEALTHCARE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION

April 14-16, 2026

**Meridian Event Center
1420 E Broadway Ct
Newton, KS 67114**



Kansas Healthcare Engineers Association



Kansas Hospital Association



American Society of Healthcare Engineering



AGENDA

Tuesday, April 14 — Golf Tournament

- 7:00 a.m. Check In
Sand Creek Golf Station, 920 Meadowbrook Drive, Newton, KS
- 8:00 a.m. Tee Off
- 5:00 p.m. Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 15

- 7:00 a.m. Registration
- 7:30 a.m. Welcome and Business Meeting
- 8:00 a.m. ASHE Advocacy Update**
Austin Wallace, sustainability senior specialist, ASHE
- 9:00 a.m. Philosophy 101: When Life's Uncertain, Get Stoic.**
Connor Wentling, J.D., Clear Picture Leadership, LLC
- 10:50 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m. NFPA 99 Medical Gas Compliance and Code Changes: 2021 to 2024**
Shad Cox, service manager, Medical Technology Associates
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. KSFM Prevention Update & Open Forum**
Amanda Yorkey, chief of prevention
Rachel Martin, code compliance officer
- 2:00 p.m. Break
- 2:15 p.m. Life Cycle cost of HVAC equipment/Phasing**
Brandon Bulla, account manager, Building Controls & Services
- 3:30 p.m. Equipment Generator and Fuel Tank Compliance**
Charles Moffet, Foley Power Solutions
Chris Noll, Foley Power Solutions
- 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Vendor Show**



AGENDA (CONT.)

Thursday, April 16

7:30 a.m. Expanded Round Table Breakfast

8:45 a.m. Break

**9:00 a.m. NFPA 70B and Electrical Reliability in Healthcare:
What It Is, Why It Matters, and How to Approach Compliance**

John Stutz, director of engineering, Kansas Electric

9:45 a.m. Break

10:00 a.m. Pollution Prevention Institute

Arthur Fink, director, Kansas State University Pollution Prevention Institute

Abigail Sroufe, pollution prevention coordinator, Kansas State University Pollution Prevention Institute

10:55 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. CPI - How to Become Certified

Shawn Hoss, security manager, HaysMed

12:00 Adjourn



PRESENTER INFORMATION

ASHE Advocacy Update

The ASHE advocacy team routinely monitors the many codes and standards that regulate health care facilities to address conflicts where they may occur and provide a strong, clear voice when advocating for rules that assure efficient operation of health care facilities. ASHE represents our field to the regulatory and legislative bodies that set the rules. In this session you will learn about the latest initiatives and share your feedback in this session.

Objectives: Learn about the code development process and how you can get involved; Identify recent changes in the codes and standards; and Review the future direction of the regulations impacting health care.

Keynote: Philosophy 101: When Life's Uncertain, Get Stoic.

Life is unpredictable. But how you respond? That's everything.

After forty years of absorbing life's sucker punches and nearly twenty years of studying philosophy, Connor has found Stoicism to be one of the most practical—and battle-tested—frameworks for managing uncertainty, stress, and tough decisions.

Far from being a dusty, academic relic, Stoicism is an action-based philosophy built for the real world. In this engaging and unexpectedly light session, timeless Stoic ideas feel fresh, funny, and deeply relevant.

Attendees walk away with more than knowledge—they leave with a mindset and toolkit for facing unpredictability with clarity, resilience, and calm, decisive action.

Objectives: Learn five timeless strategies for handling life's unpredictability with clarity, resilience, and focus; understand what Stoicism is (and isn't), separating myth from practical application; and develop a Stoic mindset to navigate stress, uncertainty, and decision-making with greater clarity and control.

NFPA 99 Medical Gas Compliance and Code Changes: 2021 to 2024

Discussion of key NFPA 99 medical gas code changes from the 2021 edition to the 2024 edition that affect new construction, system modifications, and recurring annual inspections.

