

NEWS BRIEFS

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WHA Calendar:

WHA Board of Directors Meeting Cody, WY	5/18
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WHA CEO/Trustee Educational Program Cody, WY	5/19
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Other Events:

Infection Prevention Conference Casper	4/19-4/20
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Labor, Health & Social Services Interim Meeting Casper	4/28-4/29
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LeadingAge Wyoming Spring Meeting Cody, WY	5/17-5/18
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President's Message

and our willingness to work with the DOH that the legislators will not get too involved and allow us to work it out ourselves.

Another interesting topic to be discussed and explored is a multi-payer claims database. There is some interest in this and the DOH has been given the task of looking at forming a database but they have to do it with no additional funding.

With the Supreme Court's recent ruling that all-payer claims databases are illegal, I'm interested to see where the State's attempt will go.

I welcome your attendance at the JLC meetings and encourage you to get involved. The Joint Task Force on Title 25 has not scheduled their first meeting but I would like to have hospitals from around the state there to testify and let the committee hear directly from you. We will keep you posted on upcoming meeting dates.

On another note, I just got off the phone with John Nance, author of "Why Hospitals Should Fly" and "Charting the Course". He will be our keynote presenter at the WHA/LAW Annual Convention in September.

We had a lengthy conversation about what he will prepare and share with us during his session at our convention.

I hope you will all mark your calendars and save the dates for the convention, which will be September 6-8 here in Cheyenne.

If you haven't already done so, I would also encourage you to get registered and come to Cody on May 19th to attend the annual Trustee Education Session. We have a great program lined up which includes Clint Maun as our keynote presenter.

With the weather turning good (I say that as snow starts to fall here in Cheyenne) I will be hitting the road and will be making site visits to every hospital in the state. Rose will be calling to set up appointments as I make my way around Wyoming. I look forward to meeting with you and seeing your facilities.

I would also be ready, willing and able to attend your board meetings and give a report on the WHA activities if you are interested. Just let me know.

**CEO/Trustee
Educational
Program
Cody, WY**

May 19, 2016



MHSC Becomes First Shriners Affiliated Hospital in US

On March 15, Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County (MHSC) and Shriners Hospital for Children finalized the contract making MHSC the first Shriners affiliated hospital in the United States.

MHSC Chief Executive Officer Jerry Klein made the official announcement at the

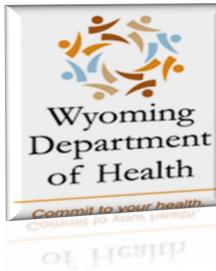
recent hospital board meeting.

Klein said Shriners will be at MHSC April 18-19 to start putting the pieces in place. By May 20, the CEO said MHSC will start providing services to patients.

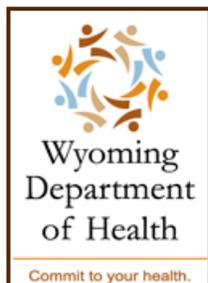
“We are really excited about this,” Klein said as he

explained MHSC is committed to bring more services to local patients.

To avoid making the long trip, Shriners patients who are closer to Rock Springs will now be able to get services through the use of tele-medicine.



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



Grants Management Training in Casper

Wyoming Department of Health, Office of Rural Health and Grant Writing USA will present a two-day grant management workshop in Casper, April 28-29, 2016.

This training is for grant recipient organizations across all disciplines. Attend this class and you'll learn how to administer government grants and stay in compliance with applicable rules and regulations.

The Office of Rural Health has funds to reimburse tuition for a limited number of community-based health and human service agency staff who successful-

ly complete this course.

Discounted tuition for this group is for \$297.50 and includes Grant Management USA's 500-page grant management workbook and reference guide.

Seating is limited, online reservations are necessary.

Please call customer service line at 800-814-8191 for registration instructions. You will be charged the full fee if you don't call customer service and ask for the discount.

The Office of Rural Health will reimburse \$297.50

Complete event details including learning objec-

tives, class location, graduate testimonials and online registration (register only after you've called customer service and asked for the discount) are available at <http://grantwritingusa.com/grants-training/grant-management-workshops/casper-wyoming-april-2016.html>?

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Please contact Sharla Allen at the Office of Rural Health at sharla.allen@wyo.gov, 307-777-7293.

National Hospital Week is May 8-14

A hospital is more than a place where people go to heal, it is a part of the community that fosters health and represents hope. From providing treatment and comfort to the sick, to welcoming new life into the world, hospitals are central to a healthy and optimistic community. That's the message organizers are touting with the 2016 Na-

tion Hospital Week theme “Health Care from the Heart.”

The event theme is the centerpiece of a promotional campaign aimed at uniting health care facilities across the country during the May 8-14 celebration.

For more information visit <http://www.aha.org/advocacy-issues/nhw/index.shtml>

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