

## April Meeting!

Join us at 8:30 am MT for Networking Before the chapter meeting and presentation begin at 9:00 am MT.

We will be having a roundtable discussion with the following topics.

- Teambuilding & Recognition
- Benefits & Compensation
- Policy & Procedure

We hope you can attend and join us in these conversations.

The 2025 NDSHRM Volunteer Leader Award Nomination Form is also available. You can access the link by clicking here: [Nomination Form](#)

**SHRM Certification Scholarship**  
Five lucky recipients will each receive a \$200 scholarship to assist in pursuing the SHRM-CP or SHRM-SCP certification.



## April Meeting Information

### Roundtable Discussions

- Teambuilding & Recognition*
- Benefits & Compensation*
- Policy & Procedure*
- Artificial Intelligence (AI)*

Thursday, April 10th, 2025

**PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE!**

- 8:30 am MT Networking
- 8:50 am Chapter Meeting
- 9:00 am Program Begins

NDSU Extension Service Office  
2680 Empire Road, Dickinson (North  
of Sanford Clinic)  
Enter Door C / South Side

<http://ndsahra.shrm.org>



## Did You Miss a Meeting?

SAHRA members are able to access recordings of membership meetings by logging into our website and clicking on the Meetings & Events tab. Each month will include a link to YouTube for meetings with permission to record.

<https://ndsahra.shrm.org/>

## SAHRA is on Social Media!

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to this edition of the SAHRA  
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## President's Message

Hello April!!! Here we are the 4<sup>th</sup> month of the new year, and I feel like before we blink again it will be September! Sometimes I feel the days go by so fast that we never have a chance to even think about where we have been or where we want to be. In conversation with my kids the other day, they informed me that school only has around 36 days left, I thought I am not ready for the crazy summer schedule, however I don't think it will wait for me to be ready so better embrace it. I hope you all are starting to plan the fun summer activities for your kids, your families and maybe even a little time just for you!

April Presentation is a combination of board member talking about various topics that seems to linger in the HR world daily. Teambuilding & Recognition, Benefits & Compensation, Policy & Procedure and Artificial Intelligence (AI).

We hope you all can make it to the meeting.

## Treasurer's Report

*Southwest Area Human Resource Assoc.  
April, 2025*

<b>New Statement: Checking Account</b>				<b>\$6,068.53</b>
Current Checks / Deposits	3.19.25		Interest Earned	\$0.05
	3.3.25	Deposit	Member Dues	\$100.00
	3.4.25	USPS	Annual Post Office Box Rent	<b>\$(192.00)</b>
Debit Card	3.17.25	Starbucks	Gift Card for March Speaker	<b>\$(25.00)</b>
Compare to ending bank statement balance				<b>\$5,951.58</b>
Outstanding Checks / Deposits				
<b>New Statement:</b>	<b>CD 15mo @ 4.00%</b>			
Certificate of Deposit	2/5/2024	Deposit	Initial funding	\$10,000.00
<b>BALANCE</b>				<b>\$10,000.00</b>

# SAHRA Board Minutes

March 3, 2025

**Present:** Joetta Pearcy, Alyssa Baranko, April Frank, DeEll Jordre, Krissy Kilwein, Melissa Stoltz, and Marie Bittner

**Absent:** Tiffany Benner, Amber Beld, Kim Heidt, and AJ Eslinger    **Guests:** None.

President Bittner called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

President Bittner called for a motion to approve the February Treasurer reports that were published in the March newsletter. Upon motion by Joetta Pearcy, second by Krissy Kilwein, motion passed and was carried.

President Bittner called for a motion to approve the February 10, 2025 Board of Director meeting minutes that were published in the March newsletter. Upon motion by April Frank, second by Joetta Pearcy, motion passed and was carried.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Program-** Joetta Pearcy / Committee (Carissa Suter, Marie Bittner, Nicole Heidecker) – Suggested ideas for programming are always welcome. Future Tentative Programs: 2025 Programming – March – CBIZ Employee Engagement (virtual); April – TBD; May – tentative diversity – working with Alyssa; June – tentative DOL; July – tentative benefits

**SHRM Foundation/Past -President** – DeEll Jordre – The EXCEL award submission is due March 15<sup>th</sup>. DeEll is compiling the various tasks that SAHRA accomplished in 2025 to submit for the award. She is also planning several SHRM Foundation raffles to be held throughout 2025. She will work with Melissa to obtain a raffle permit.

