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Governor's Business Forum Cheyenne	11/9- 11/10
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SAVE THE DATE

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

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Annual Goal—\$8400

**Achieved to date—
\$7200**

Wyoming Regional ADE and Sepsis Workshops

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services award the Health Research & Educational Trust (HRET) a two-year Hospital Improvement Innovation Network (HIIN) contract (with an optional third year based on performance), to continue efforts to reduce all-cause inpatient harm by 20 percent and readmissions by 12 percent by 2019.

To achieve these goals, the Wyoming Hospital Association (WHA) in collaboration with the HRET HIIN provides: topic specific resources (i.e. Change Packages, Bundles, etc.), events (i.e. webinars, fellowships, conferences, etc.), data support, and both clinical and technical assistance.

From 2011 to 2014, Wyoming, along with other State Hospital Associations, partnered with the AHA/HRET HEN to assist with the prevention of an estimated 8,155 ADEs with an estimated cost savings of over \$24 million.

From September 2015 to September 2016, the prevention of an estimated 15,611 ADEs with an estimated cost savings of over \$78 million was accomplished.

Over the next one-two

years the ADE and Sepsis goals are as follows: By September 27, 2018, a 20 percent reduction in Adverse Drug Events and by September 27, 2018, a 20 percent reduction in Sepsis.

As part of the Wyoming Hospital Association's HIIN project, Dr. Steve Tremain was brought here in person to discuss ADE and Sepsis.

More specifically, warfarin, insulin, and opioid safety, and simple ways to find the data and accelerate improvement.

Dr. Steve Tremain is a Physician Improvement Advisor for the HRET-HIIN, with Cynosure Health. Currently Dr. Tremain serves as the national clinical lead for the American Hospital Association/HRET HIIN efforts to reduce harm from adverse drug events.

During the workshop, participants were asked to share verbal self-assessments on the data collection and opportunities for improvement among the ADE and Sepsis measures.

The group then had an open discussion, sharing best practices, with facilitation from Dr. Tremain. Each short talk was followed by a hands-on workshop where participants walked away with their own personalized next steps

for Adverse Drug Event and Sepsis harm reduction.

We had a great turn out from around the state, with approximately 76 or more participants.

Thank you for all of those who attended and for all the positive feedback!

If you were unable to attend, there will still be an opportunity to attend the Follow Up webinar sessions, so be on the lookout for the 'Save the Dates'.

Please feel free to contact Shanelle Van Dyke, with any questions and/or assistance with the ADE and Sepsis measures, at Shanelle.VanDyke@QualityReportingServices.com or 1.406.459.8420.





Richardson Named CEO at MHSC

Green River native Irene Richardson has accepted the position of chief executive officer at Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County. MHSC trustees made the unanimous decision Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2017, to offer the position to Richardson, effective immediately.

Unlike most boards, the hospital's board of trustees has been "extremely fortunate to have had the opportunity to watch Ms. Richardson perform the job of CEO," said Richard Mathey, chairman of the MHSC board of trustees. "We've had the opportunity to watch her in the role

and were able to know in advance of her capabilities and her suitability for the position. Hardly any board is so blessed."

Richardson, MHSC's chief financial officer, has worked for the hospital for 32 years and has served as interim CEO since February.

"They drafted me, and I have chosen to play," Richardson said.

"I love this hospital and I love this community," she said. "If there is anything I can do to make this hospital the best it can be, I will do it."

After working with Richardson in the leadership role, the board now believes it need look no further.

"She has done a great job of managing money," Mathey said. "A review of staff at Memorial Hospital was necessitated due to the financial situation we were in. She has guided the board, as well as the entire staff of the hospital, in efforts to reduce staff in the appropriate areas through attrition."

"We want the hospital to continue to be an integral part of the community, to be financially healthy and to meet the needs of those who live in the county and surrounding areas," Richardson said. "It's an honor and a pleasure to serve our community and our patients."

Yvonne Wigington Named AHA Grassroots Champion

Yvonne Wigington, Chief Financial Officer of Wyoming Medical Center and immediate Past President of the Wyoming Chapter of HFMA was recently named the Wyoming Hospital Association's AHA Grassroots Champion.

Wigington was honored recently at the Wyoming Hospital Association's Annual Meeting held in Sheridan.

Each year the WHA recognizes one individual that goes above and beyond in grassroots advocacy. Wigington has always been very active working with legislators but as President of the Wyoming Chapter of HFMA she has taken it to another level, convening legislative pan-

els at chapter meetings and allowing HFMA members to speak directly with legislators regarding issues their facilities are facing.

Getting real life examples and presenting them to legislators makes a huge difference. Showing the effects of legislative decisions from a grassroots level and explaining what those decisions will do or have done to individual communities carries a lot of weight.

In her capacity as CFO at Wyoming Medical Center, Wigington has actively worked with Natrona County legislators. Several meetings were held during the year including a breakfast meeting right before the legislative session began.

This was a venue in which Yvonne took the opportunity

to explain the financial situation of WMC and to talk about specific impacts legislative actions have had or could have during the upcoming session. Her efforts were crucial in helping get the Private Hospital UPL program passed and garnering the support of the Joint Labor Committee Chairman Senator Scott.

Yvonne has faithfully contributed to the WHA/AHA PAC and has willingly provided information and testimony to Wyoming federal delegates. She attends and interacts with Wyoming Congressmen and women when they are in Casper.

Wigington embodies what a grassroots champion is and is a worthy recipient of this honor.

