

NEWS BRIEFS

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WHA Calendar:

Wyoming Patient Safety Summit
Laramie 11/7

Other Events:

Labor Health & Social Services Committee
Evanston 10/16-10/17

Lovell's Schroeder Remains WHA Board Chair

Rick Schroeder, CEO of North Big Horn Hospital in Lovell, was installed as the 2014-2015 Chairman of the Wyoming Hospital Association's Board of Directors during the WHA's annual meeting and convention last week.

Mr. Schroeder will remain on the board for a second term as Chairman and as an alternate delegate to the American Hospital Association's Regional Policy Board.

The 2014-2015 officers also include Chair-Elect Ryan Smith, CEO of Memorial Hospital of Converse County in Douglas and Secretary/Treasurer Steve Erixon, CEO of SageWest Health Care Lander and Riverton.

Vickie Diamond, CEO of Wyoming Medical Center in Casper will serve as the Association's Past Chairwoman.

Director Mike McCafferty, CEO of Sheridan Memorial Hospital will serve an-

other term on the board. He will be joined by directors Robin Roling, CEO of Hot Springs County Memorial



Hospital in Thermopolis, and Vince DiFranco, CEO of Community Hospital in Torrington.

Doug McMillan, CEO of West Park Hospital in

Cody remains on the WHA board as an ex-officio in his role delegate to the Regional Policy Board.

The WHA Board of Directors provides vision, sets direction, and establishes policy for the association.

A schedule of WHA Board meetings will be posted soon.

Beyond participation on the Board, the WHA has committees that are designed to give members an opportunity to contribute to the WHA's policy positions and educational offerings.

Current committees include the WHA Legislative

Committee, which develops the WHA's legislative agenda and provides guidance on key regulatory issues.

The Legislative Committee typically meets in the fall to begin considering issues the Legislature is expected to consider, and to develop the WHA's own set of legislative priorities.

Contact the WHA offices for more information about these and other opportunities to participate in the WHA and its leadership in healthcare issues in Wyoming.

And to offer your feedback or input to Board members or WHA staff, you can reach the directors at their hospitals, or contact the WHA at (307) 632-9344.

More information on the WHA can be found at our website www.wyohospitals.com.





MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Stereotactic Breast Biopsy Coming to WPH

Starting November 1, West Park Hospital's (WPH) Radiology Department will be providing the latest in Stereotactic Technology allowing women a more convenient option for having breast biopsies.

The hospital has added a new Stereotactic unit Breast Biopsy and Excision System from Hologic, Inc. for use under stereotactic (x-ray) imaging.

Before, women would have to drive to reschedule an appointment with the surgery center in Cody or travel to Billings, Montana for this procedure.

WPH's new state-of-the-art systems are designed to improve the quality, accuracy and ease of breast biopsies. The process utilizes advanced computer-assisted technology, known as digital stereotactic localization, to

map the precise site of a breast abnormality before a tissue sample is taken for analysis.

These benefits allow most patients to return to daily activities immediately following the procedure. The staff at West Park Hospital is highly trained and is committed to providing exceptional care to the women in the community.

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



Boley Receives Prestigious Daniel J. Lex Award

Eric Boley, administrator of the South Lincoln Nursing Center in Kemmerer, received the prestigious Daniel J. Lex Award for Lifetime Service in Long-Term Care during the LeadingAge Wyoming annual conference in Jackson.

The award was created in honor of Daniel Lex, who served for more than 20 years as executive director of the Quality Health Care Foundation, now LeadingAge Wyoming, which represents Wyoming's non-profit nursing homes. Lex

died in 2010. Boley is the fourth recipient of the award.

The award is presented annually at the association's fall conference to recognize one outstanding professional who has dedicated their career to providing high-quality long-term care.

Boley's nomination highlighted his strong history of healthcare leadership in Wyoming, particularly in helping develop a new reimbursement system for Wyoming's nursing homes, as well as his continuous ef-

forts to help expand Medicaid. Boley was also recognized for his years of service on the LeadingAge Wyoming board of directors, and his focus on strengthening and supporting member nursing homes across the state.

In addition to nearly 15 years as a nursing home administrator, Boley has also been an active member of LeadingAge Wyoming, the organization Lex created 22 years ago.

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Patient Safety Summit

The Wyoming Medical Society and the Wyoming Hospital Association have come together once again to organize the third annual Patient Safety Summit.

This year's Patient Safety Summit will be held November 7 at the Laramie Hilton Garden Inn.

The Summit is aimed at hosting a forum to assist all types of healthcare providers in identifying best prac-

tices to improve patient safety and quality across the continuum of care.

We have amassed an outstanding array of experts that will examine a host of issues to help us all foster a culture of safety that follows patients from one care setting to another.

Keynote speaker is Captain Alan Price who is a patient safety coach and master trainer with

LifeWings.

Guest presenter Robert Thompson serves as director of education at MMIC delivering patient safety, risk management and healthcare communication seminars.

Registration is available online at www.wyomed.org/patientsafety. Registration is \$125 per attendee and includes lunch and 7 hours of Category 1 CME.