



NEWS BRIEFS

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WHA Calendar:

HFMA Meeting Laramie	11/18- 11/19
WHA Board Meeting Lander	11/23

Other Events:

LeadingAge Wyoming Board Meeting	11/10

Community Health Needs Assessment

As many of you know, it is time once again for many of us to complete community needs assessments. In cooperation with the Office of Rural Health and Wyoming Integrated Care Network, we believe we have enough funding to partner with Wyoming Institute of Population Health and to have those assessments paid for in your communities.

I encourage you to look at the announcement below and to follow up with the Wyoming Institute of Population Health. For those of you that have begun your own assessment, we have worked out a deal with the Institute to help reimburse you for expenses you incur as you conduct your own assessment.

I'm grateful to Vickie Diamond and the WyICN for helping fund this mandate of the ACA and to help keep us all in compliance.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires that all non-profit hospitals:

- Conduct a Comprehensive Community Health Needs Assessment (CCNA) every 3 years and must involve public health experts and individuals in the community representing the broad interests of the community in the area served by the hospital.

- Address in the CCNA all determinants of health: biological, socioeconomic, psychosocial and social behaviors that contribute to a person's state of health.
- Make the CCNA available to the public.
- Adopt an implementation strategy - community health improvement plan (CHIP) -to meet the identified needs.
- Submit IRS Form 990 (if applicable) with a description of the needs not being addressed and why.
- Adopt and widely publicize the hospital's financial assistance policy and how to apply.

The Wyoming Institute of Population Health (Institute) is developing of a comprehensive, statewide health needs assessment, with county level data, that meets the requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA).

This service is made available in partnership with the Wyoming Hospital Association .

This document, which emphasizes the importance of

linking care delivery, public health, and community-based services to improve the health of populations, will be made available for use by hospitals and their partners to select priorities, and drive an implementation strategy for community health improvement.

Additionally, to help you meet the community health improve plan (CHIP) requirements, the Institute will offer direct consulting services to interested hospitals to help them meet the ACA requirements.

At the conclusion of this consultation, hospitals and the communities they serve will have at their disposal:

- A comprehensive community needs assessment .
- A community health improvement plan that meets ACA requirements .

Applying couldn't be easier - simply contact the Institute and request an application.

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



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'Most Don't' Campaign to Fight Drug, Alcohol Abuse

West Park Hospital is using peer pressure to keep young people away from drugs and alcohol. They've initiated a "Most Don't" campaign.

West Park Hospital has placed signs on buildings near Cody High School, chalk art on sidewalks at the middle and high schools, and posters inside the schools, delivering the simple message, "Most Don't".

Surveys show most Park

County students don't drink, smoke marijuana, or take illegal prescription drugs. The surveys are conducted by the Wyoming Statistical Analysis Center in Laramie.

Doubters are encouraged to visit their "Most Don't" website (mostdont.org), or Facebook page which includes statistics and sources.

So, how effective is the "Most Don't" campaign? Ironically,

it will have to wait for the next student survey in 2016, which will reveal how many didn't after the "Most Don't" push.

The "Most Don't" campaign is the only one of its kind in Wyoming.



WyHealth Goals

The goal of WYhealth is to reduce inappropriate utilization of the ER and to reduce re-admissions to the hospital.

WYhealth is actively involved in reaching out to Medicaid members who are frequent users of the ER and patients that have been admitted to the hospital.

Processes have been developed to direct clients to appropriate care resources.

WYhealth does this in a number of ways:

1) Reach out to Medicaid members who frequent the

ER and enroll them in programs to better manage their clinical condition.

2) Receive Inpatient Census Reports from Wyoming hospitals. WYhealth Care Managers connect with the patients that are discharged.

3) During outreach, they offer to engage them with a Care Manager who can locate a primary care physician and/or medical home, encourage medication adherence, provide coordination of care, and more.

4) The 24/7 Nurse Line is free to Medicaid Members

to answer questions about health and help to determine if the ER is necessary.

5) Encourage providers to access the online CCD viewer giving them information about Medicaid patients previous medical care.

6) Provide discharge flyers that include age appropriate tips to promote appropriate use of the ER and reduce readmission.

Call 307-757-7259 or email info@WYhealth.net with any questions.

AHA Great Boards

The fall 2015 issue of AHA's Great Boards newsletter, <http://www.greatboards.org/newsletter/greatboards-newsletter-fall-2015.pdf>, is now available and features articles on best practices for board education and governance of Provider-Sponsored Health Plans (PSHPs).

Author Pamela R. Knecht, president and CEO of ACCORD Limited, in her article "Board Education: Raising the Bar," reviews challenges to effective board education and the components of solid structures and plans for delivering top-notch board education experiences. She includes tools to help boards develop annu-

al education activities and a list of "hot topics" for governance education.

Visit www.greatboards.org to find past issues of the newsletter and other tools and resources for effective governance.