



NEWS BRIEFS

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WHA Calendar:

Joint Labor, Health, Social Services Committee Casper	5/31-6/1
Annual Meeting & Convention Little America Cheyenne	9/26-9/27

Other Events:

Western Regional Trustee Symposium Big Sky, MT	6/13-6/15
Western Region Flex Conference Park City, UT	6/14-6/15

WHA Trustee Education Event Held in Lander

Nearly 60 attendees from 16 Wyoming hospitals participated in the annual WHA Trustee Education event in Lander last week, leaving with detailed information about Wyoming's public meetings and open records laws, among other topics.

In addition to trustee education, the event also provided an opportunity for WHA members to review recent activities of the Trustee Education Council.

The Council's primary objective is to provide an expanded, more comprehensive, and more formalized approach to hospital trustee education. Council members updated attendees on specific steps that are being taken to achieve that goal.

Notably, this initiative resulted from trustee input and dialogue at the WHA's 2011 trustee education session. At that time, trustees indicated a strong interest in a more consistent and complete format for ongoing education.

The Council has reviewed a variety of online education formats, and Council members are currently completing the core coursework of a leading program. When their review is complete, the Council will determine whether to endorse it as a statewide initiative.

Following the Trustee Education Council discussion, the WHA provided a detailed briefing on current federal and state healthcare issues, regulatory and budgetary concerns, and the politics surrounding the future of reform measures.

The U.S. Supreme Court's pending decision regarding the constitutionality of several components of the Affordable Care Act served as the centerpiece of this discussion. The Court is expected to rule next month on challenges to the ACA, and its decision could have implications that ripple across the 50 states.

At a more local level, Cheyenne attorneys Nick Healey and Fran Cadez moved the educational session into a discussion of the practical applications of several key elements of effective hospital governance.

Ms. Cadez focused on issues of legal and regulatory compliance. The new legislative parameters enacted regarding public meetings and handling of public records were the central topics of her presentation.

The hospital board's role in ensuring quality care and patient safety was the theme for Mr. Healey's closing presentation.

Hospital performance

measures, effective benchmarking and quality improvement efforts are the subjects of significant focus nationwide. Effective and results-driven oversight by hospital leadership, with practical application of best practices across the healthcare delivery continuum will continue to be essential for success and consistent patient satisfaction, Mr. Healey said.

Contact the WHA at (307) 632-9344, with any questions about the WHA's ongoing development of a statewide trustee education program. All presentations from the event are available for download at www.wyohospitals.com.

Trustee Education Council Members

- Joseph Quiroz, Lander Regional Hospital
- Larry Parker, Powell Valley Healthcare
- Marti Halverson, Star Valley Medical Center
- Janet Marschner, Cheyenne Regional Medical Center
- Ron Mischke, Sheridan Memorial Hospital
- Linda NeVill, North Big Horn Hospital
- Linda Young, Wyoming Medical Center
- Dr. David Cesko, Memorial Hospital of Carbon County
- Tammy Krell, South Lincoln Medical Center
- Sandy Neiman, Crook County Medical Services



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SVMC Recognized for Environmental Excellence

Star Valley Medical Center has been awarded the 2011 Environmental Excellence Award from Sterilmed, Inc. The hospital was notified of the recognition on May 1.

According to Michael W. Gustafson, worldwide president of Sterilmed, Inc., SVMC was selected for the award because of its "superior accomplishment in

reducing environmental impact and improving overall healthcare sustainability through medical device reprocessing and recycling."

"The Star Valley Medical Center executive team and clinical staff, along with the support of Sterilmed, have met the requirements to achieve environmental excellence in healthcare," Gustafson said. "We are hon-

ored to recognize your commitment to medical waste reduction and financial sustainability."

According to information provided by Sterilmed, Inc., in 2011 the medical center "reprocessing program diverted higher than average medical waste from landfills and achieved above average savings due to its dedication to reprocessing."

Boley Honored at AHA as Grassroots Champion

Eric Boley, CEO of South Lincoln Medical Center in Kemmerer and past president of the WHA Board of Directors, has been recognized by the American Hospital Association as the recipient of its Grassroots Champion Award.

Boley was recognized at the AHA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., earlier this month.

The award honors hospital leaders who most effectively educate elected officials on how major

issues affect hospitals, who have broadened support for the hospital, and who are tireless advocates for hospitals and their patients.

Boley joined the Wyoming delegation at the AHA meeting both to receive his Grassroots Champion recognition, and to participate in events in connection with the AHA annual meeting.

In partnership with the state hospital associations, the AHA honors 52 individuals as Grassroots Champions. As 2012 honorees, these individuals were rec-

ognized for exceptional leadership in generating grassroots and community activity in support of a hospital's mission.

"We depend upon strong local voices to help tell the story of hospitals as cornerstones of the communities they serve," said Rich Umbdenstock, AHA president and CEO.

"This award is a small token of our appreciation for the hard work and dedication of these individuals to improving health and health care in America."

Sheridan Memorial to Offer Third Annual Symposium

Sheridan Memorial Hospital, along with the Sheridan Veterans Affairs Medical Center, is pleased to announce its 3rd annual Northeast Wyoming Skin and Wound Care Symposium June 29 and 30, 2012.

Nationally known speakers this year include Dr. Warren Joseph DPM, FIDSA, who specializes in podiatric and infectious diseases at Roxborough Memorial Hospital in Philadelphia.

He is a nationally recognized specialist in the treatment of lower extremity infectious diseases.

Also speaking this year are Dr. Jeffrey Niezgod, MD, FACHM, MAPWCA-Wound Infections/MRSA, Dr. Ron Ray, DPM, FACFAS, PT-Debridement in Chronic Wound Care, and Karen Zulkowski PhD, RN-Name that Wound and Dress that Wound.

Other topics at this year's event include: Skin Changes at Life's End (SCALE), Antibiotic Usage in the Treatment of Osteomyelitis, Neuropathy Treatment, Alternative Modalities in Wound Healing and much more.

CEUs will be offered for full conference attendance.

For more information or to download a copy of the Symposium's brochure, please go to www.sheridanhospital.org