

NEWS BRIEFS

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WHA Calendar:

Healthcare Leadership Training **10/4**

Wyoming Patient Safety Summit Casper **11/15**

Other Events:

HFMA Fall Meeting Sheridan **11/7-11/8**

Lovell's Schroeder Installed as WHA Board Chair

Rick Schroeder, CEO of North Big Horn Hospital in Lovell, was installed as the 2013-2014 Chairman of the Wyoming Hospital Association's Board of Directors during the WHA's annual meeting and convention last week.

Mr. Schroeder succeeds outgoing Chairman Eric Boley, CEO of South Lincoln Medical Center in Kemmerer. Mr. Boley will remain on the board as past chair, and as a delegate to the American Hospital Association's Regional Policy Board.

The 2013-2014 officers also include Chair-Elect Vincent DiFranco, CEO of Community Hospital in Torrington, and Secretary/Treasurer Ryan Smith, CEO of Memorial Hospital of Converse County.

Director Mike McCafferty, CEO of Sheridan Memorial Hospital will serve another term on the board. He will be joined by

new directors Robin Roling, CEO of Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital in Thermopolis, and Steve Erixon, CEO of Lander Regional and Riverton Memorial Hospitals.

Vickie Diamond remains on the WHA board as an ex-officio in her role as Chair of the Regional Policy Board. Doug McMillan, CEO of West Park Hospital in Cody, also remains as an ex-officio in his capacity as an alternate to the Regional Policy Board.

The WHA Board of Directors provides vision, sets direction, and establishes policy for the association. Contact the WHA office for a schedule of Board meetings.

Beyond participation on the Board, the WHA has committees that are designed to give members an oppor-

tunity to contribute to the WHA's policy positions and educational offerings.

Current committees include the WHA 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.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Lynn Kirman

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



Jackson's Kirman Earns Prestigious Nursing Award

Lynn Kirman, Chief Nursing Officer at St. John's Medical Center in Jackson, received the prestigious Norman S. Holt Award for Nursing Excellence at the Wyoming Hospital Association Annual Meeting.

The award was established in 1983 by the WHA Board of Directors in honor of Norm Holt because of his understanding and involve-

ment with the nursing profession. The award is presented annually at the WHA Convention to honor one outstanding nurse in Wyoming.

Kirman's nomination for touted her as "the essence of the professional nurse. She is the hospital safety officer and practices safety every day."

Additionally, her col-

leagues noted the results that her leadership has created at St. John's.

"Just within the last year, with her leadership, St. John's Medical Center was awarded the NCR Picker most improved, the University of Wyoming School of Nursing Community Partner of the Year, and the hospital received its highest JCAHO accreditation score."

QIO Recognizes Ten Wyoming Hospitals for Quality

Ten Wyoming hospitals received Hospital Quality Awards from Mountain-Pacific Quality Health-Wyoming on Sept. 19, 2013 during the Wyoming Hospital Association Annual Meeting and Convention in Sheridan.

Each hospital showed a dedication to their patients by giving high-quality care in the nationally measured project areas of heart failure, pneumonia, acute myocardial infarction, infections prevention and surgical complications.

Mountain-Pacific was proud to present these awards and will continue to

work with Wyoming hospitals to make sure that every patients receives safest, highest-quality care possible.

Quality of care rather than quantity of care is now the standard being used to assess hospital performance.

Seven hospitals received the Quality Achievement Award—the highest award possible

- Cheyenne Regional Medical, Cheyenne
- Community Hospital, Torrington
- Evanston Regional Hospital, Evanston
- Memorial Hospital Converse County,

Douglas

- Platte County Memorial Hospital, Wheatland
- Washakie Medical Center, Worland
- Wyoming Medical Center, Casper

Three hospital received the Commitment to Quality Award

- Lander Regional Hospital, Lander
- Riverton Memorial Hospital, Riverton
- St. John's Medical Center, Jackson

All Wyoming hospitals are eligible to apply for Hospital Quality Awards.

Studer Delivers Keynote at WHA Convention

The 68th Wyoming Hospital Association Annual Meeting in Sheridan featured one of the nation's foremost voices on hospital leadership.

Quint Studer spoke from his many books and years of experience while delivering advice to hospital leaders on surviving and thriving through the change

that has enveloped the healthcare industry.

Entertaining and insightful, Studer said it is his goal to work with every hospital association in the country.

As a result, he reached out to the WHA to see about speaking at the WHA's convention.

His company works with hospitals to create environ-

ments of healthcare excellence.



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