



NEWS BRIEFS

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WHA Calendar:

WHA Board Meeting Lander	11/23

Other Events:

Title 25 Joint Subcommittee Cheyenne	11/30
Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Committee Cheyenne	1/7-1/8

Two Hospitals Recognized at Governor's Business Forum

Seventeen individuals told their success stories during the Governor Matthew H. Mead Business Forum, held November 17-18 in Cheyenne.

Governor Mead partnered with the Wyoming Business Alliance/ Wyoming Heritage Foundation to host this year's forum held at Little America Hotel & Resort in Cheyenne.

The success stories reflect numerous industries, as well as including community and economic development projects. The business stories were selected based on their successful growth strategies in their industry while the community and economic development stories were selected based on an area's successful efforts to improve local resources.

Ryan Smith, CEO of Memorial Hospital of Converse County in Douglas was selected to present his hospital's success story. The hospital is a state-licensed Medicare-certified 25-bed critical-access hospital. Ryan also currently serves as the new WHA Board Chairman.

The Wyoming Council for Women's Issues also presented its 2015 Employer of Choice Award to Gillette's Campbell County Health.

According to Jan Torres of Rock Springs, chair of WCWI's Employment Practices Committee, the annual

award honors a Wyoming Business that has implemented practices and policies that help employees successfully balance careers with family life. Campbell County Health was nominated by Wyoming State Representative Norine Kasperik, HD 32, with written support from CCH employee Dane Joslyn and a verbal recommendation by Cody business owner Sarah Mikesell Growney.

According to a list provided by Kasperik, CCH provides a workplace environment that contributes to employee satisfaction, resulting in improved patient satisfaction and outcomes and measured by quantitative surveys showing significant improvements over the past two years; participates in initiatives that provide opportunities for underserved groups, such as the CLIMB Wyoming program

for single mothers, an education reimbursement program that helps employees enhance their job skills or change positions and training programs such as Certified Nursing Assistant, Medical Assistant and Phlebotomist; and surveys local and regional employment markets to ensure competitive salaries, increasing salaries for entry-level positions in 2014 and adjusting CNA positions this month in response to market forces.

Kasperik also described the 25-year subsidized onsite employee childcare program and the recruitment and retention benefits of that service. "It's one of the few childcare programs that takes infants as young as six weeks of age," she said. The Childcare Center also provides a before- and after-school program for school-age children.



Carma Cora, Karen Clarke, CCH Director of Community Relations, Jan Torres and Carol Aberle, CCH Human Resources Senior Generalist.



Charitable Grant to Fund new CT Scanner for CCMSD

Crook County Medical Services District (CCMSD) announced they are one of 37 recipients of a grant from the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust.

The trust is awarding almost \$14 million over the next six months to support the purchase of new CT scanners for critical access hospitals across the region, including the Sundance hospital.

The trust has awarded the district a total of \$400,000 to purchase a new 64-slice scanner to provide diagnostic images of the body's interior.

The \$14 million will be divided among 37 facilities across seven states in the Midwest. Crook County joins Star Valley Medical Center and Memorial Hospital of Carbon County as Wyoming's three recipients.

To date, this program has awarded more than \$627 million to organizations and initiatives in the upper Midwest states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Wyoming, Minnesota, Iowa and Montana.

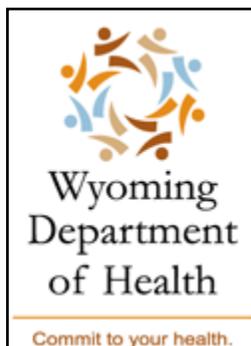
The trust has been supporting health-focused organizations since 1999, awarding grants based on

the idea that rural populations in the upper Midwest are medically underserved and receive a disproportionately small amount of philanthropic healthcare grant funding.

The trust aims to support such rural facilities by awarding grants that strengthen critical care facilities, foster incentives for physicians to train and serve, support development and training as well as technology, increase the use of information technology and support innovative projects.



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



Providers Must Re-Enroll to Avoid Payment Delays

Wyoming Medicaid officials with the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) are encouraging all of the program's healthcare providers to avoid payment delays by meeting re-enrollment requirements by the end of the year if they haven't already done so.

The 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) required all Medicaid programs to im-

prove provider screening and enrollment processes. After December 31, Wyoming Medicaid will have to deactivate any providers who have not re-enrolled.

Wyoming Medicaid began promoting mandatory re-enrollment in May 2014. Recent targeted outreach efforts include detailed letters to all providers who had not yet re-enrolled.

"Re-enrollment may take

several weeks so we don't want people to wait until the last minute," Schilling said. While provider enrollment applications will continue to be accepted and processed after December 31, payments will not be made until provider enrollments are complete.

Information is available online at http://wyequalitycare.acs-inc.com/aca_reenrollment.html

AHA urges CMS to Revise CAH Necessary Providers

The AHA has urged the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to allow a wider variety of documentation to support a critical access hospital's necessary provider designation, consistent with its past policies.

"We are concerned that CMS's recently articulated

requirements around the documentation necessary to support a critical access hospital's necessary provider designation are inappropriate and unnecessarily limited," wrote AHA Executive Vice President Tom Nickels.

"They may very well have the dire consequence of causing many CAHs to lose

the designation that they rightfully obtained prior to 2006. We urge CMS to immediately remedy this issue by revising its requirements to allow alternative methods of documentation."

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