



NEWS BRIEFS

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WHA Calendar:

WHA Board Meeting Riverton	5/20
WHA Trustee Education Riverton	5/21

Save the Date: WHA Trustee Education – May 21 in Riverton

WHA is very pleased to announce the Annual Trustee Education Program for 2015, to once again bring focused content and timely issues for presentation and review, specifically driven to the needs of Wyoming hospital trustees.

Well-grounded Trustee education has become an issue of critical importance as reform initiatives press on, challenging the financial and operational concerns of hospitals nationwide.

The call of increasing demands for open accountability and transparency clearly prompts additional pressure for all hospitals to strive to be at their very best.

This year's event is scheduled to be held Thursday, May 21 at the Riverton Holiday Inn.

The agenda will feature Jeffrey Bushong, a leading consultant with Medical Management Group, LLC.

WHA appreciates the endorsement and support of Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County in assisting the securing of this highly regarded healthcare consulting firm, and Mr. Bushong specifically in serving as this year's outside content provider.

The agenda will include a variety of current topics, with significant focus upon multiple aspects of physician and medical staff relations – including sustainable alignment strategies, the impacts of evolving hospital & physician reimbursement models, and the related challenges in governance, operational and financial performance.



As a related piece, Mr. Bushong will address the increasing scrutiny on the physician credentialing process, including the proper delineation of privileges and disclosures necessary to maintain full compliance with medical staff bylaws and regulations.

The afternoon will turn attention to the activity comprised through the course of the recently completed 2015 Session of the Wyoming Legislature.

House Representative Elaine Harvey, as the co-chair of the Labor, Health & Social Services will review key hospital-related issues from the session and provide insight regarding the committee's interim topics of study planned through the balance of the year.

We are pleased to again have an excellent collection of current hospital trustees to lead an open forum to focus the topics of the day in manner that becomes clearly practical for all hospital boards.

Our feedback was overwhelmingly positive in having conducted such a forum for the first time last year – clearly destined to carry forward for our future trustee events.

The opportunity to openly discuss local hospital issues, share successes and common challenges will be sure to serve as the perfect manner in which to tie the program together to conclude the day.

We appreciate the engagement of our Trustee Education Council members in providing assistance in the development of the agenda for this year's program and look forward to another well attended event, designed to benefit hospital trustees statewide.

More information will be made available at the WHA website www.wyohospitals.com or call the Association at 307-632-9344.

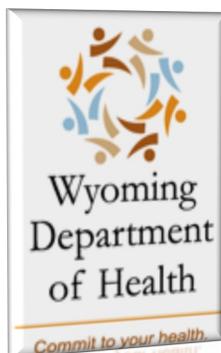
Other Events:

AHA Annual Meeting Washington, DC	5/3-5/6
National Nurses Week	5/6-5/12

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6,314 Hours Recorded for Volunteer Services at MHSC

The nonprofit Volunteer services program of the Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County (MHSC) works in conjunction with the Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, which provides charitable aid within the hospital in areas which may not have the funding or services needed.

Of the many volunteer programs, the comfort cart, is one which combines charitable goods with a personal

touch. The cart is supplied with many items to comfort patients during their stay at the hospital.

Volunteers take the cart to patients and offer books, magazines, lip balm, blankets, pillows and other items which are both donated and made for the effort.

Recently, students from the Rock Springs High School Health Academy donated their time to make pillows for the comfort cart.

The Volunteer Services includes the hospital gift shop, which is run solely on volunteer hours; the life-line program, a medical alert system; the comfort cart, inner-office mail delivery; and fundraising projects.

As a whole, the volunteer program fundraises to provide services to the hospital, its patients and the community.

Conference on Aging Set for April

The Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) has set the 2015 Wyoming Conference on Aging, for April 27-30 in Cheyenne.

It's becoming clear that programs serving Wyoming's aging population need modernization if they are to continue providing services effectively. Tomorrow's older adults have different ideas and expectations for their lives," said Tim Ernst, Community Living Section administrator with the WDH Aging Division.

The conference will feature national and regional speakers, interactive discussions and panel sessions on topics such as mental health, retirement, caregiving, Alzheimer's and developmental disabilities. A preconference workshop on April 27 will focus on elder justice issues, including roles of local and state officials.

Conference sessions will be held at the Little America Conference Center and continuing education opportunities are available for several

professional categories. The standard registration fee is \$175 with discounts available for attendees over 60 and college students.

To register visit <http://www.cvent.com/d/jrqk0v> online. For general information, contact Shirley.Guiberson@wyo.gov or 307-777-7986. To sign up as an exhibitor or sponsor, contact Jamie.Kennedy@wyo.gov or 307-777-5660, or Debbie.Walter@wyo.gov or 307-777-5048.

Spring Edition of Great Boards Newsletter Available

The spring 2015 issue of American Hospital Association's (AHA) Great Boards newsletter is now available.

The newsletter features articles on the results of AHA's national governance survey and characteristics of high-performing boards.

Administered by AHA's Center for Healthcare Gov-

ernance, the free quarterly newsletter examines hospital and health system governance trends and effective practices.

To subscribe, go to <http://www.greatboards.org/newsletter/subscribe.shtml>

For additional tools and resources for hospital boards of trustees, visit AHA's Great Boards website at <http://www.greatboards.org/>

