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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

WHA Resources Selects Vendors

WHA Resources has selected Merritt Hawkins, a company of AMN Healthcare, as its preferred vendor of medical staff recruitment and related services.

The nation's leading permanent physician staffing firm, Merritt Hawkins was selected as the preferred vendor

by WHA Resources, a subsidiary of the Wyoming Hospital Association, based on their over 25 years of providing physician, advanced practitioner, and related staffing services to hospitals in Wyoming.

As preferred partners, Merritt Hawkins will provide Wyoming hospitals with resources pertaining to physician and advanced practitioner recruiting and staffing, physician/hospital relations, compensation, retention, and a wide range of other workforce issues.

"WHA has found that Merritt Hawkins is willing to invest the time and energy to build positive client relationships in Wyoming and is able to achieve consistent results," said Eric Boley, WHA President. "It is a pleasure to welcome them into WHA Resources' Preferred Vendor Program."

Neil Hilton, WHA vice president, notes the affirma-

tion that Merritt Hawkins will offer both staffing resources to WHA members as well as a wide range of educational tools pertaining to clinical staffing trends, including surveys, white papers, and speaking presentations.



"We have been offering our consultative, resource-based approach to recruiting to Wyoming hospitals for many years," said Kurt Mosley, vice president of strategic alliances for Merritt Hawkins. "Being a Preferred Vendor provides the opportunity to take our relationships with Wyoming hospitals to the next level and we look forward to recruiting even more physicians to the state."

WHA members seeking additional details regarding Merritt Hawkins' track record and services may contact Tom Hudgins, senior marketing consultant for Wyoming, at (469) 524-1646 or at tom.hudgins@merrithawkins.com.

We would also like to introduce FocusOne Solutions as one of our new Endorsed Business Partners affiliated with WHA Resources, Inc.

FocusOne Solutions is a leading managed services provider which offers an integrat-

ed solution to help our hospital members efficiently source high quality staff, make informed staffing decisions, save time, and control spend association with contingent and direct hire staffing for both clinical and non-clinical positions.

FocusOne Solutions works in conjunction with and extension to your staffing and/or human resources department to absorb the administrative functions that surround staff procurement and provides hospitals with one point of contact for their staffing needs. They handle the calls, manage relationships with staffing agencies, and source candidates with a priority on quality.

Blake Sorrell, Business Development Executive serving Wyoming is readily available to provide more information, he can be reached at 402 938-2040 ext 2468 or email bsorrell@focusonesolutions.com



For further information regarding WHA Resources, contact Neil Hilton neil@wyohospitals.com or 307 632-9344.



CMC Receives National Exceptional Rural Program

Cedar Mountain Center (CMC) has received the Senator Harold Hughes Memorial Award this year for the most Exceptional Rural Program in 2016.

The Exceptional Rural Program Award is given annually to a rural program that exemplifies outstanding contribution to the rural alcohol and drug abuse field.

It recognizes a program that has established exceptional services to the rural alcohol and drug abuse field and helps to improve the

lives of those who suffer the effects of alcohol and drug abuse.

“This award is a testament of the all the hard work of the staff and continuing support of the West Park Hospital Senior Leadership and Hospital Board,” states Fred Snelson, CMC Director.

Cedar Mountain Center is nationally known for their chemical dependency treatment, medically supervised detox services, family treatment based upon 12 steps,

and alcohol education and awareness.

West Park Hospital Cedar Mountain Center knows that recovery is a painful and difficult process, but we hold firmly to the conviction that it can become a rewarding and fulfilling accomplishment, thereby unlocking hidden or unknown potential for growth and peace.

CMC is certified by the state of Wyoming.

For more information please visit WestParkHospital.org.

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

Analysis Finds Bias in CMS's Hospital Star Ratings

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approach to overall hospital quality star ratings appears to have several shortcomings, according to a new analysis by an expert in econometrics, commissioned by the AHA.

“While it appears to give the impression of being rigorous and objective the estimation aspect is highly dependent on choice of measures and the weighting scheme is entirely subjective

and highly determinant of the final outcomes,” writes Francis Vella, chair of the Department of Economics at Georgetown University, among other concerns.

Commenting on the study AHA President and CEO Rick Pollack said, “Patients need reliable information to make important choices regarding their health care. And hospitals and health systems need reliable information so that they can continue to improve the quality

of the care delivered.

CMS star ratings misses the mark on both accounts.” CMS delayed the release of the ratings in April after AHA and 285 members of Congress raised concerns about the agency’s methodology .

The analysis can be found at <http://www.aha.org/content/16/16georgetown-meas.pdf>

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The 2016 Wyoming Hospital Association and LeadingAge Wyoming Annual Meeting & Convention will be held September 7-8 in Cheyenne at the Little America Hotel and Resort.

The 10th Annual PAC Golf Tournament will be held Tuesday, September 6 in Cheyenne.

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Little America will only hold our room block until **August 3rd.**

Please call Little America today to reserve your room. Their phone number is 307-775-8400 or 1-800-445-6945.

Mention you are with WHA for the discounted rates of \$89-\$109.

