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WHA Calendar:

WHA PAC Golf 9/23
Tournament

WHA Annual 9/24-
Meeting & 9/25
Convention
Cheyenne

Other Events:

Labor Health & 9/4-9/5
Social Services
Interim
Committee
Lovell, WY

Leading Age 9/17-
Wyoming Fall 9/19
Conference
Jackson, WY



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Register now for the WHA Annual Meeting & Convention

The Wyoming Hospital Association Annual Meeting & Convention is fast approaching. Now more than ever it is essential to be prepared for the worst. Keeping that in mind, we have invited speakers to help you with the process.

The first program deals with active shooter response training.

Are you mentally prepared for an active shooter event? Does your organization have strategies in place? Do you have the knowledge to defend yourself and those in your care?

If these answers don't come to mind when you imagine yourself or a loved one in an active shooter situation, you are not alone. These terrifying instances have become a rare but deadly reality in our culture. Preparation is essential, and training is the key to survival.

Research shows that hospital shootings are actually more common than the more highly publicized school shootings. Having an emergency response plan in a hospital, where saving lives is already the focus, is vital for protecting the lives of those that are less capable of evacuating or defending themselves in the event of a violent shooter.

This program will help answer the following questions: What does a hospital do when so many people CAN'T evacuate? There is no way to "Lockdown" every room, how can a hospital "lockdown" or secure in place? Hospitals are limited on staff until help arrives, how would a limited staff counter?

Hospitals represent a vulnerable environment. By definition, they contain a population unable to counter or evacuate due to illness and injury, as well as visiting loved ones who may not be prepared to leave the bedside of a friend or family member. A site assessment for your facility to use already existing infrastructure and communication technologies and to help you create a plan of action can be offered.

The next program explains what you should do following a crisis. The program is "Business Continuity Workshop for Rural Hospitals."

Drawing from experiences implementing business continuity programs with rural hospitals, Angela Develen and Richard Prestidge will describe the challenges regarding continuity planning for rural hospitals and share lessons learned.

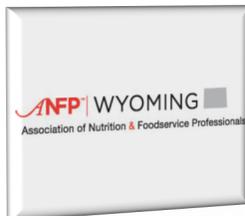
Angela Develen is the Managing Partner of Wakefield Brunswick and an advisor to healthcare organizations around the US. Richard Prestidge is the Hospital Emergency Preparedness Program Manager for the Colorado Hospital Association (CHA).

Attendees will learn what currently exists for business continuity resources, as well as showcase new tools and materials recently piloted at rural hospitals in Colorado.

Using real-life case examples, attendees will learn what healthcare providers face while continuing to deliver care during and following crisis events. Attendees will not only benefit from the identified lessons learned but also the specific tactics taken to address them to maintain continuity of operations.

Through a series of interactive exercises, attendees will learn how interviews are conducted to gather plan information, and using a sample BCP tool, participants will learn how to document essential functions and applications, and recovery actions for their selected department to create a draft departmental sample plan.

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Wyoming Food Service Professionals Honored

The Wyoming Chapter of the Association of Nutrition and Foodservice Professionals announced recently that it has won the organization's Platinum Award.

Each year, this award is given to ANFP state chapters that demonstrate commitment to improving the chapter and the nutrition and food service industry as a whole.

Elected executive boards of state chapters promote

food safety, effective leadership, and the latest knowledge in food service for facilities that employ nutrition and food service professionals.

Volunteers lobby for food safety legislation and recognition of the certified dietary manager.

State individual certified dietary manager awards were presented at the ANFP National Education Conference in Minneapolis.

The award winners were Bruce Link CDM CFPP of Buffalo for communication, T.J. Schoenewald CDM CFPP of Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital for government affairs and National CDM of the Year; Dene Ryden CDM CFPP of Memorial Hospital of Converse County for National Leadership Institute Diploma and Aleta Torgerson CDM CFPP of MHCC for membership.

KEPRO/New Medicare QIO for Wyoming

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has restructured the Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) Program to further enhance the quality of services to Medicare beneficiaries.

Effective August 1, 2014, KEPRO is the new Beneficiary and Family Centered Care (BFCC) QIO for the state of Wyoming.

KEPRO will strive to keep a local presence by having outreach staff throughout the area and using state-specific physician reviewers, whenever possible, to provide review deter-

minations at the local level. The same beneficiary protection services will continue to be provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

This includes the right for a Medicare beneficiary and his/her representative to contact KEPRO:

- To file a quality of care complaint about the quality of health care received from a Medicare provider.
- To file a discharge appeal when a benefi-

ciary is being discharged from a hospital or skilled services (including a skilled nursing facility, home health services, or hospice).

- For assistance with an immediate problem by requesting Immediate Advocacy.

For more information about KEPRO's services, please visit their website at www.keproqio.com.



Partnership Provides Disposal for Controlled Substances

The Wyoming Medication Donation Program, Health Care Innovation Award, and Wyoming Association of Sherriff's and Chiefs of Police recently partnered together to provide portable incinerators to three remote drug drop box regions in Wyoming.

The drug drop boxes, located in 38 law enforce-

ment locations throughout Wyoming, provide drug disposal for unused medications, especially targeting disposal of unused controlled substance, a service the Wyoming Medication Donation Program cannot provide.

Disposal of controlled substances (e.g. medications for pain, sleep, anxiety, ADHD) is an effective method to reduce

drug abuse, drug diversion, and accidental poisonings.

All drug drop box collections are destroyed.

For more information visit the website <http://www.health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/pharmacy/DonorToolkit.html>