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WHA Calendar

Joint Labor Health and Social Services Committee Cheyenne	10/4-
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WHA Board of Directors Appointed for 2019

Mike McCafferty, CEO of Sheridan Memorial Hospital was installed as the 2018-2019 Chairman of the Wyoming Hospital Association's Board of Directors during the WHA's annual meeting and convention last week. Doug Faus, CEO of Ivins Memorial Hospital in Laramie, will remain on the board as Past Chairman

The 2019 officers also include Chair-Elect Maureen Cadwell, CEO of Weston County Health Services in Newcastle and Shelby Olind, CEO of Banner Wyoming South, for both Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland and Community Hospital, in Torrington will serve as the Secretary/Treasurer.

Directors of the Association are Andy Fitzgerald, CEO of Campbell County Health in Gillette, Margie Molitor, CEO

of Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital in Thermopolis and Michele Chulick, CEO of Wyoming Medical Center in Casper.

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 Legislative 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
\$8500



Blajszczak Receives WHA Award for Nursing Excellence



Mandy Blajszczak, RN, BSN has received the 2018 Norman S. Holt Award for Nursing Excellence.

Mandy works at the Wyoming Behavioral Institute in Casper as the Chief Nursing Officer.

Her nomination form states that Mandy has a unique talent and remarkable ability as a young and gifted leader in the mental health care community. Mandy is known at WBI as a self-motivated, service-focused CNO upon which the hospital depends to lead the state in psychiatric excellence.

Mandy has shown creativity and innovation in nursing care in a complex environment caring for a daily census of more than 100 children, adolescents, adults and geriatric patients on and off the main hospital campus.

Mandy began her career with WBI in 2005 and has grown into a leadership role

that allows her to be an expert in the delivery of quality psychiatric nursing in Wyoming.

Her history is reflective of high quality patient care delivered with psychiatric and medical teams across multiple patient populations. She is a leader who has the ability to work with individuals from culturally diverse backgrounds while promoting team values.

Mandy has improved her skills and knowledge by completing her associate's degree in nursing at Casper College, her bachelor's degree in nursing at the University of Wyoming, and her master's degree in nursing leadership and management at Western Governor's University (October 2018).

She has leveraged her education and experience to rise through the ranks at WBI from the role of charge nurse, where she began her psychiatric nursing career, to youth acute nurse manager, assistant director of nursing and then chief nursing

officer over the course of 13 years.

In the past, Mandy has served as a member of the Kid Care/CHIP Advisory Committee for the state Department of Health. Mandy actively collaborates within WBI's corporate structure to assist other hospitals across the state with access to care for their patients.

Mandy was named Wyoming top Nurse in 2016, in recognition of her commitment community service, passion for the nursing industry and ability to develop quality, meaningful relationships with patients.

When nominating her for the award, fellow nurse Nicky Castillon said, Mandy has made some remarkable changes to the nursing process and improved morale throughout the hospital. She advocates for each and every patient and is our biggest cheerleader."

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

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, subordinates

The 2018 Nominees are:

Jamie McBride, RNC, Cheyenne Regional Medical Center

Janet Clark, DNP, RN, Washakie Medical Center

Becca Wartig, RN, St. John's Medical Center

Daniel "DJ" Duenow, RN, Sheridan Veterans Affairs Medical Center

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