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Other Events:

Annual Wyoming Quality Conference Casper	8/9-8/10
LeadingAge Wyoming Annual Meeting Sheridan	9/20-9/21

WHA Calendar:

WHA Annual Meeting Sheridan	9/20-9/21
WHA Golf Tournament Buffalo, WY	9/19

Annual Meeting & Convention

Plans are well underway for the Wyoming Hospital Association/LeadingAge Wyoming Annual Meeting & Convention. This year's meeting will be held September 20-21 at the Holiday Inn, Sheridan, Wyoming. The Annual WHA Golf Tournament will be held September 19 in Buffalo, Wyoming.

Times are hard, budgets are tight. But your staff still needs continuing education to stay current on the latest regulations and trends in the industry. With more than two days' worth of education right here in Wyoming, your time out of the office is minimal. And staying in-state means reduced travel costs. With the substantial receptions, breaks, and lunch, you are sure to cut your meal costs.

We are excited to have CJ Box presenting "Life and Writing in the Mountain Time Zone." He will be holding a book signing during the walking vendor lunch. Books will be available to purchase at the event.

Akin Demehin, Director of Policy for the American Hospital Association will be presenting on the MACRA Quality Payment Program; What Hospitals Need to Know. The Quality Payment Program (QPP) for physicians and other eligible clinicians required by the Medicare Access and

CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) of 2015 began this year. The program's implementation and evolution will have major impacts both to hospitals and the clinicians with whom they partner to deliver care. This session will describe the main requirements of the QPP, upcoming CMS policy changes, and strategic considerations for hospitals.

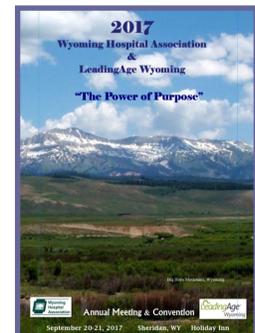
Steve Warchol, Director of Outreach and Education for the Hospital Industry Data Institute (HIDI), Institute (HIDI), will discuss the use cases, benefits, and functionality of HIDI's business intelligence platform, HIDI Analytic Advantage®. The system is available to Wyoming hospitals participating in the data collection program. HIDI is the data company for the Missouri Hospital Association and has partnered with the Wyoming Hospital Association to provide these services to Wyoming hospitals. The main topics include an overview of the platform, Management and Productivity reports, and the location of DataGen reports.

Susan McDonough from DataGen will provide an overview of the WHA's Medicare Impact Modeling analyses provided to Wyoming's hospitals. Each year CMS makes a number of changes to

how hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and home health operators are reimbursed under the Medicare program through the regulatory process. The impact reports give providers an understanding of proposed and final regulatory changes that assist in advocacy, and preparing both operationally and financially. WHA also provides impact reports of proposed and enacted legislative changes to Medicare payment policy. An overview of Medicare's Quality Programs and financial analyses will also be provided.

There are many other programs available to attend. We would like to thank the allied group of Human Resource Directors for providing scholarships to this year's meeting. Through the efforts of the group, four people had their registrations paid for them.

Registration materials are available on our website at www.wyohospitals.com.



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NBHH Wins Excellence in Patient Care Award

The Excellence in Patient Care Award—presented by Studer Group®, a Huron solution—is considered an honor in the industry.

North Big Horn Hospital will be awarded that honor. They are being recognized for exemplary results related to pain management as measured by the HCAHPS (Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems)

survey. Organizations receiving this award achieved a ranking at or above the 90th percentile for patients discharged in 2016 as measured by the HCAHPS patient experience survey required by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Excellence in Patient Care Awards are presented annually to a select group of organizations from Studer Group's partner base of hospitals, health systems, and

physician organizations.

"We are so proud of all the healthcare organizations that are receiving awards for their outstanding results on this survey," says Debbie Ritchie, president of Studer Group. "Excellent HCAHPS performance is a true reflection of their commitment to engage with patients and provide them the absolute best possible care. We are grateful to work with such passionate, purpose-driven organizations."

UW School of Nursing

Sarah Kooienga, an assistant professor of nursing in the University of Wyoming's Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing, has received a nearly \$1 million, two-year grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Agency.

The \$998,332 grant will be used to develop an integrated behavioral

health primary care initiative at the Family Medicine Residency Program at Cheyenne. The award is part of HRSA's Nurse Education Practice Quality and Retention Collaborative Practice-Behavioral Health Integration initiative.

Through a collaborative effort among Kooienga, Julian Good, a psych mental health nurse practitioner with Peak Wellness Center in Cheyenne; and the UW Family Nursing Practice-

Family Medicine Residency Program at Cheyenne, the Behavioral Health Integration project will provide needed primary care clinical experiences for Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) students and other health care professional students.

Kooienga, the grant's primary investigator, believes the new RN position created through this grant will serve as a model for stronger RN roles in primary care.

Wyoming Provider Recruitment Grant Program

The Wyoming Provider Recruitment Grant Program is accepting applications from eligible recruiting entities (hospitals, clinics, community organizations, private practices) through September 30, 2017.

Recruiting entities may apply for up to \$50,000 in reimbursement of the costs incurred in the recruitment

of an eligible provider.

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