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WHA Calendar

Labor Health and Social Services Committee Cheyenne	10/4-10/5
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PAC CONTRIBUTORS 2018

Irene Richardson
Heidi Baskfield
Barry Burkart
Wyo Behavioral Institute
Eric Boley
Doug Faus
Shelby Olind
Doug McMillan
Andy Fitzgerald
Margie Molitor
Ryan Smith
Mike McCafferty
Maureen Cadwell
Cheyenne
Regional Medical Center
Patrick Madigan

Annual Goal
\$8500

WHA Awards Presented at Annual Meeting

The PAC Most Valuable Player Award is given to individuals who understand the value of a robust PAC by taking a leadership role to develop a strong PAC base in their organizations, working to strengthen their relationship with legislators.



Ryan Smith, CEO of Memorial Hospital of Converse County was named one of the PAC Most Valuable Player from Wyoming.



Yvonne Wigington, Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer from Wyoming Medical Center was also selected as a PAC Most Valuable Player for 2018.

The WHA PAC, a nonpartisan, independent statewide organization, uses an informed and balanced approach to candidates and positions, emphasizing the hospital perspective on health care and other critical issues. Looking to improve the delivery of health care through high-quality and cost-effective patient care, the WHA

PAC helps support candidates who are committed to supporting and strengthening health care in Wyoming.

The AHA/WHA Most Valuable PAC Player Award was established in 1997 to recognize the work of individuals who have provided outstanding leadership helping to ensure that Wyoming hospitals have a meaningful voice on legislative issues affecting the communities and patients they serve.



Each year, the AHA, in conjunction with the state hospital associations, recognizes the achievements of grassroots leaders with the prestigious Grassroots Champions Award.

Doug McMillan, CEO of Cody Regional Health has been named the 2018 Grassroots Champion for Wyoming.

One hospital leader from each state is honored for his/her work over the previous year in effectively delivering the hospital message to elected officials; helping to broaden the base of community support for hospitals;

and advocating tirelessly on behalf of patients, hospitals and communities.

The American Hospital Association Grassroots Champion Award recognizes those hospital leaders who most effectively educate elected officials on how major issues affect the hospital's vital role in the community, who have done an exemplary job in broadening the base of community support for the hospital and who are tireless advocates for hospitals and their patients.

The St. John's Medical Center volunteer services program was also recognized at the meeting. They have been selected as the 2018 Volunteer Services program of the year.

The volunteer program at the hospital is made up of 140 compassionate and dedicated volunteers. An example of the program is in the Living Center. A group of volunteers took a group of the long term care residents from the Living Center to Yellowstone for one of many outings that are scheduled throughout the month. The volunteers provide support to the entire hospital team.

CCH Volunteer receives award from WHA



Robin Bailey is the recipient of the first Wyoming Volunteer of the Year Award from the Wyoming Hospital Association (WHA). The new award, presented at the WHA annual conference on September 5 in Laramie, recognizes the contributions that healthcare volunteers make to their organizations and communities.

Robin is a regular volunteer at Campbell County Health in Gillette, helping out at the Information Desk at Campbell County Memorial Hospital and volunteering with residents at The Legacy Living and Rehabilitation

Center—she also sits on The Legacy Advisory Board. At CCMH, Robin greets patients, arranges valet parking, gives directions to guests and patients, and helps with office needs.

At The Legacy, Robin assists staff with bingo and crafts, serves lunches during special holidays, and takes residents to Wal-Mart to shop.

She also volunteers with the Campbell County Senior Center (CCSC), and is the chair of the Campbell County Senior Citizens Foundation Board. There, Robin serves lunches, greets, helps with mailings and serves on the Senior Center’s Election Forum Committee. Robin deliv-

ers food to school children for the nonprofit Blessings in a Backpack program, and helps NewLife Gillette Church with their Special Prom, an evening for those with disabilities.

“When Robin walks into our facility (The Legacy), the joy factor increases between the residents and Administration,” says Jonni Belden, RN, Vice President of Continuing Health Services. “She is a delight to work with, and she is so gentle and kind to all the residents. Each of our staff, volunteers and families know Robin by sight and by name.”

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

ACHE Regent Awards

The Wyoming Chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives recognized two Chapter members during the Chapter’s annual meeting held during the WHA annual conference.

Jeremy Davis, CEO at Evanston Regional Hospital, Evanston, WY, received the Early Career Healthcare Executive Award. Criteria for the award is that they must be a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives; demonstrate leadership ability; demonstration of innovative and creative management; Executive capability in developing his or her organization and promoting its growth and stature in the

community; Participation in local, state, or provincial hospital and health association activities; Participation in civic/community activities and projects; Demonstration of participation in ACHE activities and interest in assisting ACHE in achieving its objectives

Margie Molitor, CEO at Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital, Thermopolis, WY, received the Senior-Level Healthcare Executive Award. The criteria for this award is that you must be a Fellow of ACHE; A CEO, COO, or other senior-level executive title within the organization; Demonstration of leadership ability; Demonstration of innovative and creative management; Execu-

tive capability in developing his or her organization and promoting its growth and stature in the community; Contributions to the development of others in the healthcare profession; demonstration of leadership in local, state, or provincial hospital and health association activities; Participation in civic/community activities and projects; Demonstration of participation in ACHE activities and interest in assisting ACHE in achieving its objectives.

