

# NEWS BRIEFS

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## WHA Calendar:

WHA Board Meeting Casper	<b>5/15</b>
Trustee Educational Program Casper	<b>5/16</b>

## Other Events:

AHA Annual Meeting Washington, DC	<b>5/4-5/7</b>
Western Regional Trustee Symposium Henderson, NV	<b>6/11-6/13</b>



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## Trustee Education Program—May 16

The WHA Annual Trustee Education Program is quickly drawing near – set to be held Friday, May 16 in Casper.

This year’s agenda will again bring focused content and timely issues for presentation and review, specifically driven to the needs of Wyoming hospital trustees.

Trustee education has become an issue of critical importance in this era of reform initiatives and the call for increasing demands for accountability and transparency in hospital operational and financial concerns.

The morning session will include a series of detailed presentations focused on all aspects of hospital quality improvement initiatives.

Nancy Foster, as Vice President of Quality & Patient Safety Policy with the American Hospital Association will open with review of a wide variety of issues and programs from a nationwide perspective.

Ann McGowan, Executive Director of the Nebraska Coalition of Patient Safety will discuss all aspects of the mission and functionality of patient safety organizations.

Wyoming currently does not participate formally in a specific PSO engagement, so this will be timely information, as a determination will become necessary to be

made in the near future for our state to remain compliance with a variety of healthcare reform regulations focused upon quality improvement measures.

Kelly Court, as Chief Quality Officer for the Wisconsin Hospital Association and the lead representative of their Quality CheckPoint program will deliver full overview of this effort. With WHA having recently made commitment to enroll in this program – is certain to be highly pertinent for hospital leadership to gain awareness and knowledge regarding CheckPoint.

From direct Wyoming perspective – the leadership from Mountain-Pacific Quality Health will review their new scope-of-work details and their role as the QIO organization serving our state.

WHA’s Neil Hilton will provide a briefing regarding our Wyoming-based hospital participation in the HRET Hospital Engagement Network program.

Following a morning covering quality and clinically-

driven issues, the afternoon will turn attention to hospital board functions and board leadership in the context of a “Chairman’s Forum”.

We are very pleased to have Robert Kayser, Board Chairman at Memorial Hospital of Converse County and Ron Mischke, Board Chairman of Sheridan Memorial Hospital positioned to conduct a thoughtful review and lead open discussion regarding a variety of aspects of hospital board functionality.

WHA will also take this occasion to recognize hospitals trustees statewide for their participation with the Best-on-Board “Essentials of Healthcare Governance” online program, as continues to play a significant role in backgrounding trustees with solid education and tools for effective work on their respective local hospital boards.

With registrations coming in steadily, WHA certainly looks forward to another well attended event, designed to benefit hospital trustees statewide.

For more information call the WHA at 307-632-9344 or contact Neil Hilton at [neil@wyohospitals.com](mailto:neil@wyohospitals.com).

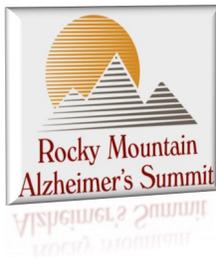




## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



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## Elkhorn in Top 10 Percent of Rehabilitation Hospitals

Elkhorn Valley Rehabilitation Hospital (EVRH) recently was ranked in the Top 10 percent of inpatient rehabilitation facilities nationally for the 6th consecutive year.

The ranking was provided by the Uniform Data System for Medical Rehabilitation (UDSMR). It ranks rehabilitation facilities based upon care that is patient-centered, effective, efficient, and timely.

“We continually strive to provide high quality care to our patients, so it’s exciting to be recognized as a national leader – especially for 6 years in a row,” says Mike Phillips, CEO of Elkhorn

Valley Rehabilitation Hospital. “But what I’m most pleased about are that patients right here in our community can receive the highest level of rehabilitative care available nationally without having to leave the area.”

“Through UDSMR, we collaborate with our peers throughout the United States to share information and establish best practices for patients,” says Ryan T. Swan M.D., EVRH Medical Director. “This recognition for the 6th consecutive year is a testament to the exceptional care our staff brings every day to meet the reha-

ilitation needs of Wyoming’s citizens.”

EVRH has been a member of the Wyoming community since January 2008.

Designed solely for the provision of specialized rehabilitative care, EVRH is the only freestanding rehabilitation hospital in Wyoming.

It provides intensive physical rehabilitation services to patients recovering from strokes, brain and spinal cord injuries, and other impairments as a result of injury or illness.

For more information, please visit [www.EVRH.ernesthealth.com](http://www.EVRH.ernesthealth.com).

## Rocky Mountain Alzheimer’s Summit

Healthcare and social service providers in Wyoming, Nebraska and Colorado are invited to attend a premier Alzheimer’s Disease conference being held in Cheyenne, Wyoming on June 4-5 at Little America.

The conference, made possible through funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in response to the National Alzheimer’s Pro-

ject Act (NAPA), will feature local, regional and national leaders in Alzheimer’s disease diagnosis and management as well as healthcare policy.

In addition to sessions on new diagnostic procedures, pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic management strategies, the summit will also include presentations on the diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer’s disease

among people with intellectual disability – a segment of the population that may be underserved.

Summit registration is free for and limited to healthcare professionals and social service providers.

More information can be found at: [www.uwyo.edu/geriatrics](http://www.uwyo.edu/geriatrics) or call (307) 766-2829.

## National Nurses Week

National Nurses Week is being celebrated May 6-12.

Held annually during the week of Florence Nightingale’s birthday in 1820, National Nurses Week was founded by the American Nurses Association to celebrate the critical

work that nurses provide to improve healthcare delivery around the world.

This is the time for everyone to reflect on the contributions nurses make to patients, families, and communities.

This year’s theme, “Nurses: Leading the Way,”

recognizes nurses as leaders at the bedside, in the boardroom, throughout communities and in the halls of government. The public holds nurses in high regard and trusts them to advocate for patients.