

NEWS BRIEFS

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WHA Calendar:

HFMA Meeting Cody	11/16- 11-18

Other Events:

Title 25 Special Committee Meeting Cheyenne	10/17

Joint Labor Health & Social Services Committee Cheyenne	12/12- 12-13

Wyoming Hospitals Receive Quality Health Care Awards

Mountain-Pacific Quality Health is proud to announce the winners of the 2016 Hospital Quality Awards.

The awards were presented to nine Wyoming hospitals during the Wyoming Hospital Association Annual Meeting and Convention in Cheyenne earlier this month.

Each hospital demonstrated a commitment to providing high-quality patient care. All recipients had to reach six quality goals in patient satisfaction, clinical care, and patient and family engagement activities. Mountain-Pacific celebrates these hospitals and looks forward to another year of excellence in Wyoming health care.

“Our hospitals take great pride in providing high-quality care to their patients, and we are honored to recog-

nize their outstanding efforts,” said Pat Fritz, Mountain-Pacific Wyoming director. “The staff and leadership at each of these hospitals have shown their commitment to continually improve health care in Wyoming. We truly appreciate their dedication and hard work.”

One hospital received the Quality Achievement Award—the highest award possible:

- North Big Horn Hospital, Lovell

Six hospitals received the Commitment to Quality Award:

- Ivins Memorial Hospital, Laramie
- Platte County Memorial Hospital, Wheatland
- Torrington Community Hospital, Torrington
- Campbell County Health,

Gillette

- Washakie Medical Center, Worland
- St. John’s Medical Center, Jackson

One hospital received the Quality Awareness Award:

- Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital, Thermopolis

One hospital received the Patient- and Family- Engagement Award:

- Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County, Rock Springs

All Wyoming hospitals are eligible for Hospital Quality Awards. Award-winning hospitals range from small, rural hospitals to large, urban hospitals.



Auxiliary of the Year Awarded to Star Valley Medical Center



Star Valley Medical Center Auxiliary was named the

2016 Auxiliary of the Year during the WHA Annual Meeting & Convention held last week in Cheyenne.

“Tucked away in the western corner of Wyoming is a vivacious group of women with a few men disbursed throughout,

who spend countless hours of their time to benefit Star Val-

ley Medical Center and its vast community. The service area of this auxiliary is 45 miles long by 50 miles wide, which allows a variety of service opportunities throughout the year in these communities. Currently there are 106 auxiliary members, donating time on a yearly basis, donating their time and talents, changing lives on a daily basis.”



Perdue and Ward Granted Lifetime Membership in WHA

At the Wyoming Hospital Association’s 71st Annual Convention, held September 6-8, 2016, Kent “Sandy” Ward, CEO of Johnson County Healthcare Center and Daniel J. Perdue, retired Wyoming Hospital Association President were honored for their lifetime service to hospitals in the state of Wyoming and were awarded Honorary Lifetime Membership to the Wyoming Hospital Association.

Sandy Ward has served his community for nearly three decades in many different capacities including human resources, accounting and administrator for both the hospital and the Amie Holt Nursing Center.

He even became a CNA working side by side with his nursing staff to give direct patient care. Ward converted his hospital from a corporate health care center to a hospital district but brought the lessons learned from the for-profit industry to bear and stabilize a community owned and run healthcare campus. His focus on stability and his incredible management style have ensured his success.

“He’s honest, a good communicator and he doesn’t hold back any punches”, says board member Dennis Lawrence.

He has helped build an incredible facility that will stand for years to come to serve the community he calls home.

Dan Perdue served the Wyoming Hospital Association and its members for nearly 25 years, first as Vice-President and then as only the 3rd President of the Association.

Perdue ensured a high level of advocacy and visibility for hospitals all across the state. He spent years creating and maintaining invaluable relationships with legislators and state officials and became respected as the strong and honest voice of hospitals.

Through his leadership and vision he developed many programs to benefit WHA members including but not limited to Wyoming Price Point, Wyoming Check Point, Health Resources and Education Trust and the HEN program.

Dan also enhanced and grew the Trustee Education Committee. Dan built upon the success of Robert Kidd and continued the pledge to make the Wyoming Hospital Association the voice of hospitals in the state of Wyoming.

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



Sandy Ward and Shea Ward



Eric Boley and Dan Perdue