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ASHHRA Announces Fifth Thought Leader Summary of Findings

CHICAGO – September 2011 – The American Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administration (ASHHRA), a personal membership group of the American Hospital Association (AHA), convened its fifth Thought Leader Forum, Monday, July 18, 2011 in San Diego, Calif.

A select group of thought leaders—health care experts— were invited to participate in the two hour session to discuss, “Health Care Reform Engagement.” Thought Leader participants included representatives from the Society for Health Care Strategy & Market Development (SHSMD), the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), and Buck Consultants, the sponsor of the event.

Results of the session have been compiled in a summary of findings and shared with ASHHRA members, as well as all AHA-member CEOs and participating organizations, and are now available on the ASHHRA website, www.ashhra.org.

Thought Leader Forums, a series under the direction of the ASHHRA Think Tank, provide a vehicle for ASHHRA to highlight the most vital health care issues and trends to help its members become well-equipped to successfully lead their organizations into the future.

ASHHRA President Bob Walters commented, “The information provided in this summary will be beneficial to all health care leaders; it takes all of us to plan for and ensure a productive workforce through these changing times.”

About ASHHRA

Founded in 1964, ASHHRA is a personal membership group of the American Hospital Association with 3,500 members, leading the voice for HR professionals in health care—linking people and organizations to leadership practices, best practices to patient outcomes, and outcomes to business results. For more information about ASHHRA, visit www.ashhra.org.

About SHSMD

The Society for Healthcare Strategy & Market Development (SHSMD), a personal membership group of the American Hospital Association, is the leading organization for hospital and health system strategy executives. SHSMD provides access to information, education, practical tools, and networking connections for over 4,000 marketing, planning, physician relations, and public relations professionals.

About ACHE

The American College of Healthcare Executives is an international professional society of more than 35,000 healthcare executives who lead hospitals, health care systems, and other health care organizations.

About Buck Consultants

Buck Consultants is a leader in human resources and benefit consulting with more than 1,500 professionals worldwide. Founded in 1916 to advise clients in establishing and funding some of the nation’s first public and private retirement programs, Buck is an innovator in the areas of retirement benefits, health and welfare programs, talent and human resource management, compensation, and employee communication.

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