

NEWS BRIEFS

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WHA Calendar:

WHA Board Meeting Cheyenne	2/11

Other Events:

Legislature Convenes	2/8
Legislative Reception Cheyenne	2/11

Andy Fitzgerald Appointed to AHA RPB

Andy Fitzgerald, CEO of Campbell County Health (CCH), has been appointed as the Wyoming alternate delegate to the American Hospital Association Regional Policy Board (RPB), representing Region 8.

Mr. Fitzgerald will serve a three-year term on the RPB. The Region 8 RPB invites all delegates and alternate delegates to attend all meetings and both are encouraged to fully participate. As an alternate delegate, Mr. Fitzgerald is also an ex-officio officer on the Wyoming Hospital Association Board of Directors.

The RPBs meet three times a year to foster communication

between the AHA, its members and state hospital associations. The RPBs provide input on public policy issues considered by the Board of Trustees, serve as ad hoc policy development committees when appropriate, and identify needs unique to a region and assist in developing programs to meet those needs.

RPBs help AHA assess and evaluate issues of concern to the field, their impact and importance, and the advocacy action AHA should take to address them. RPBs help the association develop policy positions, shape advocacy strategies and identify emerging issues. They also guide the

association's operations. Input from the nine RPBs is fed directly to the AHA Board and the chairmen of each RPB sits on the AHA Board. David Entwistle, CEO, University of Utah Health Care—Hospital and Clinics, Salt Lake City, Utah will be the RPB 8 Chair in 2016.



Evanston Regional Hospital Appoints CEO

Jeremy Davis has been named Chief Executive Officer of Evanston Regional Hospital.

Born and raised in a small, rural community in Eastern Oregon, Davis has more than 10 years of experience in healthcare administration.

He comes to Evanston after serving as Associate Administrator, an integral on-site leadership position, for the 49-bed Sutter Coast Hospital in Crescent City, California since 2012.

Davis worked in several

roles with Sutter Health, an organization of hospitals and providers in Northern California, over the past seven years. He has also worked at hospitals and healthcare organizations in Ohio and Oregon while pursuing his undergraduate and graduate education.

"I'm honored to join the physicians and employees at Evanston Regional Hospital who provide quality, personalized care for the community," Davis said.

"I look forward to what we can accomplish together as we

build upon the hospital's commitment to service and making a difference in people's lives."





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



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West Park Hospital Celebrates 75 Years

West Park Hospital celebrated its 75th anniversary by completing yet another "ambitious dream," spurred once again by Cody visionaries who persevered with the help of generous benefactors.

In 1936, when the country was enduring the Great Depression, community leaders set a precedent by forging ahead with grand plans to build a hospital.

They did not let Cody's remote location and small population stifle their ambition.

Similarly, the WPH Board – supported by the Foundation – forged ahead with the final part to a three-phase facility expansion plan. In typical Cody fashion, they accomplished the improbable.

"It's hard to find a general medical center like Cody's in another city of equal

size," said Sen. Hank Coe, R-Cody, whose two grandfathers were instrumental in founding the first hospital built in 1940.

Doug McMillan, CEO, served as emcee, at the dedication ceremony.

"We had a board, we had a vision, we had the will ... we found the way," McMillan said.

Dr. Phyllis Sherard Recognized by Becker's Hospital

Phyllis Sherard, PhD, Cheyenne Regional Medical Center's Chief Strategy Officer and Vice President of Population Health, was recognized last month by Becker's Hospital Review as "one of 130 women hospital and health system leaders to know."

Becker's Hospital Review is a trade publication of Becker's Healthcare, a leading source of business and legal information for

healthcare industry leaders.

In its announcement, Becker's noted that "these 130 women ... have established themselves as successful leaders within the ever-changing healthcare industry."

Their selection was "based on editorial judgment and discretion of members of the Becker's editorial team, who evaluated leaders for their management and leadership skills and career

accomplishments and also read through and considered a record number of nominations."

Dr. Sherard was also recognized earlier this year by the Wyoming Business Report as being one of 11 "Women of Influence" in the state, specifically for her leadership in making healthcare improvements in Wyoming.

CMS Report on Overall Hospital Star Ratings

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has posted a report describing the final methodology for its overall hospital star ratings, and summary results for the first overall star ratings to be added to the Hospital Compare website in April.

Hospitals participating in the inpatient and outpatient quality reporting programs can preview their overall hospital quality star

rating through Feb. 14 at the QualityNet Secure Portal.

To preview the data, see the inpatient and outpatient preview reports for the April update. Prospective payment system-exempt cancer hospitals, inpatient psychiatric facilities and ambulatory surgical centers also can preview their quality data for the April update through Feb. 14.

For more information, visit www.qualitynet.org.

CMS also plans to add a Fact sheet and answers to Frequently Asked Questions for the overall hospital star ratings.

Questions about the methodology can be emailed to cmsstarratings@antana-group.com