



Awards Presented for Best on Board

During the Wyoming Hospital Association spring meeting this past week, 15 trustees and CEOs were presented plaques, certificates and a pin for completion of “Essentials of Healthcare Governance.”

WHA has an agreement with Best on Board to provide the online program to all hospital trustees. Again, there is no cost to hospital trustees or CEOs.

This arrangement is in effect from September 1, 2017 through September 2018. 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:

- The Board’s Fiduciary Role
- Mission, Strategy and Stakeholders
- The Board’s Role in Finance
- The Board’s Role in Quality & Patient Safety
- The Board/CEO Relationship
- Governance & Leadership Effectiveness

To date, over 90 individuals have signed up to participate. All newly elected or appointed trustees are encouraged to sign up and complete the training. Trustees who have been serving for years, but have not completed the course, are also encouraged to enroll.

For more information, call Janet Bastain at Best on Board 406-655-7937 or e-mail imccall@montanahealthnetwork.com



The following people have completed *Essentials of Healthcare Governance* Through Best on Board

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| Michelle Mulberry | Cheyenne Regional Medical Center | Cheyenne |
| *Linda NeVille | North Big Horn Hospital | Lovell |
| Travis Cochran | Weston County Health Services | Newcastle |
| Bonita Katz | Powell Valley Healthcare | Powell |
| *Terry Odom | Powell Valley Healthcare | Powell |
| Randi Ross | Niobrara Community Hospital | Lusk |
| *RJ Kost | Powell Valley Healthcare | Powell |
| Sina Coguill | Powell Valley Healthcare | Powell |
| Shirley Coulter | Sheridan Memorial Hospital | Sheridan |
| *Barbara Sowada | Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County | Rock Springs |
| Robert Saunders | Star Valley Medical Center | Afton |
| Timothy Scott, MD | Sheridan Memorial Hospital | Sheridan |
| Phyllis Sherard | Cheyenne Regional Medical Center | Cheyenne |
| *Patrick Madigan | Cheyenne Regional Medical Center | Cheyenne |
| Heath Overfield | Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital | Thermopolis |

*Appear in picture above



CRMC Offers Patients Heart Failure Monitoring Device

Cheyenne Regional Medical Center is the first hospital in Wyoming to implant a miniaturized monitoring sensor that offers improved outcomes for many patients with heart failure.

The CardioMEMS™ HF monitoring system features a wireless sensor that is placed in a patient's pulmonary artery (PA) to measure the artery's pressure. Increased PA pressure often occurs before

weight and blood pressure changes, which are indirect indicators of worsening heart failure.

The paper clip-sized sensor sends daily pressure readings to a small portable electronic system in the patient's home. The information is then transmitted to the patient's clinician. There is no pain or sensation during the readings, and each reading is a simple process that takes only a few minutes.

"The CardioMEMS system has been proven to improve a person's quality of life and significantly reduce hospital admissions when used by physicians to manage symptoms associated with heart failure," said Dr. Muhammad Khan, the CRMC interventional cardiologist who implanted the sensor. The non-surgical, minimally invasive procedure was performed in CRMC's cardiac catheterization lab last month.



Trauma Rules Survey

The Office of EMS is beginning the much needed task of revising the rules for the Wyoming Trauma Program. An in-depth revision is needed to correct both minor things (like typographical and grammatical errors) and major things (such as aligning Wyoming standards with the new American College of Surgeons standards).

This project will take more than a year to complete, and they are asking

for your help! While they anticipate multiple opportunities for you to provide feedback, this form is the first opportunity to participate in the process. The survey will remain available to you through the duration of the process, and you may comment as many times as you would like.

Please send the survey link to anyone who may have input. <https://goo.gl/forms/yd0XHiduCPNTlqk22>

The first question of the survey allows you to simply

offer a general comment or suggestion for consideration related to the Trauma System. The questions that follow offer the opportunity to comment on specific chapters, sections, and subparagraphs of the current rules.

You can access the current rules by downloading them from the Wyoming Secretary of State's website: <https://rules.wyo.gov/> Or you can contact kelli.perrotti@wyo.gov or andy.gienapp@wyo.gov.



N95 Respirator Regulations to Enhance Supplies

The Food and Drug Administration today issued a final order exempting manufacturers from FDA premarket notification requirements for certain N95 respirators, disposable devices used to protect patients and health care providers from infection.

Under a new memorandum of understanding between the FDA and National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, organizations seeking to market N95 respirators that do not exceed certain criteria need only NIOSH certification.

The final order and MOU, effective tomorrow, are intended to streamline regulatory requirements to help ensure adequate supply of the devices during public health emergencies.