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WHA/LAW Annual Meeting & Convention

WHA Calendar:

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

Other Events:

Labor Health & Social Services Lovell	8/24-8/25

On behalf of the Wyoming Hospital Association and our 32 members and LeadingAge Wyoming and our 29 members, we want to invite you to Casper and the first ever combined association annual meeting.

As the theme indicates, “Partnerships, The Key to the Future”...this is the direction we are headed as our associations unite to represent healthcare within the state of Wyoming.

We want the Wyoming Hospital Association and LeadingAge Wyoming to be source the state and the legislators look to for information and as the voice of healthcare in Wyoming.

This is an exciting time as we come together to network and learn from one another.

We have many great presenters lined up to help motivate and educate. We are honored to have Rich Umbdenstock and Larry Minnix, both making their first visits to Wyoming, sharing their experiences leading both of our national associations. We wish them all the best as they transition to new chapters in their lives.

We hope you’ll take time to visit with our vast array of vendors, without whom this convention would not be possible. We’re grateful to them for their support.

We also hope you’ll join us Wednesday evening for a fun filled night of entertainment and celebration as we honor those individuals and facilities that will be receiving awards for their outstanding performance.

Some of the other programs scheduled include:

- The Ins and Outs of Legislation
- Advocacy Update—Barbara Gay, Director of Governmental Affairs, LeadingAge
- Ombudsman Program, Marilyn Randa, State Long Term Care Ombudsman
- Licensure & Survey Office, Laura Hudspeth, Interim State Survey Director, Department of Health
- Plan Review—Patrick A. Davis, PE, LEED AP, Chief, Life Safety & Construction Branch, State of Wyoming Department of Health - Aging Division
- Best Practices to Prevent Avoidable Rehospitalizations—PatFritz, Nursing Home Quality Project Manager, Mountain Pacific Quality Health

Tim Richardson will be our Thursday Luncheon speaker.

THINK is a mantra for one of the world’s leading companies yet only fully utilized by top leaders. Most people seem to be better at directing than thinking.

Today’s financial climate necessitates high level thinking.

This session is based on research from Tim’s Putnam published book Transformation Thinking and will teach leaders how to think innovatively.

Tim will provide techniques to increase personal brain power and demonstrate how to encourage new thinking.

If you’d like better results in your organization, engage with Tim for a stimulating keynote that will inspire collaborative thinking, innovation, and a work environment that fosters better thinking.

There are many other programs and activities planned for this year’s meeting.

You can make your room reservations at the Ramkota Hotel by calling 307-266-6000 and requesting the WHA room block.

To register for the meeting, call 307-632-9344 or visit our website at www.wyohospitals.com



Sheridan VA Aims to Bring Doctors into Homes

The Sheridan Veterans Affairs Medical Center is expanding their medical reach through the use of technology—taking advantage of items such as tablets, cameras, screens and mannequins that are so technologically advanced that a doctor 2,000 miles away can make it cry.

The at-home visit can now be done electronically, and in some cases the VA is sending tablets home with

veterans. This is done so that medical personnel can have daily updates on patients without anyone having to travel.

This is used when patients need to have things like their daily weight, blood pressure or blood sugar checked.

The VA will also have a large simulation lab training area where local staff can use telehealth systems to work and train with doctors

around the country.

Jackie VanMark, public affairs director at the Sheridan VA, said the simulation lab uses a robotic mannequin that a doctor in Colorado, California, or Florida can operate.

The simulation lab gives staff the chance to work on any type of physical situation a person could go through and the mannequin can react in many ways a person can.

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

Wyoming Women of Influence in Health Care—Finalists

• Phyllis Sherard, Chief Strategy Officer / V.P., Population Health Ph.D., Cheyenne Regional Medical Center

Dr. Sherard has more than 30 years' experience in public health, population health and healthcare strategy. She spent 20 years with the Wyoming Department of Health before joining Cheyenne Regional. She has been instrumental in developing ways to reach beyond the traditional four walls of the hospital to address the challenges of caring for the frail and vulnerable, rising chron-

ic disease rates and delivering evidence based preventive health services.

Through her leadership, Wyoming is the only state that has created medical neighborhoods through organic growth and partnerships that have brought competitors together to work as collaborators for the best interest of the patient.

• Yvonne Wigington, Senior Vice President/CFO, Wyoming Medical Center

Wigington began work at Wyoming Medical Center 21 years ago, taking a few years off to raise her grow-

ing family of five. She has actively worked to enhance her credentials, eventually becoming a Fellow of the Healthcare Financial Management Association and earning a Bronze Award for HFMA volunteer activities.

Called a 'servant leader' by her nominator, Wigington is credited with helping to bring meaning to WMC employees' jobs. She implemented new systems that improved budgeting and gave the leadership a more fluid financial planning tool.

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9th Annual WHA PAC Golf Tournament

The 9th Annual WHA PAC Golf Tournament, will be held September 1 at the Casper Country Club.

The format is a 4-person per team scramble at a cost of \$125 per player, or \$500 per team.

Proceeds from the tournament will support the WHA's political advocacy efforts.

This will be an event you do not want to miss.

A gorgeous golf course and the opportunity to help solidify one of the key benefits the WHA delivers to its members: effective political advocacy.

We hope to see you at Casper Country Club to enjoy a great game of golf, and

to support our efforts.

The Wyoming Hospital Association/LeadingAge Wyoming Annual Meeting & Convention will be held September 2-3 in Casper.

To register for either the golf tournament or the Convention, please call Rose at 307-632-9344 or visit website at www.wyohospitals.com