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WHA Calendar:

- Healthcare Leadership Training **10/18**
- Wyoming Patient Safety Summit Casper **11/15**

Other Events:

- HFMA Fall Meeting Sheridan **11/7-11/8**



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Wyoming Department of Health Hosts Public Forums

In 2013, the Wyoming Legislature enacted legislation, Senate Enrolled Act No. 82, which requires the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) to study the use of managed or coordinated models of care for some or all of the people enrolled in Wyoming Medicaid.

In order to meet the legislative requirement, the WDH is conducting a coordinated care study for Wyoming Medicaid. WDH has contracted with Health Management Associates to assist with this study.

Understanding the importance of robust stakeholder input, the WDH will offer several opportunities for stakeholders to inform the study. The stakeholder input process will begin with five public forums facilitated by HMA.

These public forums will be held in five different locations across the State. These forums will address various models of coordinated care and will be an important opportunity for WDH and HMA to solicit feedback from stakeholders.

Details for these public forums are below:

Monday, October 21
5:00pm-7:00 p.m.
Community College Room:
CCI 129, 1400 E. College Dr
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Tuesday, October 22
5:00pm-7:00pm
Casper Recreation Center
1801 East 4th St, Casper,

Wednesday, October 23
5:00pm-7:00pm
City of Gillette Community
Room, 201 E. 5TH Street
Gillette, Wyoming

Thursday, October 24
1:00pm-3:00pm
Park County Public Library,
Grizzly Room
1500 Heart Mountain Street
Cody, WY

Friday, October 25
10:00am-12:00pm
Green River Center, room
211, #1 College Way
Green River, WY

If you have any additional questions about the forums or would like to RSVP, please contact Emma Carpenter at ecarpenter@healthmanagement.com. RSVPs are not required but will help with planning.

If you are unable to attend one of the public forums, but would like to provide input, there are other opportunities to do so. HMA has established an email that interested parties should use to send comments. Commenters will not be identified in the study.

Please send your comments to coordinatedcare

study@healthmanagement.com. Comments will be accepted through November 5, 2013.

The public forums and other stakeholder input opportunities are important to the quality of the study because there are many different models of "managed or coordinated care" to consider.

The WDH is thinking of managed or coordinated care as any system of healthcare delivery that focuses on management of healthcare services with the intent to provide integrated and coordinated care at a lower cost.

Under this definition, coordinated care could take many forms and be accomplished using various models and payment methods. The WDH is not currently focusing on one model of managed or coordinated care or one type of payment method. The

WDH is most interested in models and payment methods that will work well within Wyoming's unique geography, provider community, and for its enrollees.

If you have additional questions about the WDH coordinated care study, please contact Meredith Asay, Administrator, Director's Unit for Policy, Research and Evaluation at meredith.asay@wyo.gov.

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Hospital Relics Donated to State Museum

The Cheyenne Regional Medical Center Foundation has donated more than 200 items to the Wyoming State Museum. These instruments—from shiny scissors to scary looking glass syringes—had been stored in various places at the hospital over the years.

Some of the devices likely date back more than 100 years. Others are thought to be from 1900 to 1950.

Cheyenne Regional Medi-

cal Center and the foundation collected the equipment over the years, said Stephen Stone, executive director of the hospital foundation. The hospital doesn't have enough room to keep it all, he said.

The museum is considered to be a proper and safe place for preservation, Stone added. The hospital's Board of Trustees agreed and approved the transfer.

Over the last year or so

the foundation board's Historic Committee member volunteers spent many days assembling the items.

The Historic Committee and CRMC also filled two display cases at the hospital with information about Cheyenne's medical history and old medical items.

The cases feature pictures of classes of nurses from the school that once operated in Cheyenne and an old patient registry.

2013 Patient Safety Summit

The Wyoming Medical Society and Wyoming Hospital Association are excited to present the second annual Wyoming Patient Safety Summit in Casper, November 15, 2013.

Registration is \$125 per registrant. Registration is open to physicians, physician assistants, nurses, and all other healthcare providers, healthcare administrators, safety professionals and members of the public. Lunch is included in the registration fee.

Steve Harden of Lifewings will present as the keynote lunch speaker. Mr.

Harden is CEO of LifeWings Partners LLC, a team of physicians, nurses, former NASA astronauts, former military flight surgeons, pilots, flight crew, former military officers, and healthcare risk managers.

Other agenda items include Patient Safety Culture: What is it and can it be measured? by Mike Tracy, MD; How Does Your EHR Tie Into Patient Safety? by David Hanekom, MD; Inpatient versus Outpatient Safety Issues by Joe Horam, MD; Engaging Patient; Soaring Over the Safety Chasm: What healthcare can

learn about creating a culture of patient safety from Capt. Sully. by Steve Harden; Reporting of Adverse Events - Local and Statewide by Brent Sherard, MD; One Raving Fan is Better than a Thousand Naysayers: Recruiting Safety Champions on Your Patient Safety Journey by Steve Harden; and a panel discussion on the Role of a Patient Safety Organization and Future Direction in WY.

Registration information and a copy of the agenda can be found at <http://wyomed.org/patientsafety>

WHA Goes Live on Facebook and Twitter

In order to expand communications with members, as well as legislators and the public, the Wyoming Hospital Association has launched a presence on Facebook and Twitter.

The WHA's social media approach will enable it to directly deliver key information on important topics, such as the Medi-

caid expansion, and when information is moving quickly, such as during the legislative session.

Facebook and Twitter also open up WHA communications more broadly to the public, strengthening the WHA's position as the key source for hospital and healthcare related information in Wyoming.

Both social media outlets will be updated regularly, so check them often to stay up with the latest from the WHA, and on healthcare news from around Wyoming.

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