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WHA Calendar:

Legislative Reception Little America	2/9
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Other Events:

Legislature Begins	1/10
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National HFMA Meeting Las Vegas	1/15-1/18
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ReNEW Success

You may remember from a previous newsletter, ReNEW (Revolutionizing Nursing Education in Wyoming) is a statewide bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) curriculum built upon strong partnerships among Wyoming's community colleges and University of Wyoming.

Students can start at a Wyoming community college and continuing on to UW can earn their BSN degree without stepping foot in Laramie.

According to Mary Burman, Dean of the Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing, "We've minimized barriers to completing the BSN with a seamless transition from the community college program to UW providing students with a smooth transfer to the next chapter of their education". We invite you to be a part of the state's effort to improve care through the support of nursing education.

The goal of ReNEW is for an additional 130 nurses with BSN degrees to graduate each year by 2020. Success of ReNEW will be made possible with financial support from individuals and organizations around the state for scholarships, advising, clinical practicum support and professional development for faculty.

Student scholarships: No surprise. One of the most common barriers for students

completing a nursing degree, especially beyond the initial degree if they start at a community college, is money (or lack thereof). Providing scholarships for students to complete the BSN will continue to be important. BC/BS of Wyoming kicked off this effort with a commitment to scholarships for students completing their BSN at UW from each of the seven community colleges. Rick Schum, President /CEO of BC/BS notes, "As we meet with local hospital officials, they tell us how difficult it is to find nursing staff. Our Caring Foundation gives us a great opportunity to invest in quality people who will be on the front lines working with patients to ensure they get healthy and stay healthy longer".

Academic and Career Advising: In addition to articulation agreements between the UW and the state's community colleges that provide the seamless transition from ADN to BSN, it is important to provide relevant and timely academic and career advising to students completing their BSNs as they transition from one of the community colleges to UW. Previous efforts at several community colleges in Wyoming found that a faculty member dedicated to advising and recruitment for BSN education has a significant impact on the number of students

completing their BSN degrees.

Clinical Practicum Placement and Oversight in the 4th year of the Curriculum:

The complexity of coordination of patient care, especially transitional care from hospital to home, requires BSN competencies focused on leadership, population-focused care, informatics and evidence-based practice, which are the focus of the 4th year through several specific practicum experiences in or near students' hometowns. Placement and oversight of students completing these 4th year experiences require a dedicated faculty to coordinate. This undoubtedly is a unique collaboration between UW, the colleges, hospitals and other clinical facilities in a community.

Faculty Support and Development:

Finally, the ReNEW curriculum is a very forward progressive curriculum using a concept-based approach. Annual statewide nursing education summits, involving nurses and nurse educators, have been critical to the development of ReNEW. These summits will continue to be critical to ensure that the curriculum remains up-to-date and faculty have the skills to teach in a concept-based learning environment.



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

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CRMC Hospice Program Recognized

Cheyenne Regional Medical Center's hospice service has been identified as a top-performing program in the nation by National Research Corporation Health (NRC Health), a third-party vendor that surveys patients and evaluates their responses with the goal of helping hospitals and health systems provide quality, patient-focused care.

As a result of CRMC hospice's high patient ratings, its leaders have been invited by NRC Health to share their practices with other hospice programs from around the country.

"All of our hospital and health system clients want to provide high quality care and optimal experiences for their patients," said NRC Health spokesperson Shey-ma Salem. "So when we identify an outstanding

healthcare program or service, we often invite that program's leaders to share their strategies and practices with the other hospitals that we work with.

That is the case with Cheyenne Regional Medical Center's hospice program, whose patient surveys show that they are a top performer in the nation when it comes to delivering high quality, compassionate patient care and experiences."

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President Signs 21st Century Cures Act

President Obama has signed into law the AHA-supported 21st Century Cures Act (H.R. 34), which includes a number of provisions important to hospitals and health systems.

The legislation revises the 2015 Bipartisan Budget Act to move the grandfather date for off-campus hospital outpatient departments under

development from Nov. 2, 2015 to 60 days after enactment; adjusts the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program to account for socioeconomic status; extends the Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Program for five years; provides one full year of relief from the Long-term Care Hospital 25% Rule; prohibits the Health and Human Services Secretary from

enforcing the "direct supervision" regulations in calendar year 2016 for outpatient therapeutic services provided in critical access hospitals and certain small, rural hospitals; provides funding to help states address the opioid abuse crisis; and makes improvements related to mental health and substance abuse disorder services.