**Public Relations/Technology** – Krissy Kilwein – SHRM updated their website and Krissy will review the SAHRA site for a seamless transition. Thank you Krissy! She is looking for assistance with the social media and Chamber of Commerce announcements. Contact Krissy if you have an interest in this.

**President** – Marie Bittner – Speaker thank you gifts were discussed. Marie will bring more information to the April Board meeting. The Board will plan to meet in person, tentatively at Bravera, in April. More details to follow.

**NO REPORTS - / Diversity- Alyssa Baranko / SHRM Certification – April Frank / Community Relations – AJ Eslinger / Membership- Kim**

**Heidt / Workforce Readiness** – Amber Beld / **President Elect / Legislative Affairs** – Tiffany Benner / **Secretary/Treasurer**– Melissa Stoltz

**Old Business:** Krissy is pending the finalized Board Spotlight information from the directors. The directors will finalize the details and submit for Krissy to submit in future newsletters.

Marie will compile the December Strategic Planning Meeting notes to distribute to the directors. She will also send out the preliminary 2025 budget to the directors to finalize for the April Board meeting.

The 2025 NDSHRM State Conference will be held in Bismarck on September 9-11, 2025. Early registration is open now. Keynote speakers have been lined up and they will be looking for conference volunteers to assist with various tasks. More information to follow.

SHRM is offering a conference discount to any conference attendees willing to volunteer at the upcoming SHRM25 Annual Conference in San Diego on June 29-July 2, 2025. Go to <https://annual.shrm.org/> for more information on this opportunity. A volunteer interest form should be available.

NDSHRM has purchased and is offering an HR Summer Lunch Break webinar series which is available the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 11 am MT. SHRM Certification credits are available for these webinars. Information will be sent out via an exclusive SAHRA membership email blast, and the link is also available in the SAHRA newsletter.

**New Business:** NDSHRM is sponsoring a certification scholarship for those interested in SHRM certification testing. Watch for a Certification Scholarship Program Nomination form which will be available soon.

SAHRA continues a Hats/Gloves drive until March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please drop any donations off at Charbonneau Car Center.

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# SAHRA Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2025

**Members Present:** Marie Bittner, Carter Fong, April Frank, Amy Jacobson, Krissy Kilwein, Amanda Nicklos, Sofia Ortiz, and Madison Pearson

**Members Via Zoom/Virtual:** Nancy Lantz, Karen Cummins, Kelsey Morasko, Jenna Norby, AJ Eslinger, Carey Praus, Michelle Dohrmann, Nicole Heidecker, Jennifer Nix, Alissa Karsky, Dannielle Parkin, Kristy Hintz, Margaret DeGruy, Dessie Calihou, Katrina Logan, Maria Ricks, Stacy Hauptmann, Shannon DeWall, Sierra Burgess, Alyssa Baranko, Coley Hueske, Tiffany Benner, Tammy Haugen, DeEll Jordre, Patty Riely and Melissa Stoltz

**Guests present:** Jennifer Robberson (CBIZ), Joe Camisa (Train ND)

President Bittner called the meeting to order at 8:51 a.m.

President Bittner called for a motion to approve the February 13, 2025 Chapter meeting minutes that were published in the February newsletter. Upon motion by April Frank, second by DeEll Jordre, motion passed and was carried.

**NEW MEMBERS:** None.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Bittner announced that the February Treasurer report was available for review in the March newsletter. If there are any questions, please contact a Board member.

Early Registration Available Now! The 2025 ND SHRM Annual Conference will be held September 9-11, 2025 in Bismarck.

NDSHRM will be sponsoring a certification scholarship for those interested in SHRM certification testing. Watch for a Certification Scholarship Program Nomination form which will be available soon.

Reminder to renew your SAHRA membership today for 2025! Please note that the renewal is based on a calendar year. If you join in October-December as a new member, your membership carries over through 2025.

President Bittner announced that SHRM is offering a

conference discount to any conference attendees willing to volunteer at the upcoming SHRM25 Annual Conference in San Diego on June 29-July 2, 2025. Go to <https://annual.shrm.org/> for more information.

