

# PSW Welcomes Sarah Pagenkopf, Director of Professional and Educational Services

**M**y name is Sarah Pagenkopf, and I'm so excited to take on the new challenge of using my knowledge, skills, and enthusiasm in the role of PSW Professional and Educational Services Director. As the newest member of the team, my role will include partnering with several of the PSW advisory committees, including the Educational Programming Committee; the Student Pharmacists Committee; the Technician & Long-Term Care section groups; the Health-System Pharmacy Advisory Committee; and the new Committee on Appointments. I'm also excited to support and collaborate with the PSW Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Taskforce; the Medication Safety Collaborative; and the Pain Stewardship Collaborative!

I will also be a key resource in coordinating educational offerings for PSW, including live and on-demand/virtual continuing education opportunities. I am a contributor to PSW's weekly Fact Facts, getting you the information you need to help you make the best decisions for your patients, practice, and community. And I will be reaching out to many of you to ask you to volunteer to share your knowledge, your practice pearls, and your expertise in care delivery with our membership. PSW members do amazing things each and every day—and I get the honor of showcasing your talents for all our members to see!

## More About Me

I was born and lived the first part of my life in Mercer, Wis. Some of my family still reside in Mercer, but I grew up in Jefferson, Wis. where I attended school, before heading to UW-Whitewater for undergrad. I hoped to be a chemistry teacher, but applied to pharmacy school at the UW-Madison School of Pharmacy, and the rest is history. I started working as a Shopko pharmacy technician, and after graduation went right to work as a hospital-based clinical pharmacist. I took on a few different roles

in the last 16 years of practice, as a clinical specialist, medication safety coordinator, application analyst on the Epic team, and clinical coordinator. In my most recent role, I was the Pharmacy Director at Fort HealthCare in Jefferson County.

My pharmacy practice is based in servant leadership and a conscious commitment to investing in the leadership of pharmacy into the future. I'm especially inspired in my mentoring relationships, both with those who took the time to mentor me, and when I'm engaged in mentoring others. I believe that sponsorship of emerging leaders is key to creating paths for diverse leaders, and I believe that leading with your "authentic self" is the best method to assure you are surrounded by those who inspire you to be better, and whom you can inspire to be their best selves. I strive each day to find commonality and mutual benefit to serve the needs of others; to make idea-sharing and collaboration the standard and a safe option for all; and to avoid the creation of barriers that would impede progress toward common goals of the profession.

Personally, I'm a mom, a sister, a daughter, a friend, a wife...and a kid-hauling taxi driver! I LOVE being with my daughter Caroline and my husband Curt on our little farm (no animals) in Ixonia. I like to read, craft, paint, and garden, and I'm a secret crochet enthusiast. So if you are too, send those patterns my way! I enjoy volunteering

my time and efforts in community-based opportunities, especially those that involve kids, food insecurity, and health literacy. (Because pharmacists are great at translating complex medical jargon into real-world speak!)

I have been so welcomed by the membership and PSW team already, and I cannot wait to meet everyone! I hope to see you at Annual Meeting. Please say hello!

