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WHA Trustee Education Preview – May 19 in Casper

The annual WHA Trustee Education Program for 2017 is rapidly approaching – set to be hosted on Friday, May 19th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Casper. This event has become a cornerstone of WHA’s annual engagement with members and is once again poised to bring focus on timely issues for review and open dialogue, specifically driven to the needs of Wyoming hospital trustees.

As the challenging financial and operational pressures continue to stress hospitals nationwide, sound and diligent governance is imperative as hospitals stand committed to serve their respective communities.

This year’s agenda will feature timely and necessary core board education, to be delivered by Bob Harris, founder of the Harris Management Group, Inc. Providing focused, clearly structured “board basics and responsibility” had been identified by our WHA Board and Trustee Council to be reinstated back into this year’s agenda.

WHA is very pleased to have secured Bob Harris, as a nationally recognized resource for his innovative expertise regarding internal and external board relations, effective governance practices and protocols – including all

aspects of leadership and professional development that should be facilitated via proper board functionality.

Harris has conducted board leadership programs worldwide, including work with a variety of organizations and association colleagues here in Wyoming. He will utilize case studies and best practice analysis in the areas of board orientation, proper protocol and strategic leadership. From testimonials that have been issued – “straight to the point, Bob hits all the key areas, awakens volunteer boards with reality, and illustrates how things should be properly done – he is straight forward & all business, just like leaders want it.”

An “open forum” to be led by members of the WHA trustee education council will provide opportunity for dialogue as an intermission within Harris’ presentation – designed to provide specific areas for focused detail.

We are also very pleased to announce the Best-on-Board online trustee education programming is slated to be reintroduced statewide via supportive relationship driven by WHA. As many will recall, this program was instituted by WHA back in 2012, gaining great support and utilization – but the original

founders of the program phased it out at the close of 2014. The program framework is in the process of reestablishing under new ownership, the timing of which will be perfect for fresh rollout of the program as part of our May 19 agenda.

The legislative review included on the agenda will focus primarily on federal-level issues, most notably the status of repeal-and-replace activity involving the proposed versions of the American Health Care Act (AHCA). Ron Purcell, our Regional Executive with the AHA will be on hand to lead this discussion and provide analysis of various CMS and federal initiatives. WHA President, Eric Boley will also review state legislative activity, pertaining to the interim meetings of the Labor, Health & Social Services Committee – and an early look ahead to the 2018 Budget Session of the Wyoming Legislature.

The full agenda and registration information have been distributed statewide. WHA is very pleased to have 60+ registrations already submitted, representing from 16 different hospitals – certainly encourage additional participation to include all member hospitals for this timely and beneficial program.

WHA Calendar:

WHA CEO/ Trustee Spring Meeting Casper, WY	5/19
LeadingAge Wyoming Spring Meeting Casper, WY	5/17- 5/18

Other Events:

AHA Annual Meeting Washington DC	5/7- 5/10
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Medical Care in Rawlins Takes to the Air

Carbon County Memorial Hospital has a brand new air ambulance, a medically-equipped helicopter.

Wade Patten, a member of the ambulance crew, said that there's a "tremendous" amount of training involved in being capable of providing emergency health care at altitude.

This is a crew of specialists with plenty of experience in their re-

spective fields.

"The nurses and paramedics are typically at the very top of their career," Patten said. "They've been doing medicine in very, very busy centers so that they can get the experience to do this. Almost all of them have three or four years minimum experience before they can go here."

The helicopter's pilot, Barry Worstel, got his start flying choppers for the U.S. military. He said that there's

no technical difference in flying a military craft and flying a medical one.

Wyoming wind can be an issue even for a seasoned pilot, particularly if it's gusting. The safety of the crew and the ambulance must also be taken into account.

The helicopter was officially unveiled to the public during the Carbon County Health Fair with a ribbon cutting.



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West Park Hospital Hosts Peer Review Forum



view and discussion regarding all aspects of physician peer review and professional conduct protocols. The firm is based in Pittsburgh, PA and is nationally recognized in working collaboratively with hospi-

tal and physician practices throughout the country. Attorneys LeeAnne Mitchell & Rachel Remaley drew from vast experience in presenting a high level of detailed review and analysis, clearly of great value to all in attendance. Several representatives of hospital legal counsel, CEOs, CMOs and trustees attended as well.

Over 80 attendees representing from hospitals and physician practices in Wyoming, Montana and Idaho participated in a highly engaging and educational conference held last week in Cody. The leadership at West Park Hospital hosted this live event in their Baker Community Education Center, an outstanding venue in which to serve the respective 3-state area.

Specific focus was provided in identifying the essential elements of effective peer review processes, the roles of hospital and medical staff leadership, and various clinical and quality-related reporting requirements.

Those participating in the forum represented an excellent mix of primarily Physician leaders, Medical Staff Officers, and hospital medical staff coordinators – including those involved with credentialing, privileging, and risk management. Several representatives of hospital legal counsel, CEOs, CMOs and trustees attended as well.

Two partners within the law firm, Horty-Springer served as key presenters in leading re-

The Wyoming Hospital Association greatly appreciates the interest and commitment to ongoing education for all hospitals, and on this specific occasion – the leadership of Doug McMillan and his staff at WPH for arranging and hosting this timely event.



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