

HAWAII – PACIFIC CHAPTER OF ACHE

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BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

What is your role in your organization?

- Currently, I oversee the outpatient and inpatient rehabilitation services and cardiac rehab services at Straub Medical Center. I work with a dynamic leadership team to improve the health of our community. With over 15 years of leadership experience in both ambulatory and acute operations in Hawaii, I value the collaboration between healthcare systems, united in the goal of caring for our community.

Why did you choose healthcare as your career path?

- My mom was a nurse, and growing up, she was a role model, caring for others even before I fully understood her professional and personal contributions. She returned to complete her master's in healthcare administration while I was still in school, instilling in me a lifelong passion for learning. As I started my clinical career as a physical therapist in various settings, I was always interested in processes and how we could improve patient care as a team. This continues to drive me to this day.

What are your primary areas of interest or concern as a healthcare leader?

- As a healthcare leader, I am passionate about developing local healthcare professionals and supporting their professional growth while building systematic approaches and breaking down silos. Strengthening and supporting our healthcare leaders ultimately creates a stronger foundation to address community healthcare needs and improve the quality of care we provide daily.

Meet Suzanne Asaro, President



Is there anything else you would like to share with our ACHE members?

- I am deeply appreciative of the work ACHE has done over the years to support healthcare leadership. I encourage all members to get involved, even at a small level. We value the strengths our members bring, and together, we can continue to enhance the resources we provide to support our members and our community.

How has ACHE benefited you in your professional career?

- ACHE has provided excellent educational and professional development opportunities that have been pivotal in my leadership growth and in mentoring other healthcare professionals. The opportunities to network and engage with dedicated healthcare leaders across many organizations throughout our state has also been incredibly beneficial.

What role(s) would you like to see ACHE play in the local healthcare community?

- The Hawaii-Pacific Chapter of ACHE is an excellent organization that supports the continuous professional growth and collaboration of healthcare leaders across the Pacific. ACHE's role in fostering collaboration across organizations to address evolving healthcare initiatives is a valuable asset to our healthcare community.

How long have you been a member of ACHE/active roles?

- I was first introduced to ACHE as an MBA student in 2009. Initially, I did not take full advantage of the opportunities ACHE offered. However, after several years, I became active by joining committees and later serving as a Director on our board. I am humbled to be our chapter's President this year, working with our board to support our membership.