

NEWS BRIEFS

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WHA Calendar:

**WHA PAC
Golf
Tournament** 9/6

**WHA/LAW
Annual
Meeting &
Convention
Cheyenne** 9/7-
9/8

Other Events:

**Joint Labor
Health and
Social Services
Committee** 8/25-
8/26

Great Participation at WHA Trustee Event

The annual WHA Trustee Education program was held May 19 at West Park Hospital in Cody. The new Baker Community Education Center proved to serve as a perfect venue to once again bring focus on timely issues for presentation and review, specifically driven to the needs of Wyoming hospital trustees.

Well-grounded, thoughtful trustee education has become a cornerstone of WHA's efforts, as the challenging financial and operational pressures – demanding of sound governance practices, continue to stress hospitals nationwide.

Diligent governance, strategic planning and policy is imperative as hospitals stand committed to serve their respective communities.

This year's event was very well attended with nearly 80 respective trustees participating, representing from 21 different hospitals statewide.

The day initiated with engaging open forum discussion led by a collection of trustee leaders – Bob Kayser from Memorial Hospital of Converse County in Douglas, Ron Mischke from Sheridan Memorial Hospital and Joseph Quiroz from SageWest Health Care in Lander/Riverton.

The WHA Trustee Education Council identified a new area of specific interest to be included in the program – review and discussion Hospital Foundation related activities. Effective capital cam-



paigns & fundraising, with the community relations and promotion that comes alongside these efforts – best practices and success stories would benefit all hospital boards and foundation boards .

An outstanding collection of Wyoming foundation executives provided great coverage of all aspects of this area of study – with Molly Hampton, a seasoned fundraising & campaign consultant leading the presentation. Hospital foundation executives Ada Kirven (Sheridan), Caryn Luberto (Casper), Graham Jackson (Cody) and Vickery Hall with the Wyoming Community Foundation all provided significant contribution in reviewing their approach and keys to success in their respective communities.

Key leadership from the WDH was on hand to review a number of licensure and survey issues. Senior Administrator, Heather Babbitt and Survey Agency Director, Laura Hudspeth presented – in addition to Pat Davis providing update regarding life safety code and construction plan review.

State Senator Ray Peterson from Cowley provided timely review and discussion of issues facing the Wyoming Legislature. As a member of the LHSS Committee – the current interim studies of that committee served as primary elements of review by Senator Peterson.

Closing keynote address was delivered by Clint Maun, as nationally recognized for his innovative expertise in healthcare operations, management, revenue enhancement, quality improvement – all aspects of leadership and professional development.

This proved to provide an excellent manner in which to focus the events of the day, closing in an engaging and enthusiastic manner that trustees can ground their approach in serving on their local hospital boards.

WHA sincerely appreciates the great attendance and participation at this year's trustee event!



WMC Earns Highest Honor for Stroke Care

Wyoming Medical Center has again won the American Stroke Association's highest level of recognition for quick, expert treatment of stroke patients.

For the second straight year, WMC achieved Target: Stroke Honor Roll — Elite Plus status. They also earned the Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award.

The award recognizes the hospital's commitment to providing the most appropriate stroke treatment according to nationally recognized,

research-based guidelines based on the latest scientific evidence.

It is the eighth year in a row WMC has been recognized by the American Stroke Association.

"Get With The Guidelines® was born and bred by physicians who understand what it means to deliver excellence in care. The information we gathered allowed us to look critically at our program and make good decisions about how we can do things better. The changes have been amazing," said David B. Wheeler, M.D.,

Ph.D., F.A.A.N., director of Wyoming Medical Center's Primary Stroke Center and a neurologist at Wyoming Neurologic Associates.

"Target Stroke was developed in order to encourage hospitals to really start looking at how we could treat people more quickly. As it turns out, the hardest part about setting up a system of care is making it go quickly because every single case presents its own unique set of problems. Target Stroke gave us the incentive to bulldoze through all those barriers," Wheeler said.

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

Norman S. Holt Award for Nursing Excellence

In 1983, the Wyoming Hospital Association Board of Directors, in honor and memory of Norm Holt, established the Norman S. Holt Award for Nursing Excellence due to his tremendous understanding and active involvement with the nursing profession.

The award is presented annually at the Wyoming Hospital Association Convention to honor one outstanding nurse in Wyoming.

Each Wyoming hospital is allowed to submit one candidate per year. The individual institution is responsible for determining its own method of nominating and selecting the candidate who will be submitted for further consideration. It is imperative to remember that every R.N. and L.P.N., regardless of position, should be considered an eligible candidate.

The recipient of the award will receive a complimentary registration to the 2016 WHA Annual Meeting and Convention, including travel expenses, a recognition plaque and a monetary award. This year's meeting will be held September 7-8 in Cheyenne.

All applications for this year's award must be received no later than June 30, 2016.

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Practice Wyoming Website

The Wyoming Medical Society and Wyoming Health Resource Network are seeking your help in determining the next steps in the lifespan of the Practice Wyoming website.

The site was originally produced to act as an aid in recruiting physicians to Wyoming.

Now, the WMS and WHRN are interesting to know if and how often it is being used. There are only a few questions, so please take the time to complete the survey.

The survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9JVWG7P>.

