



**Wyoming  
Hospital  
Association**

# NEWS BRIEFS

Informational Newsletter for Wyoming Hospitals

## WHA Calendar

<b>Joint Labor Health and Social Services Committee Lander</b>	10/16-10/17
<b>Governor's Business Forum Cheyenne</b>	11/9-11/10

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## WHA Board of Directors Appointed for 2018

Doug Faus, CEO of Iverson Memorial Hospital in Laramie, was installed as the 2017-2018 Chairman of the Wyoming Hospital Association's Board of Directors during the WHA's annual meeting and convention last week. Ryan Smith, CEO of Memorial Hospital of Converse County in Douglas, will remain on the board as Past Chairman.

The 2018 officers also include Chair-Elect Mike McCafferty, CEO of Sheridan Memorial Hospital in Sheridan and Maureen Cadwell, CEO of Weston County Health Services in Newcastle, will serve as the Secretary/Treasurer.

Directors of the Association are Andy Fitzgerald, CEO of Campbell County Health in Gillette, Shelby Nelson, CEO of Banner Wyoming South, Torrington and Wheatland and Margie Molitor, CEO of Hot

Springs County Memorial Hospital in Thermopolis.

Doug McMillan, CEO of West Park Hospital in Cody remains on the WHA board as an ex-officio in his role as delegate to the AHA Regional Policy Board.

Andy Fitzgerald, CEO of Campbell County Health is the alternate delegate to the AHA Regional Policy Board.

The WHA Board of Directors provides vision, sets direction, and establishes policy for the association.

A schedule of WHA Board meetings will be posted in the near future.

Beyond participation on the Board, the WHA has committees that are designed to give members an opportunity to contribute to the WHA's policy positions and educational offerings. Current committees include the Legis-

lative Committee, which develops the WHA's legislative agenda and provides guidance on key regulatory issues.

The Legislative Committee typically meets in the fall to begin considering issues the Legislature is expected to consider, and to develop the WHA's own set of legislative priorities.

Contact the WHA offices for more information about these and other opportunities to participate in the WHA and its leadership in healthcare issues in Wyoming.

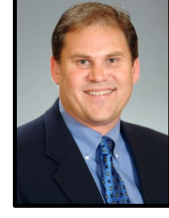
And to offer your feedback or input to Board members or WHA staff, you can reach the directors at their hospitals, or contact the WHA at (307) 632-9344.

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**Annual Goal—\$8400**

**Achieved to date—  
\$7200**



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## Ungrund Receives WHA Highest Award for Nursing Excellence



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



Keith Ungrund has received the 2017 Norman S. Holt Award for Nursing Excellence.

Keith has worked at West Park Hospital in Cody since 2003.

His nomination form states that Keith fulfills his role as Chief Clinical Officer at WPH in an admirable manner but never hesitates to assist at the bedside if needed.

Keith demonstrates his creativity and innovation

in nursing care by staying abreast of new patient care initiatives in health care and being proactive in educating staff on new patient care and nursing leadership initiatives.

On Keith's nomination form one nurse made this comment: "Keith Ungrund, CCO, has personally been the largest integral part of my nursing career since beginning at West Park Hospital as a new graduate nurse nearly three years ago; I could not have asked for a more well respected, open minded and

intelligent individual and nurse to help welcome me into both WPH and my nursing profession."

Keith has a great compassion for every aspect of nursing and nursing management. He is a great resource for nursing knowledge, skills, and is always available for his staff to provide support in unrelated matters to nursing. Keith cares about his staff as employees but more importantly as individuals who are part of the WOPH family.

West Park Hospital CEO Doug McMillan wrote, "I cannot think of an individual more deserving of this recognition than Keith Ungrund. Keith Ungrund is the epitome of a skilled, knowledgeable, caring, compassion nurse, clinician, mentor, and nursing leader and is extremely deserving of any recognition.

In 1983, the Wyoming Hospital Association Board of Directors, in honor and memory of Norm Holt, established the Norman S. Holt Award for Nursing Excellence due to his tremendous understanding and active involvement with the nursing profession.

The award is presented annually at the Wyoming Hospital Association Convention to honor one outstanding nurse in Wyoming.

Nominees are judges on the following award criteria:

- Concern for the profession and its improvement

- Improved skills and knowledge
- Respect by peers
- Compassion for patients and family members
- Creativity and innovation in nursing care
- Dedication to providing the highest quality of care possible
- A positive work approach to superiors, peers, subordinate

The 2017 Nominees are:

**Dalyn Farwell**, RN, North Big Horn Hospital

**Anjanette Foster**, RN, Evans-ton Regional Hospital

**Leslie Hagenstein**, FNP, Sublette Rural Health Care District

**Stoni Hollinger**, RN, Wyoming Medical Center

**Lisa Keill**, RN, MSN, CEN, Sheridan Memorial Hospital

**Vaneta Kerns**, RN, Community Hospital

**Amber Ondrizek**, RN, Crook County Medical Services

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