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WHA Calendar:

WHA CEO/ Trustee Spring Meeting Casper, WY	5/19

Other Events:

Legislature Begins	1/10

AHA Annual Meeting Washington DC	5/7- 5/10

Save the Date: WHA Trustee Education – May 19 in Casper

The content and agenda for the annual WHA Trustee Education Program for 2017 is nicely taking shape, to once again bring focus on timely issues for presentation and review, specifically driven to the needs of Wyoming hospital trustees.

Well-grounded, thoughtful trustee education has become a cornerstone of our statewide efforts. As the challenging financial and operational pressures continue to stress hospitals nationwide, sound and diligent governance is imperative as hospitals stand committed to serve their respective communities.

This year's event is scheduled to be held Friday, May 19 at the Hilton Garden Inn & Conference Center in Casper. The agenda will feature core board education, to be delivered by Bob Harris, founder of the Harris Management Group, Inc. Providing focused, clearly structured "board basics" had been identified by our WHA Board and Trustee Council to be reinstated back into this year's agenda.

Bob Harris is nationally recognized for his innovative expertise regarding internal and external board relations, effective governance practices and protocols – including all aspects of leadership and professional development that

should be facilitated via proper board functionality.

Harris has conducted board leadership programs worldwide, including work with a variety of organizations and association colleagues here in Wyoming.

He will be intent to engage hospital trustee participants in a well-grounded core issues – such as "crafting an agenda to reflect the goals of a strategic plan", "how to implement actions after a planning retreat", "protocol and policy with guests attending a board meeting", etc.

These areas of interest are, by design, reflective of the full intentions of our engagement with Mr. Harris for our 2017 program.

We are also very pleased to announce the Best-on-Board online trustee education programming is slated to be reintroduced statewide via supportive relationship driven by WHA.

As many will recall, this program was instituted by WHA back in 2012, gaining great support and utilization – but the original founders of the program phased it out at the close of 2014.

The program framework is in the process of reestablishing under new ownership, the timing of which will be perfect for fresh rollout of the program as part of our May

19 agenda.

The day will again include a legislative review and an open forum session to focus the topics of the day in manner that becomes practical for all hospital board members. The opportunity to openly discuss local hospital issues, share successes and common challenges continues to serve

Full agenda and registration information coming soon - room block has been established at the Casper Hilton Garden Inn (307) 266-1300

Trustee Education Council

Ron Mischke-Sheridan Memorial Hospital

Sandy Neiman-Crook County Medical Services District

Linda NeVille-North Big Horn Hospital

Larry Parker-Powell Valley Healthcare

Joe Quiroz-SageWest Health Care

Chris Muirhead-Wyoming Medical Center

Rax Gantenbein -Iverson Memorial Hospital

Bob Kayser-Memorial Hospital of Converse County



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Evanston Hospital Donates to Splash Pad Fund

The Evanston community has rallied behind an all-volunteer effort to raise funds to build a splash pad for the children and families.

Evanston Regional Hospital wanted to be a part of this community effort and made a significant donation of \$5,500.

The past year has been working diligently with the city getting approval for a spot to place a splash pad.

The splash pad will be an asset to Evanston not just an expense. The splash pad efforts are to get another amenity for the community and attract more people to stay locally and spend locally as well as have something for children to do in the summer.



WMC NERD Health and Wellness Center

The NERD Health and Wellness Center is Wyoming Medical Center's hospital-based wellness center open to community members and employees who are ready to transform their lives through wellness.

There is an activity for everyone, whether you're looking to lose weight, lower your cholesterol, reduce stress, stop using tobacco or get fit.

The NERD Health and Wellness Center has been designed to support Wyoming Medical Center's vision of fostering the highest level of health and wellness in the community.

It provides a variety of services to treat the whole person, mind, body and spirit, through evidence based integrative medicine

The program will help you achieve new levels of well-being under the guidance of clinical staff.

There is a fitness studio with weights and exercise equipment and they will also offer classes in mindfulness, yoga, Pilates and more.

There have certified health and wellness coaches, massage and acupuncture therapists, a wellness portal to help track your successes and much more. The Center will also offer integrative medicine appointments with a physician or nurse practitioner.

Medicare EHR Program Extends Attestation Deadline

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has extended the attestation deadline for hospitals and eligible physicians participating in the Medicare Electronic Health Records Incentive Program to March 13 at 11:59 p.m. PT.

Hospitals participating in the program must attest to meeting 2016 requirements to avoid a 2018 payment adjustment.

The new deadline aligns with the deadline for hospitals to submit electronic Clinical Quality Measure data for calendar year 2016

reporting to the Medicare EHR Incentive Program and Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program.