

The Wyoming Hospital Association Political Action Committee (WHA PAC) closed the year by raising \$13,443 and distributing \$14,800 in contributions to candidates running for elected office. This amount includes funds given to the American Hospital Association Political Action Committee (AHAPAC) in order to support congressional candidates.

The funds raised in this campaign will help support candidates who champion the goals and values of Wyoming Hospitals and underscore WHA advocacy efforts at both the state and federal level. The success WHA PAC has seen this year would not be possible without the WHA PAC Committee

Vickie Diamond, Wyoming Medical Center

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Charlie Button, Star Valley Medical Center

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Doug McMillan, West Park Hospital

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WHA would like to extend a big **THANK YOU** to all of you that contributed to the WHA PAC in 2016! This was the first time in the history of WHA PAC that we reached our AHA PAC goal of \$8,300 with hard dollars. Hard dollars are considered contributions that were received from our WHA PAC member's contributions, not from the WHA corporate account. Only hard dollars can be used to support our states representatives in Washington, DC. In the past years, contributions from WHA PAC members would come up short of our yearly goal. In order to meet the goal set by AHA, we would offset the short fall in contributions with money from WHA's operating account to reach our AHA PAC goal. Any money sent to AHA PAC that came out of WHA's operating account are considered soft dollars and cannot be used to support to our congressional candidates in Washington, DC. Any soft dollar contributions that the AHA received, is used to fund educational programs for state run PAC's. Therefore, any year that we meet our annual AHA PAC goal with hard dollars, 100% of the money sent to AHA is used to support candidates that stand up for hospitals at the federal level.

WHA PAC had a very successful year through the generous contributions of 16 individuals representing 14 hospitals throughout the state.

Campbell County Health

Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital

Star Valley Medical Center

Sheridan Memorial Hospital

Banner South—Wyoming

Evanston Regional Hospital

Weston County Health Services

Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County

Cheyenne Regional Medical Center

Memorial Hospital of Converse County

West Park Hospital

Iverson Memorial Hospital

SageWest Health Care

Wyoming Medical Center

2017 Fundraising Activities

Last year's WHA PAC auction was a success and we are planning on having another auction at this year's meeting in Sheridan. For those hospitals who donated items to the auction at last year's annual meeting, your donation was and is very much appreciated! With that said, please be thinking of what you or your hospital could donate for this year's auction. We will be sending out request for items in the next couple of months.

For anyone who has not heard about the WHA PAC and would like more information on how you could become a member of the PAC please contact Barry Burkart at barry@wyohospitals.com or 307-632-9344.



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