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Happy New Year everyone! - I hope you had a joyous and wonderful holiday season.

Dr. Samuel Keith shared with me some very sad news about Dr. Joel Yager and wrote the following for me to share:

Joel Yager, professor of psychiatry at UNM and director of Education, passed away on December 22 after a long struggle against cancer. He was a true friend, outstanding educator and thoughtful mentor to so many of us. His exuberance for life, his sense of humor and the warmth of his personality will remain his legacy.

Joel was professor of psychiatry and vice chair for education at UCLA before coming to the University of New Mexico department of psychiatry in the same role. On "retirement," he moved to Denver where he continued to teach at the University of Colorado.

Joel is survived by his wife, Eileen, a distinguished pediatrician and two children, Allison, also a pediatrician, and Jonathan, a cardiologist.



The next UHS Resident and Fellow Webinar is January 14th and is about contract negotiations. I hope that you can attend.

**Fundamentals of Contracts and Negotiations
January 14, 7-8pm CST**

Universal Health Services, Inc. (UHS) is offering a series of webinars for OPBA focused on residents as they approach and enter professional life. The webinars include many relevant topics:

Fundamentals of Contracts and Negotiations (Jan 14 2025)

Credentialing and On-boarding and Mistakes to Avoid (Mar 4 2025)

The next webinar, **Fundamentals of Contracts and Negotiations**, will focus on preparing for and participating in the interview process. A UHS expert will offer proven techniques and advice on this critical aspect to moving into the profession.

While the webinar is intended for residents, all are welcome. Please sign up using the address below!

<https://uhsinc.zoom.us/j/93761149001?pwd=ShvuM1NTx9dgyy45OeelJlffHwDzxi.1>

SAVE THE DATE: Spring Conference to be held on March 21st at The Embassy Suites-details to follow.

PMANM Council

Our council meetings are conducted via Zoom. All members are welcome. However, if you'd like to participate, please send me an email at PsychiatricNM@pmanm.org, and I'll send you the link. The next meeting will be January 16th, 2025.

-Christine Cotter Executive Director

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