Topics Covered:

- Key NFPA 99 medical gas code changes to know from 2021 to 2024
- What these changes mean for new construction and renovation projects
- Common items inspectors typically review during annual inspections
- How facilities can stay proactive and maintain continuous compliance
- Practical steps to reduce deficiencies and prepare for surveys

KSFM Prevention Update & Open Forum

Hear directly from the Kansas State Fire Marshal Prevention Division about the latest developments in fire prevention across Kansas. This session will begin with a short update on key initiatives, followed by an interactive "Ask-the-Experts" discussion where attendees can bring forward questions, discuss real-world challenges, and hear practical insights from KSFM staff. Come ready to engage, learn, and connect with the team responsible for supporting fire safety throughout the state.



PRESENTER INFORMATION (CONT.)

Life Cycle Costs of HVAC Equipment/Phasing

Every year our HVAC systems get closer to their end of life. And even the best maintained equipment has an end date. This discussion will dive into how to know and plan for those end dates throughout your facility, as well as how to communicate to hospital leadership the cost and timing impact. We will look at the Total Cost of Ownership of HVAC systems, focusing specially on the replacement costs and how to phase that into annual budgets.

Equipment Generator and Fuel Tank Compliance

The presentation is for emergency and standby power systems, focusing on maintenance on generators, automatic transfer switches, paralleling switchgear, and fuel systems to ensure reliability power during utility outages.

NFPA 70B and Electrical Reliability in Healthcare: What It Is, Why It Matters, and How to Approach Compliance

NFPA 70B has evolved from a recommended practice into a standard that establishes requirements for electrical equipment maintenance programs. For healthcare facilities that rely on continuous, reliable power to support patient care, understanding these requirements is becoming increasingly important.

This session will provide an overview of what NFPA 70B is, why it matters for hospitals and healthcare systems, and how it intersects with reliability, safety, and risk management within critical electrical infrastructure. Attendees will also learn practical approaches for beginning or strengthening an electrical maintenance program that aligns with the standard.

Objectives: Participants will leave with a clearer understanding of the role NFPA 70B plays in protecting facility operations and patient safety, along with actionable steps healthcare organizations can take to begin moving toward compliance.

Pollution Prevention Institute - KSU

Arthur Fink and Abigail Sroufe will be presenting on the latest developments at KSU PPI including updates on the summer intern program, information about the use of AI in pollution prevention work, and the overall changing landscape of environmental compliance and enforcement.

CPI - How to Become Certified

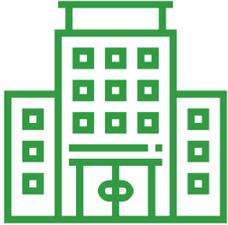
Shawn Hoss has been teaching Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI) at Hays Med and to other hospitals in the region since 2007. Many hospitals in the region have sent nurses, maintenance and healthcare staff to Hays Med to become certified in CPI. Staff becomes certified to be able to provide Care, Welfare, Safety and Security to their facilities.

Early invention and safety techniques are acquired through CPI.

Learning the CPI Crisis Development Model on verbal de-escalation and personal safety techniques are key to providing a safer work environment for yourself and others.



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Location and Hotel Accommodations

This conference will be held at the Meridian Events Center, 1420 E Broadway Ct, Newton, KS 67114.

KHEA does not currently have an available room block. Please reserve accommodations at one of the nearby hotels listed below or at any hotel of your choice.

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Newton by IHG

1430 E Broadway Ct, Newton, KS 67114

(316) 804-7040

https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/newton/ewknb/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=YextLocal--EX--US--EWKNB

Comfort Inn & Suites

1205 East First Street, Newton, KS, 67114

(316) 836-2004

<https://www.choicehotels.com/kansas/newton/comfort-inn-hotels/ks158>



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Registration Fee is \$125 per KHEA member (\$175 per non-member) and includes meals, breaks and all program materials.

Golf Registration is separate. Please click [here](#)

Two easy ways to register:

Online: <https://kheaks.starchapter.com/meetinginfo.php>

By check: Mail check and completed form to:

Melissa Willey
Kansas Hospital Association
215 S.E. Eighth Ave.
Topeka, KS 66603



First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

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Organization: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone No.: _____

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