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WHA Calendar:

Legislative Reception Little America	2/9
WHA CEO/Trustee Spring Meeting Casper, WY	5/19

Other Events:

Legislature Begins	1/10
AHA Annual Meeting Washington DC	5/7-5/10

NCSBN Launches Transition to Practice Online e-learning

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) has launched a new Transition to Practice (TTP) online e-learning program for newly licensed nurses. The program reviews and discusses important concepts integral to patient safety and critical thinking helping new graduates understand how to apply nursing knowledge, learn new skills and think critically as they transition from newly licensed nurses to confident professionals.

Based on NCSBN's Transition to Practice multisite, randomized and controlled study that found that transition programs increase new nurse competence, satisfaction and retention and decrease stress and self-reported errors, the program includes courses for both new graduate nurses and preceptors. Course content is evidence-based and highly interactive, aimed at strengthening core competencies.

"These courses are ideal for institutions with limited resources for onboarding new nurses and are an excellent guide for students during their capstone courses," comments, Nancy Spector, PhD, RN, FAAN, director, NCSBN Regulatory Innovations and principal investigator of the Transition to Practice study.

The program's five courses can be purchased, separately or as a package, through the NCSBN Learning Extension site www.learningext.com. A separate course for preceptors is also available. All courses offer continuing education credits. Certificates will be available to print once a passing score is achieved.

The new graduate courses are:

- **Course 1: Communication & Teamwork** Provide safer and more effective care through situational awareness and using positive workplace behaviors. 4.0 Contact Hours | included in series for \$150 or \$40 for individual registration
- **Course 2: Patient- & Family-centered Care** Understand how to empower your patients and include them as integral members of the health care team. 4.0 Contact Hours | included in series for \$150 or \$40 for individual registration
- **Course 3: Evidence-based Practice** Engage intellectual curiosity within the context of a health care team in order to achieve improved outcomes. 4.0 Contact Hours | included in series for \$150 or \$40 for individual registration
- **Course 4: Quality Improvement** Embrace change and participate in processes that continuously improve the

outcomes of care. 4.0 Contact Hours | included in series for \$150 or \$40 for individual registration

Course 5: Informatics Empower patients with new technologies that allow vital information to flow between the patient and health care team. 4.0 Contact Hours | included in series for \$150 or \$40 for individual registration

Course for Preceptors:

- **Helping New Nurses Transition to Practice** Foster the growth of new graduate nurses by embracing the roles of teacher, coach and protector. 2.0 Contact Hours | \$30 for individual registration (not included in series)

About NCSBN

Founded March 15, 1978, as an independent not-for-profit organization, NCSBN was created to lessen the burdens of state governments and bring together boards of nursing (BONs) to act and counsel together on matters of common interest. NCSBN Member Boards protect the public by ensuring that safe and competent nursing care is provided by licensed nurses. These BONs regulate more than 4.5 million licensed nurses. for patient safety and public protection.



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



Charlie Button

Guernsey Ambulance Becomes Part of Banner Health

Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland and Banner Health have acquired Guernsey Ambulance Service. Effective Jan. 10, they began providing emergency services in that community.

Guernsey Ambulance Service, operated by the Town of Guernsey, has relied solely on volunteers for emergency response. However, the number of volunteers has decreased and fewer peo-

ple are available to leave their full-time professions to respond to emergencies.

Partnering with the Guernsey Town Council, operations of the ambulance services transitioned successfully to Platte County EMS. The Guernsey volunteers have been hired by Banner to help continued operations. In addition, Banner Health will lease two ambulances from the Town of Guernsey.

According to Ann Harris, Emergency department di-

rector and interim ambulance services manager at PCMH, the hospital will offer additional training for the newly hired employees and assume maintenance for the vehicles from the Town of Guernsey. "We are excited about this opportunity," Harris said.

As Platte County EMS continues to grow, the department will strive to train additional personnel in each community, including more emergency responders and emergency medical technicians.

Button Named to 60 Rural Hospital CEOs to Know

Becker's Hospital Review has named the CEOs to the 2017 edition of its list, "60 rural hospital CEOs to know."

The 60 CEOs on this year's list possess extensive experience in healthcare management, demonstrating their commitment to offering high-quality, accessible care to rural populations.

Under the CEOs' leadership, many of their institutions have earned

recognition as top-performing rural hospitals in the nation.

For inclusion on this list, individuals must serve as CEOs of hospitals in "rural" areas, located outside major metropolitan areas. Becker's Hospital Review analyzed compilations by ranking and award agencies, such as The Leapfrog Group's listing of top rural hospitals and the National Rural Health Association's list of top rural community hospitals.

Wyoming's Charlie Button, President and CEO of Star Valley Medical Center has been named this year.

Star Valley Medical Center's board appointed Mr. Button CEO in 2012. In 2016, the National Rural Health Association ranked SVMC among the top 100 critical access hospitals in the country for the fourth consecutive year. Mr. Button is an active member of the American College of Healthcare Executives and the HFMA.

Apply for 2017 Foster G. McGaw Prize

The American Hospital Association, along with Baxter International Foundation and the Health Research & Educational Trust, is accepting applications through April 7 for the 2017 Foster G. McGaw Prize.

The prize honors health care organizations that have demonstrated

exceptional commitment to community service.

Applicants should showcase strong leadership within their community, a commitment to service and care, partnerships that help meet community needs, a breadth and depth of community service initiatives, and a high level of community involvement.

The winner will receive a \$100,000 prize, and the top three finalists will receive \$10,000 each.

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