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**AEIX Risk Management and Patient Safety Advancing Excellence**

**Professional Development Scholarship Application**

**DEFINITION:**

The Lighthouse Risk Management and Patient Safety Scholarships for Professional Development are for team-members who inspire to advance their knowledge and expertise in the field with the intent of utilizing their learnings to promote a safer healthcare environment.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

Risk Management and Patient Safety Professionals that are members of AEIX. “Member” includes any organization (hospital, clinic, long term care, urgent care, behavioral health, outpatient services, etc.) within the member system.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Complete the application in its entirety.

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1. Applications must be submitted to AEIX in **WORD** format.

* Applications must be completed electronically (typed) and be sent in an editable format (do not scan and send the document or send in a non-editable format such as a pdf).

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| 1 | Applicant Full **Name:** | Laurie Madden, CLS | | | | 2 | **Date** Application Completed: | 7/1/2025 |
| 3 | Applicant **Email:** | lmadden@valleychildrens.org | | | | 4 | **Title** of Applicant: | Clinical Laboratory Educator |
| 5 | Applicant’s Risk Management System Leader **Name:** | Jacque Privett | | | | 6 | **Title** of Applicant’s System Leader: | Enterprise Risk Program Manager |
| 7 | Applicant’s Risk Management System Leader **Email:** | jprivett@valleychildrens.org | | | | | | |
| 8 | Member Organization:  (Name of the system) | Valley Children’s Healthcare | | | | 9 | Member Location:  *Include full address* | 9300 Valley Children’s Place  Madera, Ca. 93636 |
| 10 | Number of years applicant has been at the organization: | 4 years | | | | 11 | Years in Risk Management or Patient Safety Role: | Lab Safety officer – 7 years at previous job. Previous compliance and regulatory consultant 10 years. |
| 12 | Education Requested: | Masters of Legal Studies in Healthcare Law | | | | 13 | Cost of Education: | 70,000 |
| 14 | Date of Education:  (when do you plan on completing the education?) | 9/7/2025 | 15 | Where is the education located: | | Virtual from  City: Washington DC | | |
| 16 | Copy and Paste the link to education here→→  *(if a link is not available, attach information about the education to the email as separate documents)* | | | | [American University Washington College of Law | American University, Washington, DC](https://www.american.edu/wcl/) | | | |
| 17 | Does your organization have a reimbursement program in place for this type of education? | | | | | | Yes No | |
| Notes/Explanation for financial need:  (*i.e. the certification itself is covered by the organization, but the prep-course is not; or – there is no budget for this type of education, etc.)*  Valley children’s has graciously given the maximum yearly allowance of 5250.00 for both 2024 and 2025 for a total of &10, 500 leaving approximately 60,000 remaining. I am a single parent to high schoolers and working full time to complete this masters degree. The tuition also covers the certificate by the CCB for a CCEP credential (Certified Compliance and Ethics professional) or HCCA certification of CHC (Certified in Healthcare Compliance). The CCB exam is scheduled for October 2025. Which normally would be a $450.00 fee. | | | | | | | |
| 18 | How does the education support your organization’s strategic goals as it relates to the advancement of healthcare risk management and patient safety?  The ERM at Valley Children’s Hospital have 8 areas that are addressed. The annual risk assessment includes input from stakeholders in each area of the hospital. The Laboratory is a high-risk areas for technology, chemicals and patient safety. Helping to promote a framework to identify the risk with the Quality Specialist and assist in mitigating the uncertainty by direct education (Educator) to the events that are high risk or repetitive issues in the Lab or through the hospital for blood draws and patient care. | | | | | | | |
| 19 | Describe the potential impact of the education on your organization’s patient safety and risk management programs:  The class work has included Cyber security, Privacy protection, Healthcare fraud and many other legal items that have helped to identify where the Lab may be at risk and work together with the Risk management division to mitigate and create accountability for these areas with monitoring. In the future working the office of patient safety or risk management would be desired if the opportunity were to arise in the future. | | | | | | | |
| 20 | How does the education align with AEIX’s mission of “*To partner with forward-thinking healthcare leaders to safeguard assets, enhance patient safety, and inspire innovation” and vision of “Through our collective experience and unique expertise, we will provide the leading pathway for managing risk and improving safety in healthcare*”?  Partnering with forward- thinking healthcare leaders’ mission is a great investment. Many healthcare leaders go through the MBA or MPH route to gain additional leadership skills. I have been in hospital leadership and consulting for nearly 25 years. I have taken single courses in MBA and financial management that have granted me leadership roles and a place on a bank board of directors. The fiduciary responsibility of this volunteer position has helped me to understand the need for more leaders to have a great working knowledge of legal issues and compliance that may help with some of the day to day items without every contract or compliant needing full legal review especially if legal counsel needs to be outsourced for any reason. Having a law background from American University has prepared me to look at the healthcare risks and uncertainty and be prepared to give an answer if any issue or compliance breach occurs. In addition, the courses have had us create contracts, write legislation, negotiate arbitration, review privacy and cybersecurity issues as well as healthcare fraud and abuse and where to find help for these issues to help safeguard the assets of Valley children’s Hospital. Improving safety comes from identifying and minimizing as many risks as possible. All risks cannot be identified as software or other new technologies shift new risks emerge, but preparing for those risks takes many great leaders in any institution. Partnering with AEIX for this mission and vision will serve the children of the California Central valley as I will not only use the knowledge from this law degree at Valley Children’s but hope to advocate for children everywhere. | | | | | | | |

**ATTESTATION:**

**Yes, I (the applicant), attest to the notification of my organization’s Risk Management Leadership of this application and its content.**

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