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WHA Calendar:

WHA PAC Golf Tournament Sheridan	9/17
WHA Annual Meeting & Convention Sheridan	9/18-9/19

Other Events:

Wyoming Patient Safety Summit Casper	11/15
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Annual Meeting to be Held Next Week

The Wyoming Hospital Association Annual Meeting & Convention is fast approaching with attendance at record numbers.

One of the highlights of this year's meeting will be the keynote address by Quint Studer, President of the Studer Group.

Mr. Studer is highly regarded and widely recognized as a leader in performance improvement and leadership strategies for organizational teams and professionals in many different industries and business environments.

He has authored numerous books and guides, and is a regular contributor to many business and management publications. The Studer Group also offers a vast array of consultant services, so he will be sure to deliver a very engaging opening keynote.

The Wyoming Chapter of Healthcare Executives will be hosting John F. Sena, PhD, who has been secured to present "Managing Change: Thriving in the 21st Century."

This program has been arranged directly through the American College of Healthcare Executives and is accredited for 3-hours of education credits for ACHE members.

Dr. Sena is a professor and former assistant provost at Ohio State University, and is a seasoned presenter with ACHE at education conferences and events nationwide.

With this program, participants will learn and understand major healthcare changes and trends, while recognizing and developing the skills and tools to become a more effective manager of change. The themes will apply to all settings, whether on an individual, departmental, or organizational level.

Additionally, we will focus on performance and quality improvement with a program by Karen Curtiss titled "Safe & Sound Nursing Tools for Patient and Family Engagement".

Ms. Curtiss is the President of PartnerHealth, LLC, a company she founded to study and give analysis to how hospital care is managed, where gaps in care are most common, and how best practices in nursing care can play a leading role in greater patient experience and clinical outcomes.

Through these efforts, Karen and her colleagues have distilled complex, evidence-based information into thorough checklists to allow patients and family members partner together with nursing

staff to prevent the most common hospital acquired conditions and reduce the incidence of readmissions.

This work has been highly recognized by leading national organizations in the realm of patient safety and quality improvement – including the National Quality Forum, AHRQ, CDC, IHI, and the Joint Commission. As a very timely offering within the convention agenda, WHA appreciates the sponsorship support provided by Mountain-Pacific Quality Health for sponsoring this program.

The annual trade show will be featured with over 50 healthcare product and services vendors already registered to participate.

WHA and the other related professional associations and societies will hold their respective annual business meetings on Wednesday afternoon, with the day concluding with the Chairman's reception and the annual awards banquet.

If you have any questions or concerns related to the WHA Convention please contact the Association at 307-632-9344 or visit our website at www.wyohospitals.com

Hope to see everyone in Sheridan.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Don't forget to send us a story about your hospital so we can feature you in our Member Spotlight

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“Let’s Talk Tech” is a Hosted Mixer on Tuesday September 17, 2013 starting at 6:30 pm at the Wyoming Hospital Association Annual Meeting and Convention.

Ptolemy Data Systems, HealthLinkNow, Health Technology Services and the local Montana and Wyoming HIMSS chapter, in celebration of National

“Let’s Talk Tech”

Health IT Week, are sponsoring a mixer to welcome WHA attendees to Sheridan.

Don’t miss this opportunity to speak with state and local health IT profes-

sionals at the Oasis Lounge at the Sheridan Holiday Inn.

Contact Deb Anderson at Health Technology Services for further information at danderson@mpqhf.org.



LCCC Explores Training for Sterile Processing Techs

Laramie County Community College (LCCC) is researching the feasibility of launching a training program for Wyoming and surrounding areas.

LCCC’s Surgical Technology instructor, Kathy Snyder, has been consistently asked by employers to look into this possibility.

Working in concert with LCCC’s workforce office, Kathy has launched this effort by surveying health care professionals statewide to determine future demand for both incumbent worker and incoming worker training needs.

According to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Office of Occupational Statistics and Employment Projections, the average job opening due to growth and net replacement for Sterile Processing Technicians in Wyoming is anticipated to be ten annually until the year 2020. This same data also projects a 24% increase in this occupation.

The anticipated program will provide hands-on instructional content in sterile processing technology including instrumentation, infection control, decontamination, preparation, sterili-

zation, and storage of instruments. Interdepartmental communications, documentation, and CQI will also be practiced.

LCCC welcomes input from Wyoming’s health care professionals. If you have any recommendations for this program or are willing to serve on an advisory committee, please email Maryellen Tast at mtast@lccc.wy.edu with your comments and suggestions.

LCCC will keep you apprised on the progress of this program.

REACH Program

The Research and Explore Awesome Careers in Healthcare (REACH) Program is an exciting program supported by the Wyoming Office of Rural Health (ORH) focusing on rural students in grades five (5) through (8).

The overall purpose of the Program is to increase awareness, interest, and understanding of health careers available in rural

Wyoming through creative and interactive activities.

The sum of \$10,000 (up to \$2,000 each) will be made available to support the planning and implementation activities of five (5) REACH Programs. Funding will be provided on a cost-based reimbursement basis.

Rural Wyoming K-12 schools and healthcare facilities such as hospitals, clinics, community health cen-

ters, and public health units are eligible.

To apply go to <http://www.health.wyo.gov/rfhd/rural/REACH.html> for detailed information and grant guidance. Grant proposals are due on December 2, 2013, by 5:00 p.m. (received not post-marked).

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