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Ryan Smith Named WHA Board Chair

Ryan Smith, CEO of Memorial Hospital of Converse County in Douglas, was installed as the 2015-2016 Chairman of the Wyoming Hospital Association's Board of Directors during the WHA's annual meeting and convention last week.

Rick Schroeder, CEO of North Big Horn Hospital in Lovell, will remain on the board as Past Chairman and as an alternate delegate to the American Hospital Association's Regional Policy Board.

The 2015-2016 officers also include Chair-Elect Steve Erixon, CEO of SageWest Health Care Lander and Riverton and Secretary/Treasurer Robin Roling, CEO of Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital in Thermopolis.

Directors of the Association are Margo Karsten, CEO of Cheyenne Regional Medical

Center in Cheyenne, Charlie Button, CEO of Star Valley Medical Center in Afton, and Doug Faus, CEO of Iverson Memorial Hospital in Laramie.



Doug McMullan, CEO of

West Park Hos-

pital in Cody remains on the WHA board as an ex-officio in his role delegate to the Regional Policy Board.



The WHA Board of Directors provides vision, sets direction, and establishes policy for the association.

A schedule of WHA Board meetings will be posted soon.



Beyond participation on the Board, the WHA has committees that are designed to give members an opportunity to contribute to the WHA's policy positions and educational offerings.

Current committees include the Legislative Committee, which develops the WHA's legislative agenda and provides guidance on key regulatory issues.

The Legislative Committee typically meets in



the fall to begin considering issues the Legislature is expected to consider, and to develop the WHA's own set of legislative priorities.



Contact the WHA offices for more information about these and other opportunities to participate in the WHA and its leadership in healthcare issues in Wyoming.



And to offer your feedback or input to Board members or WHA staff, you can reach the directors at their hospitals, or contact the WHA at (307) 632-9344.



WHA Calendar:

HFMA Meeting Laramie	11/18-11/19
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Other Events:

Labor, Health & Social Services Committee Buffalo	10/19-10/20
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Cristy Dicklich-Cobb

Cobb Receives Norman S. Holt Award Nursing Excellence

Cristy Dicklich-Cobb, RN, MSN, CCRN has been awarded the 2015 Norman S. Holt Award for Nursing Excellence.

Cristy is the Chief Nursing Officer at Memorial Hospital of Converse County in Douglas.

An excerpt from her nomination form reads:

“Cristy is a ‘salt of the earth’ person. She works well with her staff and everyone across our organiza-

tion and listens to their needs, concerns and ideas. It is impressive to watch her ‘get in the trenches’ with her team, yet she always is able to keep the patient at the center of what she does as she teaches and works alongside others. Her willingness to let her team try new ideas and then work through the process to trouble shoot them have led to some innovative solutions for our organization.”

This was just one of the many reasons Cristy was chosen for the award. Her nomination form continues with her many accomplishments on both her personal and professional level.

Cristy and her husband are the proud parents of six children. She and her husband are the State Leaders for Worldwide Marriage Encounters.

Cristy received her award on September 2nd.

Wyoming Leaders Receive ACHE Chapter Awards

The Wyoming Chapter of Healthcare Executives recognized two chapter members for their service and leadership during the WHA meeting in Casper.

Steve Erixon, CEO of SageWest Health Care in Lander & Riverton currently serves as the ACHE Regent for the state and presented the awards alongside WHA’s Neil Hilton, the Chapter President.

Awards were presented to Maureen Cadwell, CEO

at Weston County Health Services in Newcastle and the Wyoming Department of Health’s Laura Hurst for their consistent service and commitment, not only in connection to ACHE membership – but equally for their respective leadership with their organizations.

Maureen has served as CEO at WCHS since 2011 and is board certified in healthcare management as a Fellow of the ACHE.

Laura is the Unit Manag-

er, Rural & Frontier Health within the WDH and has been instrumental in providing support and diligent service to rural hospitals and all healthcare providers statewide. She also carries the FACHE credential.

These ACHE Chapter awards recognize each of these leaders for their innovative and creative management, executive capability in developing their own organizations.



Gillette Program Named Auxiliary of the Year

The Campbell County Health—Volunteer Services has been named the 2015 Auxiliary of the Year.

The objective of Campbell County Health’s Junior Volunteer Program is to expose young adults between 13 and 18 years old to healthcare professions and cultivate a spirit of volunteerism.

The program believes that this is the first profes-

sional work experience for most of the young adults. Therefore, much like the adult program, all participants in the Junior program are expected to complete an application, participate in an interview, attend orientation, behave professionally and abide by the corporate dress code including wear a badge and uniform.

The partnership includes the Campbell County High

School and includes mentorship, internship and career exploration programs.



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