

NEWS BRIEFS

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WHA Calendar:

Healthcare Effective Communication Webinar **4/9**

Trustee Educational Program Casper **5/16**

Other Events:

ACHE Congress Chicago, IL **3/24-3/27**



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Wyoming Hospitals Participate in HRET Denver Meeting

In representing Wyoming hospitals' efforts within the Hospital Engagement Network quality improvement program, eleven hospital staff members participated in a regional educational session held this past week in Denver.

The AHA's Health Research & Educational Trust (HRET) hosted this "Improvement Leader Fellowship" session specifically for participation by Colorado and Wyoming hospitals.

The nursing leadership, quality improvement and risk management staff attending this education represented from the WHA member hospitals in Casper, Rock Springs, Douglas, Worland, and Rawlins.

In support of the HRET quality improvement program, the ILF education is designed to build skills in leading improvement among hospital leaders in providing multi-faceted resources to support self-guided and peer-to-peer learning on a variety of proven methods and tools.

The program now in its third year – over 1,200 hospital improvement leaders have benefited from ILF sessions nationwide. Many disciplines have participated, with quality improvement teams, nurses, physicians, pharmacists and other frontline staff

have learned key concepts in driving change and focused improvement within their organizations.

Charisse Coulombe, HRET Vice President, delivered an opening presentation in backgrounding the program and nationwide perspective. Sarah Hodgson, CHA Project Manager, and Neil Hilton, WHA Vice President reviewed current project status and updated data reports for Colorado and Wyoming respectively for those in attendance.



The clinical elements of the agenda included a variety of presentations, led primarily by HRET leadership and representatives from Cynosure Health and the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) in serving as improvement advisors to the program.

Cheryl Ruble, MSRN, as a clinical nurse specialist with Cynosure delivered very compelling presentations on reducing the incidence of CAUTI and other hospital

acquired infections.

She provided excellent perspective, grounded in nurse driven protocols and the positive results that have been experienced in hospitals across the country working in a proactive and thoughtful ways in aggressively addressing infection prevention.

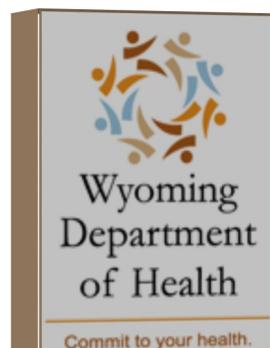
Two Colorado hospital teams, representing Steamboat Springs and St. Anthony North in Denver shared their experiences in support of refreshed infection prevention efforts – all in keeping with a positive focus on peer-to-peer learning, engagement with best practices and sound evidence based protocols.

WHA is very pleased to have a roster of 19 Wyoming hospitals participating in this HRET program and greatly appreciates the hospitals that supported their staff members in taking part in this Improvement Leader Fellowship.

Additional educational opportunities will be available throughout the balance of the year. WHA will continue to support this program for the benefit of quality improvement efforts within Wyoming hospitals and the communities they serve.



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St. John's Announces Opening of New Facilities

St. John's Medical Center (SJMC) has opened new expanded facilities in oncology, obstetrics, and surgical services, beginning March 20, 2014.

"This state-of-the-art building project represents the modernization of three vital hospital service areas and the construction of a new utility plant to provide energy for the entire hospital campus. Whether it's for cancer treatment, surgery, or to deliver a baby, patients will greatly benefit from the

comfort, privacy, and technology these new spaces provide," said CEO Lou Hochheiser, MD.

The new Oncology Pavilion offers patients comfort and privacy in a newly constructed cancer center, with six infusion bays and two private exam/treatment rooms.

The new Family Birth Center features private patient rooms for labor, delivery, recovery, and postpartum care. Patient rooms include private tubs for com-

fort during labor and ample space for family members, and the expanded nursery includes specialty equipment for newborns requiring extra support.

For surgical services, three operating suites will be outfitted with state-of-the-art integrated operating room technology and equipment, including surgical equipment booms, video monitors for viewing diagnostic images, and LED lights for a cooler environment and better visibility.

Young Adult Cancer Conference Planned for Casper

The Wyoming Comprehensive Cancer Control Consortium (WCCCC) and "Stupid Cancer," a national young adult cancer survivor organization, have set Wyoming's inaugural "What's Next: Young Adult Survivorship Conference" for March 29 in Casper.

The conference, which will be held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, is designed for young adult cancer survivors, caregivers and others interested in learning more about the unique challenges

of the young adult cancer population.

Seven times more common than all pediatric cancers combined, young adult cancer (age 15-39) involves 72,000 new diagnoses each year across the country.

"That's one every eight minutes," said Jessica Perez, outreach coordinator with the Wyoming Comprehensive Cancer Control Program at the Wyoming Department of Health.

Perez said young adult cancer patients often face

limited resources, inadequate support, and a lack of awareness and understanding.

A handful of travel scholarships are available to help survivors attend. Registration is free and includes a pre-conference reception on March 28 at 6 p.m. For details (including the agenda) and to register, visit <http://stupidcancer.org/wyoming>

For more information about the conference, please contact Perez at 307-777-7362.

HPP Seeking Regional Coordinator

The Hospital Preparedness Program is seeking to contract with an energetic and dynamic individual to act as the regional coordinator for Region 4.

Region 4 consists of Lincoln, Sublette, Sweetwater, Teton, and Uinta counties.

Regional Coordinator

duties include the following activities: develop and coordinate regional coalition development, assisting with outreach and coordination with partner agencies, facilitate preparedness assessments, planning, training, exercise coordination, communications, and public information dissemination.

For more information or to apply, please send cover letter and resume to: brittany.wardle@wyo.gov or Office of Emergency Medical Services, Attn: Brittany Wardle, 6101 Yellowstone Road, Suite 400 Cheyenne, WY 82002.

The contract will begin July 1, 2014.