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WHA Calendar:

WHA PAC Golf Tournament	9/1
WHA/Leading Age Annual Meeting & Convention Casper	9/2-9/3

Other Events:

Joint Labor Health and Social Services Committee Casper	6/8-6/9
Appropriations Committee Cheyenne	6/23-6/24

Trustee Education Conference a Success

WHA is very pleased with the outstanding participation at the Annual Trustee Education Program for 2015, hosted May 21 in Riverton. Over 70 hospital trustees and CEOs took part in the event, representing statewide from 17 different Wyoming hospitals. As designed, this occasion brought together focused content and timely issues for presentation and review, specifically driven to the needs of Wyoming hospital trustees.

This year's event provided significant focus upon multiple aspects of physician and medical staff relationships – including sustainable alignment strategies, the impact of evolving hospital & physician reimbursement models, and the related challenges in governance, operational and financial performance impacting hospitals across the country.

Medical Management Group, LLC led these discussions with a series of very thoughtful and insightful presentations. A team of four consultants engaged a specific set of components of study and analysis regarding physician relations and evolving dynamics that are facing all hospitals.

Conference participants were highly engaged in these topics, as excellent questions

and open dialogue resulted within the context of each presentation.



The afternoon attention turned to the activity comprised through the course of the recently completed 2015 Session of the Wyoming Legislature. House Representative Elaine Harvey from Lovell, as the co-chair of the Labor, Health & Social Services reviewed key hospital and general health care related issues from the session and provided insight regarding the committee's interim topics of study for the balance of the year. The various dynamics of state legislative process also prompted great discussion generated via those in attendance.

WHA provided review and update regarding the broad scope of trustee education support that is available through the American Hospital Association's Centers for Healthcare Governance. The AHA has recently reformatted and expanded their program offerings.

The program wrapped up with a very engaging open

forum led by two highly experienced hospital trustees – Bob Kayser from Memorial Hospital of Converse County and Joe Quiroz with SageWest Healthcare, Lander/Riverton. Each of these current trustees provided very tangible and thoughtful approaches for proper governance practices for all hospital boards, drawing from their extensive experience and leadership. The opportunity to openly discuss local hospital issues, share successes and common challenges again clearly served as the perfect manner in which to tie the program together to conclude the day.

Timely and insightful trustee education has become an issue of critical importance as reform initiatives press on, challenging the financial and operational concerns of all hospitals to be at their very best.

WHA appreciates the leadership and engagement of our Trustee Education Council members in again providing assistance with the development of the program agenda and will look forward to continuing to providing educational opportunities to all Wyoming hospitals and their boards of trustees.



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

Social Gathering to Capture Hospital History

St. John's Medical Center will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2016.

The hospital will recognize this milestone by creating a written and visual collection of stories of healthcare in Jackson Hole.

The process of gathering stories will begin with a social event on Thursday, June 4, from 11 am to noon at the Senior Center.

Anyone interested in sharing stories, memorabilia, or photographs about the history of St. John's Medical

Center and local healthcare is welcome to attend.

"When we hear stories about the early days in the hospital's history, it warms our hearts to remember how hard this community has worked to help bring St. John's Medical Center to where we are today," said director of community relations Karen Connelly. "We don't want the stories of patients, doctors, nurses and early hospital leaders to be lost. We want to share them so the leg-

acy of St. John's and the community lives on."

Staff from St. John's and historian and filmmaker Charlie Craighead will be available to help attendees brainstorm and share recollections.

For more information, contact Karen Connelly at 307 739 7380 or kconnelly@tetonhospital.org.



Wyoming Grown Website

Governor Mead and other state officials have launched "Wyoming Grown," a new state program that seeks to convince former residents to return to Wyoming and find a job here.

"We know we have some great job and career opportunities in Wyoming," Mead said. "And we also know that we've shipped a lot of young people out to other states because they felt like they didn't have a career here in Wyoming."

The push comes as state employment numbers show that about 60 percent of all 18-year-olds working in Wyoming will leave the state within 10 years.

The outreach effort will encourage the former Wyomingites to visit the website, www.wyominggrown.org, where they can learn about opportunities in the state. They also can post their resumes on the site.

Joan Evans is the director of the Wyoming Department

of Workforce Services. She said once a resume is posted, state officials will immediately contact that person and even send them a letter from Mead on why they should return.

The website also lists several facts touting why Wyoming is a good place to live and work, such as the lack of a state income tax and the fact that the average commute is 18 minutes.



Nomination Forms Mailed

The 2015 nomination forms have been mailed for the Norman S. Holt Award for Nursing Excellence and the 2015 Auxiliary of the Year Award.

The awards will be presented during the WHA/LeadingAge Annual Meeting & Convention which will be held September 2-3 at the Ramkota in Casper,

Wyoming.

The Norman S. Holt Award is available to every RN and LPN regardless of their position. Individual institutions are responsible for determining its own method of nominating and selecting the candidate who will be submitted for further consideration.

The Auxiliary of the

Year must be a paid member of the Wyoming Healthcare Volunteer Organization (WHVO). If more information is needed on the WHVO, please feel free to contact WHA.

Nominations for both awards must be received in the WHA office by July 1st.

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