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**Joe Kane to facilitate “Lean Community Coaching Café”
at Central Coast Lean Summit 2014**

Mercer Island, WA — January 24, 2014 — Rona Consulting Group is pleased to announce that Joe Kane has been invited to facilitate the Lean Community Coaching Café—a peer group discussion—during the [Central Coast Lean Summit 2014](#) hosted by California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, California on Friday, February 21, 2014.

The Lean Community Coaching Café is a breakout where individual lean questions are shared with an ad hoc group of volunteer participants and facilitated by experienced lean coach, Joe Kane. A lean environment is a learning environment, where a great question is much more powerful than a command or a directive. Lean practitioners live in a world of questions, seeking ideas and suggestions from every credible source. At the Lean Community Coaching Café, Mr. Kane will create an environment where participants’ great questions are welcomed. For each question, Mr. Kane will help the group contribute until the person who posed the question has ideas to try back at the workplace on Monday morning.

Currently a trainer and coach at Rona Consulting Group, [Joe Kane](#) is a proven lean practitioner. He has consulted hospitals and clinics through their lean transformation for the past three years. Joe has twenty-six years of Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A., Inc. (TMS) experience, fifteen of these years dedicated to Toyota Production System (TPS) and Toyota Management Systems deployment. As former Associate Dean for the University of Toyota (UOT), a corporate university, his research and practical application of TPS, Toyota Business Practice, which is Toyota’s advanced problem solving curriculum, has been effectively applied within their corporate and field organizations. Joe received his MBA from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo and a BS degree from the University of Southern California.

Rona Consulting Group is a lean consultancy serving the healthcare industry. Rona Consulting Group develops transformational leaders who are capable of educating and coaching their managers, clinicians, and support staff to become a lean healthcare organization. Rona Consulting Group is committed to helping healthcare organizations and purchasers of healthcare achieve the highest quality through zero defects, increased patient satisfaction, empowerment of staff, and improvement in financial performance through the application of the Toyota Management System.

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