



# NEWS BRIEFS

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## WHA Calendar:

WHA PAC Golf 9/23  
Tournament

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

## Other Events:

Patient Safety 11/7  
Summit  
Laramie



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## Annual Meeting Update

The Wyoming Hospital Association Annual Meeting & Convention will be held next week at the Cheyenne Holiday Inn.

The week will start with the WHA PAC golf tournament on Tuesday, September 23 at the Cheyenne Country Club.

The Convention will officially begin with a Keynote presentation Wednesday morning. This year will feature both Patrick Henry and Ryan Smith as the speakers.

As a professional speaker, Patrick Henry has spoken to more than one thousand audiences, entertaining, inspiring and showing how to turn customers into fans.

He can be heard daily along side Jeff Foxworthy, Bill Cosby, and Larry the Cable Guy on the SiriusXM radio Family Comedy Channel and Blue Collar Radio.

He is a musician...a songwriter...an author...a speaker and a firm believer that "if you do what you love to do for a living, you'll never work a day in your life."

Ryan Smith, CEO of Memorial Hospital of Converse County, will share his personal experiences involving a horrific active shooter incident he was involved in when he was CEO at a hospital in Alaska.

We have an excellent lineup of speakers this year. Carson Dye, FACHE, will be presenting a 3 hour ACHE approved program titled "Practical Leadership Strategies in an Age of Change."

This session will include discussion on detailed strategies and tactics to enhance communication, the dynamics of organization structure, and functional change management methods that maximize success with both internal and external stakeholders.

Just to make things interesting, we learned this week that the presenters for the A.L.I.C.E. program were not going to be able to present at our program.

However, we are extremely proud to announce that the U.S. Air National Guard and the Cheyenne Veterans Affairs Police Department have agreed to present a program on active shooters.

Captain Sean DeVeau and TSgt Greg Wardle will be representing the 153rd Security Forces Squadron and Captain Erica DeVeau will be representing the Veterans Affairs Police Department.

Captain DeVeau and TSgt Wardle will be discussing the Department of Homeland Security's—Run, Hide, Fight approach to active shooters.

Capt. DeVeau will speak specifically on the physical security measures that should be considered to prevent casualties when an active shooter is present.

TSgt Wardle will speak on the response, and what you can do to protect yourself in the event of an encounter with an active shooter.

As Captain of the VA Police Department, Capt. DeVeau will speak on the police response, and special considerations in a hospital environment during the response phase of an active shooter.

Her presentation will include police and patient interaction, and what to do when police arrive and you still have patients to care for.

There are many awards scheduled to be given out during the Awards Banquet on Wednesday evening.

The Norman S. Holt Award for Nursing Excellence, hospital tenure plaques, the American Hospital Association and the American College of Healthcare Executives will be presenting awards.

For more information, visit [www.wyohospitals.com](http://www.wyohospitals.com) or call 307-632-9344.



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



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



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## WCHS Receives Grant to Keep Patients Close to Home

The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust has awarded Weston County Health Services (WCHS) \$519,326.

The award is to be used for purchasing equipment to implement eCare, a program that gives physicians immediate access to specialists

and pharmacists 24 hours a day.

Patients of WCHS will benefit from the latest technological advances that expand patients' access to quality emergency care and pharmacy services, made possible through the grant.

"This incredible gift gives local physicians and

healthcare workers an immediate connection to healthcare services, even if they live in rural areas that have fewer physicians and health professionals.

This keeps patients close to home during treatment," says Maureen Cadwell, CEO of WCHS.

## AHA Trustee Education Series

One of the AHA's foremost goals is to provide its members with the knowledge and tools needed to plan for a successful future.

Trustees play a critical role in hospital planning, so the AHA is launching a trustee education series to help provide boards with a better understanding of the forces driving transformation in health care delivery.

The AHA plans to develop resources three times a year, focusing on one or two topics each cycle.

Toolkits will be hosted on a special section of the

AHA website and will consist of:

- A brief synopsis of the topic and why it's relevant to boards
- Relevant reports and materials related to the topic that you can use to educate your trustees
- A PowerPoint presentation you can use to drive discussion with your trustees

The packets are to be comprehensive and easy to use to set up education sessions at board meetings or as resources for upcom-

ing planning retreats.

The inaugural toolkit centers on the changing hospital brand, and how hospitals and health systems are "redefining" themselves as the health care system transforms from one founded on provider silos, volume, and fee-for-service to a system based on a coordinated continuum of care, value and fixed payments.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact the AHA at [trustee-ed@aha.org](mailto:trustee-ed@aha.org).

## Wyoming Rural Health IT Funding Initiative Workshop

The WY Hospital Association, WY Primary Care Association, WY Medical Society, WY Chapter of HFMA, Health Technology Services and Mountain-Pacific Quality Health invite you to be part of the 2014 launch of the Wyoming Rural Health IT funding initiative funding workshop.

The workshop is aiming to link rural safety-net providers and hospitals with funding programs to help

them invest in the technology to optimize your health systems.

The workshop will be held at the Community Health Center of Central Wyoming on Wednesday, October 8, 2014.

In this half-day workshop participants will 1) identify their most pressing funding needs for their hospital or clinic; 2) engage in face-to-face problem solving with funders and rural health leadership; 3) learn about specific low inter-

est loan and grant programs, and 4) assist rural healthcare organizations make substantive progress developing applications for funding.

To register, please visit the following link: <https://mpqhf.adobeconnect.com/e11z5wetoh2/event/registration.html> or contact Deb Anderson at 307-772-1096.