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WHA Calendar

WHA Golf Tournament Buffalo, WY	9/19
WHA Annual Meeting Sheridan	9/20-9/21

Other Events

LeadingAge Wyoming Annual Meeting	9/20-9/21



Trustee Education

The leadership and Board of Directors of WHA are very pleased to announce that a comprehensive statewide agreement with the Best on Board trustee education program has been reached.

The WHA has excellent previous history with the program, having been endorsed and supported by the Association back in 2012-14. With this new unveiling of an even deeper commitment, WHA is very pleased to have negotiated an agreement that brings access to all Wyoming hospital trustees fully financed through WHA operations.

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 – updating the website and IT infrastructure, in addition to strengthening the core content provided.

Presentation of the program was included in the agenda this past May at WHA’s annual trustee education event held in Casper. Attendees of the meeting expressed great support and enthusiasm to re-engage with Best on Boards. The WHA has spent the past several months negotiating the deal to provide access to all member hospitals.

Through ongoing consultation and feedback from the WHA Trustee Advisory Council, and formally approved by the WHA Board of Directors at their July meeting – the WHA is announcing open access to local 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 September 1st – 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 is structured with the following areas of core governance elements:

1. The Board’s Fiduciary Role
2. Mission, Strategy and Stakeholders
3. The Board’s Role in Finance
4. The Board’s Role in Quality & Patient Safety
5. The Board/CEO Relationship
6. Governance & Leadership Effectiveness

To facilitate effective and consistency in the registration process, a registration form has been developed with Best on Board and will be distrib-

uted to all hospitals. 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 enrolled will receive a discounted registration fee negotiated by the WHA.

With recent attention given to hospitals during the legislative interim committee hearings, expressly focused on education and training for boards, the WHA Board of Directors and the WHA staff felt this engagement with Best on Board fulfilled the expectations of the legislators. This shows that the WHA and its members are committed and that legislative action is unnecessary. The WHA members willingly support and promote good governance.

In closing, the WHA is very pleased and excited to re-engage statewide hospital trustee education via the Best on Board program.

This new 2017 program has been diligently strategized and backgrounded, providing us with sound confidence and clear expectations that this commitment will be of great value and benefit to all Wyoming hospitals.

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IMH Opens Its New Medical Office Building

The month of August was a big month for Iverson Memorial Hospital's (IMH) Outpatient Service Departments:

- The Cancer Center's new main entrance opened off of Willett Drive. Patients now experience a more streamlined flow and updated/remodeled space

- The East patient entrance and covered parking garage opened on August 7
- Iverson Medical Group saw their first patient in the new Medical Office space on August 8.

Iverson Hospital and Foundation co-hosted its first annual Community Appreciation Day and 100-

Year Celebration. Over 900 meals were served and many more visitors toured the new offices. The intent of the event was to thank the community for their support of the hospital and to showcase the new building and garage, the updated Cancer Center and the new 3D Mammography Unit. Families were able to participate in activities and games.

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Department of Workforce Services Seminars

The Wyoming Department of Workforce Services (DWS) has announced its annual Employer Information Seminar schedule.

The public seminars feature agency subject matter experts and are aimed at helping Wyoming employers enhance their knowledge regarding new workforce law changes, workplace safety compliance, and workforce assistance and grants available to businesses.

The seminars will be held from 9 a.m. – 3:30

p.m. in the following communities:

- Evanston: September 6, at Uinta County BOCES (1013 W. Cheyenne Drive #A)
- Laramie: September 7, at Albany County Public Library (310 S. 8th Street)
- Powell: September 12, at Northwest College, Yellowstone Conference Center (231 W. 6th Street)
- Gillette: September 14, at Alan Mickelson Fire Training Center (701 Larch Street)

The agenda will focus on workforce training programs, an overview of workers' compensation benefits, fraud prevention, safety and risk management, unemployment insurance taxes, claims and appeals, Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) requirements and more.

Participants can register the day of the seminar between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. or online at wyomingworkforce.org/businesses/eis/.

The cost of the seminar is \$25.00, which covers lunch and breaks.



Hospitals Donate to Silent Auction

Let the bidding begin! The WHA Silent Auction will be held September 20th at the Convention. Here are just a few of the items to be auctioned!

Memorial Hospital of Converse County: 2 Tickets to the Denver Broncos vs. New York Giants game

Star Valley Medical Center: Gift Basket

Iverson Memorial Hospital: 2 tickets to the UW and New Mexico game

Campbell County Health: Framed Photographs from a local photographer

Platte County Memorial Hospital: Gift Basket

WHRN: Lighted Bean Bag Toss

Community Hospital: Wine Basket

Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County: Hand Crafted Glass Serving Tray

Cheyenne Regional Medical Center: Book on the history of Cheyenne