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**WHA Annual Meeting & Convention
September 5-6, 2018
Laramie, WY**

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WHA Calendar

WHA Trustee Education Session	5/17
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DOH Works with Medicity to Develop Statewide HIE

Medicity, a leading expert in clinical data aggregation and interoperability, announced its partnership with the Wyoming Department of Health to form a statewide, medical community-owned health information exchange (HIE).

Following a thorough assessment of the state’s health information environment, the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) determined the need to establish a secure venue for providers to obtain patient information across the state.

The Wyoming Frontier Information Exchange (WYFI), a centralized repository of clinical data for participating patients, will utilize Medicity’s data aggregation and interoperability capabilities to meet the needs of its population’s health, while improving quality of care.

“Currently, providers are struggling to coordinate quality care due to limited access to patient information,” said Dr. James Bush, Wyoming Medicaid medical director with the Wyoming Department of Health. “By forming the statewide HIE and utilizing Medicity’s solutions, we can build a community of health

that will securely place comprehensive, usable data into the hands of our healthcare providers.

Furthermore, we look forward to our partnership with Medicity to bring easier interstate connections and unlock the potential for greater information sharing.”

This collaborative partnership will bring Medicity’s robust suite of solutions including its Connect, Exchange, Explore and Community Interchange tools, as well as its deep knowledge of the region, to further improve interoperability and data sharing for providers across the state and into neighboring areas.

To ensure streamlined, quality care, providers throughout Wyoming will have access to a single, de-duplicated, comprehensive Continuity of Care Document (CCD) to safely, securely and electronically share patient’s data, further identifying care gaps and receiving a 360-degree view of the patient population and their needs.

This next generation of interoperability will shift how providers obtain information, as well as evaluate the health of their patients.

“We’re excited to partner with the state of Wyoming and share our expertise with their providers to bring the medical community together,” said Patrice R. Wolfe, chief executive officer of Medicity. “We look forward to building a platform that brings easy access to all the clinical data and insights providers need to coordinate the best care for the patients they serve.”

Planning for the WYFI began in 2016, and the contract with Medicity was signed in December 2017.

With this partnership, providers will soon be able to access patient records from labs, emergency rooms, practices and other medical facilities. Due to Medicity’s connection with Colorado and South Dakota, Wyoming hopes to compile beneficial data on a larger scale, representing a multi-state HIE and broadening their borders to obtain a patient’s complete picture both inside and outside the state.

To learn more about Medicity, visit www.medicity.com.



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Wyoming Hospitals Recognized in Rankings

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

The National Rural Health Association has named Ivinson Memorial Hospital and Sheridan Memorial Hospital as one of the nation's top 20 rural hospitals.

Achieving Top 100 Status in a "rural" category were: Ivinson Memori-

al Hospital, Sheridan Memorial Hospital, Campbell County Health and Sagewest Healthcare in Riverton and Lander.

Star Valley Medical Center and Washakie Medical Center were among the top 100 critical access hospitals in the nation.

The Association's rankings are conducted by the Chartis Center for Rural Health, which looks at eight factors in making its lists—inpatient market share, outpatient market share, quality, outcomes, patient perspectives, costs, charge and financial stability.

WSHE Spring Meeting

The Wyoming Society of Healthcare Engineering (WSHE) will hold their spring meeting/seminar May 16 & 17 at the Holiday Inn at the Buffalo Bill Village, Cody Wyoming.

This is an opportunity for anyone involved with healthcare engineering to get valuable education and training.

The seminar is free to all members of WSHE. Not a member? Download a membership application from at the WSHE website <http://www.wyoshe.us/>

The education to be provided includes segments on healthcare HVAC, med-gas codes, healthcare design, life safety code, updates from the Department of Health, and

many other topics.

Besides education, there is a vendor booth area. In addition to the scheduled classes, and vendor booths, the ability to network with your peers is invaluable.

If you are a maintenance technician, facility manager or healthcare engineer, you shouldn't miss this training opportunity.

Need Training for Central Sterile Processing?

Laramie County Community College is now offering a Central Sterile Processing Program for Certification through IAHCSPM (International Association of Healthcare Central Service Material Management).

It is a one (1) semester program that offers employed CSP technicians the

chance to become certified, and it is offered this fall.

The program only requires the candidates to be on the Cheyenne campus for 2 weekends of hands on lab instruction. The theory portion of the program is online.

The required clinical hours (400) can be accomplished while on the job.

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**National Hospital Week
May 6-12, 2018**