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WHA Calendar

WHA Trustee Education Session	5/17
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Healthcare Facilities Project Construction Set to Begin

With construction about to begin for a major building and remodeling effort at the Wyoming State Hospital in Evanston and the Wyoming Life Resource Center in Lander, a new vision of care will move closer to reality at both Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) facilities.

Following a careful review and planning process, the Wyoming Legislature recently approved the final portion of the \$182 million Healthcare Facilities Project budget involving the two WDH Behavioral Health Division facilities.

Chris Newman, WDH Behavioral Health Division senior administrator, said the project will allow the Wyoming State Hospital and the Wyoming Life Resource Center to operate more as one facility with two campuses.

“The needs of individuals served by both facilities have changed quite a bit over time,” Newman said. “For example, most Wyoming residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities can now find services within their communities rather than relying on residential facilities such as the Wyoming Life Resource Center. At the same time, we are seeing more hard-to-place clients at

the Wyoming State Hospital.” Newman said much of the state hospital’s treatment capacity is used for people with intermediate and long-term healthcare needs, which affects availability for patients needing short-term treatment and evaluation.

“The new vision will allow our Lander campus to expand its mission to include new skilled nursing services for some of the patients who are now treated in Evanston while also continuing care for current residents,” Newman said.

Korin Schmidt, WDH deputy director, said the physical condition of buildings and grounds at both campuses makes it difficult to efficiently meet patient needs for modern treatment and care.

“Our main goal for the state hospital is creating a safer and more secure healing environment,” Schmidt said. “Patients are currently served in multiple buildings scattered throughout a large campus area, which is not efficient. Unfortunately, there are also significant structural concerns with of the hospital’s buildings.”

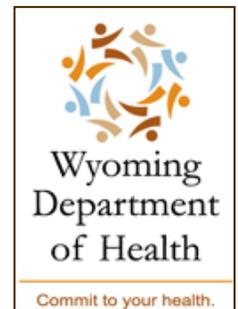
“The Wyoming Life Resource Center campus also

has structures spread across campus and many of these buildings are deteriorating so they need constant maintenance and repair,” Schmidt said. “The new buildings will be more centralized and will enhance active treatment for our clients in home-like settings.”

Groathouse Construction, Inc. has been selected as the general contractor for the Evanston portion of the project; Sletten Construction will be working on the Lander campus. Both are Wyoming-based companies.

A groundbreaking ceremony will be held at the Wyoming State Hospital on April 26 at 3 p.m. A similar event is planned for May 22 at 9 a.m. at the Wyoming Life Resource Center.

To learn more about the Healthcare Facilities Project, visit <https://health.wyo.gov/admin/healthcare-facilities-project/>.



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Annual Goal \$8500

MHCC Receives Chamber of Commerce Award

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

Memorial Hospital of Carbon County recently received The Most Improved Business award from the Carbon County Chamber of Commerce.

The award is voted on by businesses throughout Carbon county. This represents a membership of close to 200 businesses throughout the County.

CEO Dana Barnett said the hospital recently has added roughly eight new doctors to its staff during the past year and expects the number of residents

staying in town for services to increase during the next several months.

"Part of it is the community's willingness to trust we have providers that are going to stay," he said. "In the past that has not been the case and therefore people have not stayed. We fully expect that the investment that has been made in the new providers coming in the area will be good for the community as well.

Barnett said the hospital has also spent the past few months updating the facility.

"We are in the process right now of going through strategic planning," Barnett said. "We do this every three years and we are right in the middle of it now. That will help us identify the market that the communities' needs and wants are."



Advanced Medical Imaging (RDTK) Courses at LCCC

Three advanced medical imaging classes are starting this Summer 2018 at LCCC: a Computed Tomography (CT) Registry Review course, a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Registry Review course, and an Advanced Modality Clinical Education course.

These courses can be completed in a convenient 8-week format for radiographers pursuing advanced certification by the Ameri-

can Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT). Each course can be taken independently, in sequence, or concurrently.

The Registry Preparation courses are offered exclusively online.

The Advanced Modality Clinical Education course can meet the ARRT's mandatory clinical competency examinations in a clinical setting in any of the advanced categories such as CT, MR, mammography, and Dual X-ray

Absorptiometry, (DXA).

Due to the specialized scope of these rotations, enrollment is restricted by clinical site availability and meeting the minimum entry requirements for the course.

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Senators Urge HHS to Reduce Price of Naloxone

Sixteen U.S. senators have urged the Department of Health and Human Services to take immediate action to reduce the price of naloxone – a drug that can be delivered via nasal mist or injection to temporarily suspend the effects of an overdose until emergency

responders arrive.

"No police officer, no firefighter, no public health provider, and no person should be unable to save a life because of the high price," the senators wrote to HHS Secretary Alex Azar. "By bringing down the cost, we can get this life-saving drug in the hands

of more people as called for by the Surgeon General. Doing so will save countless lives."