SAHRA is holding a Hats/Gloves drive until March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please drop any donations off at Charbonneau Car Center. Attention SHRM Certified Members! NDSHRM is offering an HR Summer Lunch Break webinar series which is available the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 11 am MT. SHRM Certification credits are available for these webinars. Information will be sent out via an exclusive SAHRA membership email blast, and the link is also available in the SAHRA newsletter. If you can't attend the live presentation, please register prior to the event and you will have access to the recorded version. Thank you NDSHRM for this opportunity!

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

The business meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m. ■

**PROGRAM:** Employee Engagement As A Competitive Advantage - Jennifer Robberson, Director of Talent & Organizational Development - CBIZ Risk & Advisory Services

Minutes Submitted by:

Melissa Stoltz, Secretary/Treasurer;

Marie Bittner, President

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The NDSHRM State Council will attend the March SAHRA meeting. The State Council meeting will be held virtually after the SAHRA membership meeting. Any SAHRA members are welcome to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Submitted by: Melissa Stoltz, Secretary/Treasurer



**HR SUMMER SCHOOL LUNCH BREAK**  
**2nd Thursday of the Month at 11 am MT**  
**April Meeting Link Below**  
[Link to Registration](#)



Interested in attending SHRM25? You may be eligible to receive a discounted rate if you volunteer! Additional information can be found on the SHRM website. Go to this link to complete the SHRM25 Volunteer Interest Form:

<https://sdshrm.wufoo.com/forms/shrm25-volunteer-interest-form/>

San Diego SHRM is pleased to welcome SHRM25 to San Diego! We are now taking preliminary interest for volunteers at SHRM25. More information will follow regarding scheduling and registration. Completing this form does not guarantee a spot as a SHRM25 volunteer. However, if you complete this form please DO NOT register for SHRM25. If you are selected to volunteer, SHRM will register you for the conference. If you are not selected to volunteer, SHRM will honor the registration rate at the time the interest form was completed.

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# Benefit Updates



As we approach annual review season, self-funded employers are increasingly scrutinizing the impact of GLP-1 medications on their pharmacy spend. These drugs, commonly prescribed for type 2 diabetes and weight management, have made headlines for their clinical benefits — but also for their costs. Let's break down what employers need to know about these medications.

## GLP-1s for Type 2 Diabetes

Medications like Ozempic, Trulicity and Mounjaro have revolutionized diabetes management. These drugs help lower blood sugar levels, promote weight loss and reduce cardiovascular risks in individuals with type 2 diabetes.

For many employers, these drugs are considered cost effective due to the improved long-term health outcomes they produce. By preventing complications like heart attacks, strokes and kidney disease, GLP-1s can save the plan significant downstream costs while improving employee wellbeing.

## GLP-1s for Weight Management

Drugs such as Wegovy and Zepbound — also GLP-1s — are FDA-approved for weight loss and have generated significant interest among employees and plan sponsors. These medications show promising results for individuals struggling with obesity by helping them achieve meaningful weight loss, when paired with lifestyle changes.

However, the story is more complex here.

- **Cost Impact:** Weight loss GLP-1s can cost upwards of \$15,000 per member annually, creating a significant financial burden for plans.

- **Long-term Data:** While the short-term results are impressive, data on sustained weight loss after discontinuation of medication is still limited.
- **Demand Surge:** Coverage can lead to an influx of requests, which may require additional utilization management strategies.

## What Does This Mean for Your Plan?

Employers face a tough balancing act. While supporting members with chronic conditions like diabetes can lead to measurable health and cost benefits, covering weight loss drugs may actually be less valuable depending on your specific plan goals and member demographics.

As you navigate your annual reviews, it's important to ask:

- What is the clinical value of these drugs for my population?
- Are there strategies to manage costs while supporting member health?

Want to dive deeper into how GLP-1 medications fit into your pharmacy strategy or discuss options for managing coverage decisions? Reach out to your current medical plan provider or Broker team for more guidance.



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33. Jirges, Karen\*-Ebeltoft . Sickler . Lawyers, Dickinson
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38. Klein, Lisa-OMNI Environmental Solutions, Williston
39. Klusmann, Chandra-Steffes, LLC, Dickinson
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65. Riely, Patty-Dickinson Parks & Recreation, Dickinson
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67. Stoltz, Melissa, SHRM-SCP\*, Dickinson
68. Strommen, Sheila\*-Theodore Roosevelt Foundation, Medora
69. Suter, Carissa, SHRM-SCP- Marigold Consulting, LLC, Watford City
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