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Save The Date

WHA Annual Meeting & Convention
September 5-6, 2018
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Annual Goal—\$8400
Achieved - \$7925

APRNs Scope of Work

The Wyoming State Board of Nursing (BON) wishes to partner with facilities who employ Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) providing acute, inpatient care.

As you may be aware, the BON has engaged in focused discussions among APRN professionals in most major cities of Wyoming. The intention was to engage APRNs in discussions about their practice concerns, professional opportunities, and knowledge of the Wyoming Nurse Practice Act, [Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 33-21-101 through -302] as a foundation for future educational initiatives.

The BON has discovered some APRNs do not fully understand the scope of practice and rules of their profession. Additionally, some APRNs may be practicing in clinical roles for which they have not been appropriately educated or certified, according to the scope of practice defined in the Wyoming Nurse Practice Act.

This has been identified particularly among family nurse practitioners (FNPs) educated as primary care clinicians, practicing in an acute care environment without acute care certification.

The Wyoming Nurse Practice Act requires APRNs to be trained in, graduate from, and be awarded national certifica-

tion in the population focus for which they manage.

The current requirements regarding scope of practice have been in place since 2005 and an Official Advisory Opinion on this subject was issued in 2013.

The Wyoming Nurse Practice Act defines an APRN as a nurse who:

(C) Has a doctorate or master's degree in nursing, or an advanced practice registered nurse specialty or has completed an accredited advanced practice registered nurse educational program prior to January 1, 1999; and
(D) Has completed an advanced program of study in a specialty area in an accredited nursing program, has taken and passed a national certification examination in the same area and has been granted licensure by the board to practice as an APRN.

The Wyoming State Board of Nursing's mission and priority is to serve and safeguard the public through the regulation of nursing education and practice.

The Board also wishes to support the licensees by educating employers on the different roles of APRNs and by encouraging opportunities for full utilization of these highly competent providers.

The BON would like to assist employers in creating

job descriptions compliant with the Wyoming Nurse Practice Act and which allow APRNs to safely practice to the full extent of their scope, education and certification levels.

Over the upcoming year, the BON plans to hold presentations to disseminate information, answer questions, and discuss the upcoming exciting regulatory changes occurring through the enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact.

They will also aspire to visit major medical facilities for further conversations about issues of concern from all our licensees in an effort to explore future support initiatives.

Please feel free to refer any questions to Jennifer Burns, Practice and Education Consultant at 307-777-6127. Wyoming State Board of Nursing, 130 Hobbs Ave Suite B, Cheyenne, Wyoming.



WHA Calendar	
WHA Trustee Education Session Lander	5/17



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



Rose Fishback

It is with sad hearts that we announced that Vickie Diamond, past CEO of Wyoming Medical Center, has lost her husband. Dr. Richard Diamond of Casper, Wyoming, died December 8, 2017.

Richard "Rick" is survived by his wife, Vickie; son, Matthew Diamond; and sister, Elizabeth (Dennis). He also leaves three grandchildren, Benjamin, Molly and Jake, and an extended family of cousins, nieces and nephews.

Richard was born August 30, 1947, in Greene County, Pennsylvania to Marilyn and Ray Diamond. The family moved to Colorado in the 60s, and Richard graduated from Longmont Senior High. It was there that he met his wife Vickie. They both went on to attend the Uni-

Dr. Richard Diamond

versity of Colorado. Rick interrupted his studies to serve in Vietnam. He and Vickie married in 1968. Rick completed his dental degree at Case Western Reserve and went on to serve in the US Army Dental Corps for over 20 years. He was dedicated to serving his country, and in recent years volunteered with Disabled American Veterans in Casper.

During his military career, Rick was commissioned as a Lt. Col. He was awarded the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Gallantry Cross, and the Vietnam Service Medal.

Rick had a love of the outdoors, especially hiking in the Rockies. He loved to read, particularly history, and would regale his friends and family with his latest discoveries. He was a contemplative

man; he found comfort in the life of the spirit. He was kind and sensitive. Most of all, he loved his family and would do anything for us. He will be missed beyond measure.

Memorials in Rick's name may be made to the Paralyzed American Veterans of America, 801 18 St. NW, Washington, DC 20006, Smile Train, smiletrain.org, or to the Central Wyoming Rescue Mission, 230 N Park St, Casper, WY 82601.

To leave a special message for Rick's family, please visit www.NewcomerCasper.com



Rose Fishback Celebrates Her 30th Year Working With WHA

Upon being asked about her long career with the WHA, Rose said "the WHA is a really good place to work. People tend to stick around."

Ms. Rose has worked as Assistant to the President for the WHA under Bob Kidd, Dan Perdue, and now Eric Boley. She began her career with Bob Kidd as the receptionist. She says she "answered phones and helped everyone else" for the first ten years of her time with WHA. When Mr. Kidd's assistant left, she was asked to take her place

and has since been the assistant for twenty years.

"The best part of the job is the people and the atmosphere," she says. "The WHA really feels like family." She remembers times when her children were sick and she brought them to work so they could sleep under her desk. Dan Perdue still says hi to her children when he sees them around town.

Rose loves the interaction she has with WHA members, family members of WHA staff and all those with whom she comes in contact. She is a great representative of the

WHA who always greets everyone with a big smile. Rose is the driving force behind the WHA Annual Meeting and takes great pride in the weekly News Briefs as the WHA communicates with their members.

Ms. Rose is selfless and puts the needs of the members above all else. She is constantly looking for ways to improve the WHA and provide better service. Rose states, "My family loves this place. It is like a second home. WHA is family."