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WHA Calendar:

WHA PAC Golf Tournament
Casper 9/27

WHA Annual Meeting & Convention
Casper 9/28-9/29

Other Events:

HIDI Partner Meeting
Branson, MO 10/12-10/13

WHA Conference to include Hospital Emergency Preparedness

The upcoming annual convention of the Wyoming Hospital Association has a new educational track included for the first time, a focused set of sessions on hospital emergency preparedness.

Merit Thomas, as Coordinator of the State's Hospital Preparedness Program, has worked closely with WHA to schedule an excellent set of meetings that will incorporate very effectively within the conference agenda.

On Wednesday, September 28, Merit and colleagues will present an overview of emergency preparedness guidelines for hospitals and other medical facilities.

The session will cover all aspects of the Hospital Preparedness Program and will take on a feel for identifying "best practices" in most effectively incorporating the components of the HPP offerings in the community hospital setting.

This presentation will be intent to also clarify many of the protocols that are accomplished via the HPP effort in keeping with the various JCAHO and CMS requirements, with ample time for open question and answer discussion.

A separate session will immediately follow that will more specifically focus upon

the Hospital Preparedness Program in terms of funding and technical assistance opportunities and the accompanying reporting requirements.



On Thursday, a full agenda in the morning and continued in the afternoon, will cover multiple areas of hospital emergency preparedness – with full coverage of compliance protocols via National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command System (ICS) efforts.

Presenters will bring these national regulatory issues into clarity with the State-based programs designed to assist in successful implementation at the local level.

Discussion will also include proper hospital planning for evacuation and mass-sheltering provisions and considerations that need to be addressed in the event of mass casualties – a situation that hospitals must be in a position to play lead role in their respective communities.

These presentations will wrap with an engaging round-table discussion led by Andy

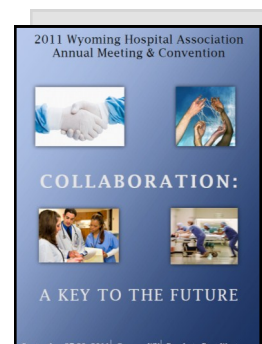
Giennapp, Administrator of the Wyoming Department of Health EMS Office.

Since coming into this position a year ago, Andy has done extensive travel of the entire state and has engaged in strategic conversation with local EMS personnel at the community level.

He will facilitate an open dialogue in identifying areas of success and challenges facing the provision of EMS services across the state – particularly from the hospital perspective with the attendees at the WHA annual conference.

As a closing reminder, the conference is set to be held September 27-29 at the Best Western-Ramkota in Casper .

Convention materials and registration is available online at www.wyohospitals.com or call the Wyoming Hospital Association at 307-632-9344.





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Campbell County Hospital Implements eICU Program

Campbell County Memorial Hospital (CCMH) announced that it has implemented the eICU Program, a partnership with Avera eICU Care.

The CCMH eICU Program uses advanced technology, along with the care provided in the Intensive Care Unit to bring constant around-the-clock attention from a team of intensivists (highly trained physicians specializing in caring for critically ill patients), critical care nurses and support staff operating from a remote

location.

This combination of personal care and technology is proven to save lives and shorten recovery times.

Patient information, including vital signs, medications and test results is sent over high-speed data lines to Avera eICU Care physicians and staff, where it is continuously analyzed by computers and intensivists, helping bring attention to even slight changes in patient conditions and allowing for early intervention before significant problems may occur.

Because local physicians cannot be at the bedside at all times, the CCMH eICU program provides valuable monitoring and assistance when needed.

Two ICU rooms are equipped with monitoring equipment, with one additional room capability on a mobile cart.

CCMH received a \$1.89 million grant from the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust to purchase equipment that connects local physicians with specialists and pharmacists.

Wyoming's Race to Recruit

The Wyoming Health Resources Network's Recruitment & Retention Workshop will be held October 19-20, 2011 in Cheyenne.

Wyoming's RACE (Recruit A Candidate Effectively) to Recruit will enable participants to:

- Discover effective techniques for recruitment and retention of physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants in a nationally competitive environment
- Get the newest information on State Loan Repayment, Immigration Issues, J-1 Visa Waivers and other workforce initiatives; and
- Network with colleagues and share best practices.

The nationally-oriented recruitment resource, 3R-

Net's Recruiting for Retention Manual will be available on a flash drive pdf file of 131 pages of jam-packed information including Action Plan, Planning and Preparation, Searching for Candidates, Screening Candidates, Site Visits and Follow-Up will be provided to participants.

More information is available on the WHRN website at www.whrn.org or by calling 307-635-2930.

ASHHRA Report Looks at HR Role in Health Reform

The American Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administration (ASHHRA) issued a summary of findings from its recent forum on the role of human resource executives in helping health care organizations implement the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

The "Thought Leader Forum" focused on the role of HR leaders in ensuring a

successful transformation for their organizations and helping front line workers understand the changes and implications of reform.

Participants included representatives from the Society for Healthcare Strategy & Market Development, American College of Healthcare Executives and Buck Consultants.

ASHHRA President Bob

Walters said the summary "will be beneficial to all health care leaders; it takes all of us to plan for and ensure a productive workforce through these changing times." ASHHRA and SHSMD are AHA personal membership groups.

The summary can be found at <http://www.ashhra.org/about/governance/thoughtleaderforum.shtml>