

# NEWS BRIEFS

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## WHA Calendar:

<b>CAH Flex Planning Meeting Cheyenne</b>	3/14- 3/15
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<b>WHA CEO/ Trustee Spring Meeting Casper, WY</b>	5/19
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## Other Events:

<b>Legislature Begins</b>	1/10
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<b>HFMA Spring Meeting Casper</b>	3/16- 3/17
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<b>AHA Annual Meeting Washington DC</b>	5/7- 5/10
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## President Message



Last year, the Wyoming Hospital Association successfully passed one of the most significant pieces of legislation in many years...the Private Hospital UPL Program.

I am extremely excited to announce that CMS has approved the State Plan Amendment and the UPL program has been approved.

This program is significant because it will bring an additional \$4 million federal dollars to Wyoming hospitals.

It is a sister program to the Qualified Rate Adjustment that governmental hospitals have been benefiting from for many years.

We had great cooperation from every private hospital in the state, as well as the Wyoming Department of Health.

We are currently waiting on approval of the GAP Payment Program which will benefit many of the governmental nursing homes.

CMS is reviewing the State Plan Amendment and is on a 90 day clock. We have been assured that this is their number one priority now that the Private Hospital UPL Program is approved.

The GAP program will be additional federal funds in to the state and will benefit many of our nursing homes.

I am also excited to say that the legislative session is coming to an end. It has been

a wild and woolly ride this year.

The different committees are meeting this week to discuss interim topics and we have been actively participating.

We have recommended that Joint Labor, Health and Social Services study the multi payer claims database, the effort to create a state wide HIE, the volunteer healthcare provider program, Title 25 and mental/behavioral health, regulatory relief from state regulations and the impact and changes to the ACA.

The committee will look at their entire list and whittle the interim topics down to what they consider a priority and those will then go to management council for approval.

We will be providing a comprehensive legislative wrap-up in News Briefs next week.

**WHA Trustee Education  
May 19, 2017  
Casper Hilton Garden Inn**

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Renee Schroyer

### Worland Hospital Gives Tour of New ED

Washakie Medical Center and Banner Health held a sneak preview open house with a tour of the new Emergency Department (ED), which will go live Feb. 28. The new ED has five private rooms with a sixth to be added at a later date, a large nurse's station and a waiting room.

"We are excited about the increased privacy and comfort for our patients while they are in the department," RN Senior Manager in the Emergen-

cy Department Janet Clark said. "As a rural facility, we have to be able to handle whatever situation walks in the door," she added.

One of the six ED rooms is an isolation room for patients that may or do have a disease that is transmitted through the air such as chicken pox or tuberculosis.

Another room is designated to trauma and is located right off the ambulance emergency entrance.

All the rooms come with breakout doors for a wider entry, self-closing doors,

computers for documentation which can be adjusted to the proper height for the nurses and rotate 180 degrees to be out of the way of the doctors, hand sanitizer just inside and outside the room, televisions, nurse call buttons and curtains for additional privacy.

Clark stated that the nurses station has a state-of-the-art nurse call system that connects to each ED room and monitor the security cameras outside of the emergency entrance door and the waiting room.

### CEO Named at Mountain View Regional Hospital

A new Chief Executive Officer has been named for Mountain View Regional Hospital and Clinics in Casper.

Renee Schroyer has been named to the position, after working as the Chief Financial Officer since May of 2016.

"Since arriving at Mountain View, Ms. Schroyer has displayed professionalism, poise, great leadership and team

building capabilities," says Chairman of the Board of Directors, Thomas Kopitnik, MD. "She has demonstrated a strong commitment to Mountain View Regional Hospital and the Casper community since joining our organization last summer."

According to a release, Renee Schroyer has proven success in the areas of performance and project management, leadership development and process im-

provement, and has been working in the healthcare field for over 25 years, previously working for National Surgical Healthcare, as both CFO and CEO.

"I feel honored to have the opportunity to serve Mountain View Regional Hospital and Clinic, the Casper community and the state of Wyoming as CEO," says Ms. Schroyer.

### Spaghetti Feed at Cody Hospital

Wendy Fleig (left) is served a spaghetti dinner by Doug McMillan (right), CEO at WPH during the annual Valentine's Day Spaghetti Feed Benefit last week in the Buffalo Bistro.

Also serving food were Tim Howard, interim CFO, and Long Term

Care Center administrator Jeanne Kaiser.

The spaghetti feed benefits the Cody Cupboard and Provisions of Grace Food Pantry.



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