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Wyoming Frontier Health Information Exchange

We are excited to share with you an unprecedented collaboration among physician, hospital, and laboratory organizations to share clinical information in efficient and meaningful ways.

The Wyoming Frontier Health Information Exchange (WYFI) supports and is working toward the vision of creating community-based virtual medical records and other clinical applications to promote a healthier Wyoming through a statewide secure, connected, and coordinated health IT system.

The excitement for WYFI is growing and we are eager for you to be a part of this movement! Various key

organizations from the Wyoming Health Care Community are members with WYFI and will be connecting to contribute data.

The benefits of participating in WYFI include:

- Medical professionals will have access to information they need to treat patients quickly and safely
- Duplicate tests and procedures will be avoided
- Medical information can speak for patients in the event of an emergency
- Quality, safety, and efficiency will help control health care costs

WYFI promotes these benefits by offering the following services:

- Electronic Results Distribution
- Direct Secure Messaging
- Referrals Management
- Community Health Record
- Clinical Event Notifications
- Analytics/Population Health Reporting

The staff at WYFI would like to schedule a time to meet to talk about WYFI and the services now available. Please contact Andrea Bailey, andrea.bailey@wyo.gov to schedule a time to meet.

If you would like additional information about Wyoming Frontier Health Information Exchange (WYFI) visit https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/wyoming_frontier_information_wyfi/

Organizations Unite to Host “The Power of Rural” Conference

This May, a team of Wyoming health care organizations are partnering to host a conference on health care in rural communities. The conference, titled “The Power of Rural,” is designed for all levels of health care professionals and will provide attendees with information and resources on meeting the needs of rural and frontier communities through evidence, partnership, and quality.

The Wyoming Primary Care Association, Wyoming Department of Health, Wyoming Association of Diabetes Educators, Wyoming Health Council, Wyoming Health Resources

Network, Wyoming Hospital Association, Cheyenne Regional Medical Center, and Mountain-Pacific Quality Health have collaborated to offer a two-day agenda full of educational learning sessions and opportunities for networking.

Jan Cartwright, Executive Director of the Wyoming Primary Care Association, understands the unique health care challenges faced by Wyoming due to the frontier nature of the state: “This conference is a real opportunity to focus the strength of these organizations on the common challenges that rural and frontier

healthcare organizations face.”

The conference will take place on May 16th and 17th at the Ramkota Hotel in Casper, Wyoming. The second day of the conference includes a Diabetes Boot Camp.

The conference offers continuing education credits for providers of all types. Registration fee is \$75 for the full conference or \$50 for one day if you register in advance, with an additional charge of \$35 to attend the Diabetes Boot Camp. For more information and to register, visit www.wypca.org.

Read News Briefs online at www.wyohospitals.com

Low Named CEO at Star Valley Medical Center



Star Valley Medical Center welcomed Bren Lowe as the new Chief Executive Officer. Bren comes to SVMC from Livingston, MT where he had been the CEO of Livingston Healthcare for the past five years. Prior to Livingston, Mr. Lowe was the CEO of Pioneer Medical Center in Big Timber, MT.

Both Livingston healthcare and Pioneer Medical Center are Billings Clinic affiliates.

Under Mr. Lowe's supervision Livingston

Healthcare received national recognition at a Top 100 CAH in 2015 and 2018. During 2016 and 2017 they were recognized as a Top 20 CAH.

The SVMC staff are excited to welcome Mr. Lowe as he took the helm April 12th.

The staff and Board of

Trustees would also like to express their appreciation to Mike Hunsaker, COO, for his service as interim CEO during the transition.

Mr. Lowe and his family are thrilled to relocate to Star Valley and immerse themselves in the community.



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SageWest Gets Trauma Status

SageWest Health Care in both Riverton and Lander was recently designated as a Community Trauma Hospital after achieving its Level IV trauma status by the State of Wyoming and The American College of Surgeons.

This designation was awarded due to the quality and availability of SageWest's emergency

response, surgical and critical care services, according to SageWest.

In addition, appropriate transfer agreements are in place with Level I and Level II trauma centers and SageWest has active outreach programs in the communities that includes injury prevention.

"This is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our team and our community

partners who have been working collaborative," SageWest CEO Alan Daugherty said. "SageWest's top priority is to provide safe and top quality healthcare close to home, and this recognition demonstrates one of the many ways we continually work to enhance and improve our service."



Certificate Course to Prepare Skilled Medical Coders

Laramie County Community College is offering a Medical Claims Coding Specialist certification program, leading to a national coding certification through AHIMA (American Health Information Management Association).

Participants in the program are trained in outpatient and inpatient coding skills (180 contact hours), billing, revenue cycle management, and health information systems.

The program is three (3) semesters in length, available

completely online, with the flexibility to attend full- or part-time.

Please contact the Health Information Technology and Management Program Director, Ann Howard, at 307-432-1686 or ahoward1@lccc.wy.edu.

