



Regional Supply Chain Meeting

April 1-2, 2026 | Bismarck, ND

April 1, 2026

10:00 – 10:40 a.m. **Welcome, Introductions, and HSI Updates**

10:40 – 11:30 a.m. **Aggregation Group – Ampiezza**

Presented by: Kris Keglovich, VP, Strategic Sourcing Partnerships and Programs,
and Jason Hayes, Program Services Director, Ampiezza

Content: This session highlights the value of joining Ampiezza and what makes its aggregation model uniquely effective within today's healthcare landscape. Attendees will gain insight into Ampiezza's key differentiators, the ease and efficiency of joining and onboarding, the comprehensive support available, and how Ampiezza supports all classes of trade through a Vizient-based network—demonstrating how participation can drive savings and expanded market access.

11:40 a.m. – 12:30 **Materials Management and Data Integrity**

Presented by: Beth Chan, Envi

Content: An effective Materials Management Information System (MMIS) transforms the supply chain into a strategic asset by automating procurement to ensure contract compliance and capturing aggressive cost savings. By providing operational transparency through reliable data, the system allows facilities to uncover hidden efficiencies, secure proper participation credits, and strengthen the overall financial health of the organization.

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch**

1:40 – 2:30 p.m. **Freight Management Best Practices**

Presented by: Erika Johnson, Cardinal Health

Content: Freight management services transform transportation into a controlled, visible asset by leveraging national carrier rates and centralized billing to drive significant cost reductions across parcel and LTL shipping. By utilizing advanced reporting and analytics, facilities can automate invoice auditing to ensure accuracy and uncover hidden savings opportunities, ultimately streamlining logistics and protecting the bottom line.

2:40 – 3:30 p.m. **More Than a Truck: Your Partner in Menu Innovation**

Presented by: Chef Stephanie Miller and Karsan McGillicuddy

Content: What if your food distributor could help shape your next great menu idea? Join Chef Stephanie Miller for a look at new food trends and menu innovation and see how US Foods delivers more than products — bringing insights, expertise, and resources to the table.

3:40 – 4:30 p.m. **Vizient Catalog Tips & Tricks**

Presented by: Dajuana Byse-Forte

Content: This session shares time-saving tips and insider tricks for navigating the Vizient Catalog with confidence. Attendees will learn how to streamline searches, uncover key contract details, and make better use of catalog tools in their day-to-day workflows.

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. **Membership Mixer!**

Join us for a relaxed evening at **5th Avenue Underground Bar & Theme Lounge** following the conference. Unwind with colleagues, enjoy food & drinks (alcoholic & non-alcoholic available), and connect with our event sponsors in a casual, social setting. *(1 block west of Radisson Hotel on Main & 5th Street (under Peacock Alley).*

April 2, 2026

7:30 – 8:30 a.m. **Breakfast**

8:30 – 8:40 a.m. **Welcome Back**

8:40 – 9:30 p.m. **Capital Management: Navigating Modernization in the RHTP Era**

Presented by: HSI

Content: In this session, we will walk through the capital process for your equipment, new construction, and renovation projects as they relate to allocated Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) funds. Our goal is to simplify the modernization of your facility by managing the multi-vendor analysis and contract details required to protect your budgets and accelerate project timelines. From the initial grant application to final installation and completion, we aim to bridge the gap between RHTP funding and operational readiness by coordinating every logistical detail to ensure your work is done on time and within budget.

9:40 – 10:30 a.m. **Aggregation Group - Partners**

Presented by: Dane Henry, CEO & Sarah Blount, VP, Member Engagement & Value Analytics

Content: Partners Cooperative is a non-profit, member-owned organization built on collaboration, transparency, and shared leverage. Representing over \$23 billion in annual supply and pharmacy spend, our growing network drives measurable value through collective negotiation and strategic alignment. From small critical access hospitals to large academic health systems, our diverse membership base strengthens purchasing power while preserving local autonomy. In this session, we will discuss how our aggregation model enhances contract performance, supports distribution strategy, and delivers sustainable, long-term savings, and what organizations can expect as a Partners member, including active governance participation and a structured onboarding process designed to accelerate financial impact.

10:40 – 11:30 a.m. **Supply Assurance and Risk Mitigation**

Presented by: Katie Korte, Vizient

Content: The Vizient Reserve Program is designed to provide healthcare organizations with dedicated, on-demand access to critical medical supplies, ensuring supply assurance during times of disruption. The program recently expanded to include IV fluids through a strategic partnership with Baxter, offering participants manufacturer-warehoused inventory in the U.S. and comprehensive support to safeguard continuity of care during events like natural disasters or surges in demand.

11:40 – 12:30 p.m. **Roundtable Discussion**

Moderators: Dan Gannon and John Schreier

Content: This roundtable session explores the evolving challenges and opportunities within supply chain networks and encourages peer-to-peer dialogue, shared experiences, and practical insights. Bring your questions for discussion!

Conclusion/Comments

Box lunches will be available to go!

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