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

Best on Board WHA Offers Free Trustee Education

The Wyoming Hospital Association is pleased to announce that a comprehensive statewide agreement with the Best on Board trustee education program has been reached.

WHA had endorsed and supported the program back in 2012-14. With this new unveiling of an even deeper commitment, WHA is pleased to have negotiated an agreement that brings access to all Wyoming hospital trustees with no fee to the hospital and fully financed through your WHA membership.

The Montana Health Network, as the proprietor of the program, has recently made investment in a complete refresh and rebranding of the Best on Board online program. They have updated the website and IT infrastructure, in addition to strengthening the core content provided.

Through ongoing consult and feedback from the WHA Trustee Advisory Council, and formally approved by the WHA Board of Directors, the WHA is announcing open

access to trustees of all member hospitals statewide to register and participate in Best on Board's Six-module "Essentials of Healthcare Governance" program.

This arrangement is effective from September 1, 2017 and will remain open for one-year for local trustees to register into the program.

From each individual's personal date of registration, they will then have exactly one-year to complete the "Essentials" coursework, which includes the following areas of core governance elements:

- The Board's Fiduciary Role
- Mission, Strategy and Stakeholders
- The Board's Role in Finance
- The Board's Role in Quality & Patient Safety
- The Board/CEO Relationship
- Governance & Leadership Effectiveness

In addition to all trustees having open access to register free of charge at the local level, each hospital CEO is also invited to register

and participate on the same terms. Any additional hospital staff members will be accommodated with a discounted registration fee.

WHA is excited to offer statewide hospital trustee education via the Best on Board program. We believe this will be of great value and benefit to all Wyoming hospitals.

Trustees completing their course work and certification will be recognized at the spring trustee education session and at the WH Annual meeting next fall. Two trustees, Barbara Sowada from Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County and Shirley Coulter from Sheridan Memorial Hospital have already completed the program since it was offered September 1. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Any questions, clarifications or further details can be directed to Best on Board at 406-665-7937. The website is www.BestOnBoard.org.

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Annual Goal—\$8400

**Achieved to date—
\$7200**





Park County Hospitals Partner to Offer Free CPR Classes

West Park Hospital and Powell Valley Healthcare are offering hands only CPR classes to the public starting November 2017 for free.

The 45 minute class training will teach community members how to save a life. Trainers are local volunteers in Park County, Wyoming. Seats are limited and registration is encouraged.

During the training participants will learn how to recognize when a person is suffering a cardiac arrest and the steps to take to help save a life, possibly a loved one. Hands on practice is included on mannequins provided by

the West Park Hospital Foundation and Powell Valley Healthcare.

“For every minute CPR compressions are delayed, chances of survival decrease. It’s vital we get this training out to our communities in order to save lives because currently only 6 to 8 percent of those suffering a sudden cardiac arrest survive,” states Emergency Medical Director, Phillip Franklin.

Powell Ambulance Coordinator, Scott Bagnell states, “Most people who survive a cardiac emergency are helped by a bystander. In just a few minutes you could learn Hands-Only CPR.

One day you might be the bystander who provides care until professional responders arrive.”

Classes will be offered without charge to businesses, schools, churches, civic organizations, etc. Volunteers will bring the class to their location. Residents from Park County and outside of Park County can also attend free monthly trainings offered at West Park Hospital and Powell Valley Healthcare.



Diamond and Smith Receive MVP Award



Vickie Diamond, past CEO of Wyoming Medical Center and Ryan Smith, CEO of Memorial Hospital of Converse County were the two hospital leaders to receive recognition from the American Hospital Association/Wyoming Hospital Association.

The PAC Most Valuable Player Award is given to individuals who understand the value of a robust PAC by taking a leadership role to develop a

strong PAC base in their organizations, working to strengthen their relationship with legislators.

Both Vickie and Ryan were honored for their leadership in developing strong support of the WHA PAC and working to strengthen relationships with legislators.

The WHA PAC, a nonpartisan, independent statewide organization, uses an informed and balanced approach to candidates and positions, emphasizing the hospital perspective on health care and other critical issues.

Looking to improve the delivery of health care through high-quality and cost-effective patient care, the WHA PAC helps support candidates who are committed to supporting and strengthening health care in Wyoming.

The AHA/WHA Most Valuable PAC Player Award was established in 1997 to recognize the work of individuals who have provided outstanding leadership helping to ensure that Wyoming hospitals have a meaningful voice on legislative issues affecting the communities and patients they serve.



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