

# NEWS BRIEFS

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## WHA Calendar:

2015 General Session of the Wyoming Legislature Cheyenne	1/13-3/6
WHA Trustee Education Riverton	5/21

## Other Events:

HFMA Conference Casper	3/18-3/20
AHA Annual Meeting Washington, DC	5/3-5/6
National Nurses Week	5/6-5/12

## How Can WPAP Help You?

Do you find yourself struggling with stress or burn-out? Are you concerned that your alcohol use is impacting your work and personal life? Do you need help navigating the waters of treating your mental/behavioral health condition? Are you using illegal or legal drugs and need confidential help to quit? Are you in recovery from drugs and alcohol and would like to document your sobriety?

Established in 1997, the Wyoming Professional Assistance Program (WPAP) helps with a variety of substance use or mental/behavioral health challenges.

The services are completely confidential. Neither your circumstances nor your identity will ever be disclosed without your written authorization. This confidentiality is ensured by Federal Regulations 42 CFR Part 2 and Wyoming State Statute 33-1-115.

Wyoming Professional Assistance programs currently contracts with and can serve licensees of the following Wyoming licensing authorities: Medicine, Pharmacy, Dental Examiners, Veterinary Medicine, Supreme Court – Judicial Branch and the Wyoming State Bar.

WPAP can be reached by

phone at (307)472-1222 or email [candicec@wpapro.org](mailto:candicec@wpapro.org).

When you call WPAP, you will be scheduled to speak with clinician, John Ordiway, MS, LPC, LAT for an initial conversation.

Through the course of the conversation, John will determine how WPAP can be of the most assistance. Dr. Mark Walter, WPAP Medical Director is also available to provide consultation.



For those situational issues, WPAP can offer life coaching and actionable suggestions to assist you in coping with the stressors at hand. If needed, these sessions can be scheduled monthly.

If more in-depth treatment is indicated, WPAP will refer you to a counselor, psychiatrist or psychologist in your area who can provide you with treatment. They have a referral list of over 50 treatment professionals across the state and will be able to connect you with someone in your area.

WPAP can guide you through the challenges associated with substance use disorders.

For the most extreme circumstances, WPAP can suggest a professional treatment facilities. They can also direct you to local treatment providers who specialize in substance use disorders.

By signing a monitoring agreement with WPAP, they can provide the oversight, including drug testing, relapse support and monthly WPAP contact that helps many individuals meet their goal of long term recovery.

Only if specifically requested by the individual in monitoring, WPAP can provide objective 3rd party reports documenting sobriety to employers, therapists, licensing boards, and courts.

If you are struggling with mental and behavioral health issues WPAP can refer you to a treatment provider.

WPAP also provides a monitoring program for individuals with mental/behavioral health issues where WPAP can guide you in finding and maintaining appropriate treatment for your illness.

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The WPAP website is at [www.wpapro.org](http://www.wpapro.org).



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## SVMC Recognized for Cancer Screening Program

Star Valley Medical Center (SVMC) has been recognized by the Wyoming Colorectal Cancer Screening Program.

A recent report from the Wyoming Colorectal Cancer Screening Program showed that between July 2007 and December 2014, Dr. Donald Kirk, MD, was “one of two top providers in the state to

identify and remove possible cancerous polyps during screenings.”

“This is something that SVMC should be very proud of,” said Dr. Kirk. “This is a team effort, from the beginning to the end and everyone from Carrie, to the OR staff and anesthesia should be congratulation along the way. I’m only one cog in

the whole process.”

The Wyoming Colorectal Cancer Screening Program was established to assist “those Wyoming residents who are either uninsured or underinsured to receive the proper and preventative colorectal screenings.”

## Nurse For The Day Volunteers

We would like to thank the nurses who volunteered their time to participate in the Legislative Nurse For The Day Program.

In addition to delivering care, the program has enhanced the image of hospitals and caregivers, and it has provided a terrific opportunity for nurses to spend time with legislators from their home counties.

This year’s nurses are:

- ◆ **Heide Muller**, Wyoming Medical Center
- ◆ **Kara Walters**, Iverson Memorial Hospital
- ◆ **Diane O’Dell**, Wyoming Medical Center
- ◆ **Kristen Kohlbrand**, Weston County Health Services
- ◆ **Anne Raga**, Campbell County Memorial Hospital
- ◆ **Andrea Good**, Cheyenne Regional Medical Center
- ◆ **Karilynn Baker**, Rock Springs
- ◆ **Kimberly Johnson**, Cheyenne Regional Medical Center
- ◆ **Brooke Zabka**, Cheyenne Regional Medical Center
- ◆ **Cindy Woods**, Platte County Memorial Hospital
- ◆ **Lily Bivona**, Cheyenne Regional Medical Center
- ◆ **Jolynn Roy**, Wyoming Medical Center
- ◆ **Deb Lubkeman**, Campbell County Memorial Hospital
- ◆ **Carol Behrend**, Cheyenne Regional Medical Center
- ◆ **Julia Behnke**, Weston County Health Services

## Western Regional Trustee Symposium

The 19th Annual Western Regional Trustee Symposium will be held June 10-12 at the Sun Valley Resort in Sun Valley, Idaho.

This year’s theme, “Hospitals and Trustees: partners in Success,” should serve as a reminder that the role of governance in any organization is crucial to its success. The governing board, in part-

nership with management, determines guiding policy—the hospital’s vision, mission and goals. While management is charged with implementation, the governing board is responsible for oversight.

Trustees and executive leadership staff are encouraged to attend as a team.

Symposium attendees will gain increased knowledge about many is-

sues through education sessions, networking and information exchange with nearly 200 hospital and healthcare trustees and executives.

Contact Peggy McCreary with any changes to registrations or with any questions or problems at [peggy.mccreary@cha.com](mailto:peggy.mccreary@cha.com) or call 720-330-6034.

For more information visit [www.trustee-symposium.org](http://www.trustee-symposium.org).