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## Hannes Named WHA Vice President



We are extremely pleased and excited to announce that Josh Hannes has accepted the position of Vice President of the Wyoming Hospital Association.

Josh is a 2004 Graduate of the University of Wyoming (B.A. Criminal Justice) and a 2011 Graduate of Regis University (Master of Nonprofit Management)

He has spent the last five years as the Director of Strategy & External Affairs for Cheyenne Regional Medical Center.

Josh has had a leadership role in the health systems governmental affairs work, as well as overseeing all of the grant funded programs serving the community.

Other leadership duties included acting as a facilitator of the health system's strategic planning

and leading the Community Benefit work.

Additionally he served as the Executive Director of the Healthier Laramie County Community Partnership, a group of 65+ agencies working cooperatively to improve conditions of well-being for people in Laramie County.

Prior to joining Cheyenne Regional he spent 12 years working with young people involved in the juvenile justice system (in both Wyoming and Illinois), including 6 years leading the Cheyenne office of Greater Wyoming Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Outside of work Josh has served on many Cheyenne non-profit boards of directors. He coaches youth sports, and spends a lot of time with his wife and 3 young sons.

Josh's experience and background working in the healthcare field as well as working with legislators enhances and strengthens the choice to bring Josh on board.

WHA is extremely active in advocacy efforts for our members. Josh will be of great assistance to Eric Boley, WHA President during the upcoming Wyoming Legislative General Session.

Josh has previous experience providing testimony to the Legislature.

WHA strives to add benefits to our members. One such benefit is the WHA Resources, Inc. which is the for-profit subsidiary of the Wyoming Hospital Association.

Josh will be responsible for the management of the WHA Resources, which helps our membership improve patient care, reduce operating costs and strengthen their financial viability through customizable and flexible programs tailored to fit each member's individual need.

The WHA is continuously developing both business and healthcare solutions with our endorsed partners to advance the operations of our membership and improve the health status of communities throughout Wyoming.

Josh began at the WHA on November 1. To contact Josh call 307-632-9344 or [josh@wyohospitals.com](mailto:josh@wyohospitals.com)

### PAC CONTRIBUTORS 2018

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- Patrick Madigan
- Bren Lowe
- Carol Solie, MD
- Michele Chulick
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Total to Date  
\$7,050

Annual Goal  
\$8,500

## JCHC Awarded Above the Line Outcomes Excellence

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

Johnson County Healthcare Center (JCHC) has been awarded the 2018 Above the Line Outcomes Excellence Award by the Montana Outcomes Project.

This award was in recognition of Cardiac Rehabilitation programs whose patient's health improved above target goals.

The cardiac rehab program in Buffalo had the highest rating of all small hospitals from Montana and northern Wyoming participating in the project over this past year. Of the 13 quality indicators evaluated, Johnson County healthcare's cardiac rehab program exceeded the regional benchmark in 11 of the 13 indicators.



## WMC Pain Management Program

The Wyoming Medical Center (WMC) has released a report on their Pain Management Program (PMP).

The purpose of the PMP is to manage patients with chronic pain or pain related complaints through coordination of care with the patient's primary care provider, psychiatric/pain medication prescribing physician, addiction specialist, pain management specialist and the Emergency Department (ED).

The Pain Management Program (PMP) was initiated in 2012 by Dr. Ronald Iverson, ED Case Manager and Patient Relations Representative.

The Program started with 61 Patients identified as at risk for opioid use disorder based on frequent visits to the ED. Team members include ED Physicians, Case Management, Patient Relations, Pharmacy, ED Manager, WMC VP of Quality, Hospitalists, UWFP, and Community Providers.

The PMP will continue to:

- Identify patients with previous overdose
- Pain Assessment and Pain Scale review
- Opioid Withdrawal Scale
- Individual treatment plan with Community Provider
- Improve Discharge Education and referral to treatment
- Track and trend Naloxone use
- Patient success stories.



## HFMA Fall Meeting

The Wyoming Chapter of the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA) will be holding their fall meeting November 14-16, 2018 in Cody, Wyoming.

Participants will hear from speakers regarding DataGen, HIDi. There will be a payer panel with BlueCross Blue Shield and

United Healthcare. CliftonLarsonAllen will be presenting a program on the CMS rural health strategy along with other rural policy issues.

Eric Boley, WHA President and Jay Eberle from

Senator Barraso's office will be providing a legislative update.

For information on the program or to register, visit [www.hfmawy.org](http://www.hfmawy.org)

