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WHA to Provide Best on Board Trustee Education

The Wyoming Hospital Association is pleased to announce that a comprehensive statewide agreement with the Best on Board trustee education program has been reached again for the new year.

WHA has endorsed and supported the program since 2012. With this new year, WHA has negotiated an agreement bringing access to all newly appointed Wyoming hospital trustees with no fee to the hospital, and fully financed through your WHA membership.

The Montana Health Network, as the proprietor of the program, has recently invested in a complete refresh and rebranding of the Best on Board online program. They have updated the website and IT infrastructure, in addition to strengthening the core content provided.

Best on Board's vision is to increase the confidence and competence of healthcare trustees through education, testing and certification.

Best on Board enables trustees and healthcare leaders to gain the confidence and competence needed to make better, more informed decisions and govern more effectively on behalf of the communities they serve.

Healthcare organizations have unique challenges and Best on Board specializes in helping their boards address this significant responsibility.

Best on Board's mission is to increase the quality of healthcare governance through:

- Designing and delivering comprehensive governance education
- Partnering with hospital/healthcare associations to deliver education, testing and certification to their members
- Partnering with other organizations with a commitment to improving healthcare governance
- Assisting with identifying incentives to help healthcare organizations with the cost of trustee certification

Through ongoing consult and feedback from the WHA Trustee Advisory Council, and formally approved by the WHA Board of Directors, the WHA is announcing that all newly elected hospital trustees can register and participate in Best on Board's Six-module "Essentials of Healthcare Governance" program.

This arrangement is effective for one-year for newly elected trustees to register into the program.

From each individual's personal date of registration, they will then have exactly one-year to complete the Essentials" coursework, which includes 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

WHA is excited to offer statewide hospital trustee education via the Best on Board program. We believe this will be of great value and benefit to all Wyoming hospitals.

Any questions, clarifications or further details can be directed to Best on Board at 406-665-7937. The website is www.BestOnBoard.org.



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Total to Date \$8,250

Annual Goal \$8,500

Car Transfer Simulator Helps Physical Therapy Patients



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

Sheridan Memorial Hospital's Transitional Care Unit (TCU) recently received new equipment that supports functional rehabilitation for patients.

The Car Transfer Simulator and Vehicle Brake Reaction timer from Advanced Therapy Products, Inc. are the first of their kind in Sheridan.

Earlier this year, the Hospital's Auxiliary made the equipment purchase possible by presenting the

Foundation with \$25,000 earmarked for the Transitional Care Unit patient care needs.

The donation paved the way for the purchase of the car transfer simulator and other special equipment.

Each year, the Auxiliary funds specific hospital projects through proceeds from their annual Trees of Love project and from Kozy Korner Gift Shop sales.

The Car Transfer Simulator enables therapists to teach

recovering patients the safest way to get in and out of a vehicle from the driver or passenger side. It will simulate any automobile, car, SUV, truck or van. It is loaded with true-to-life vehicle components: functional doors, real bench seat, tilt steering wheel, pedals and wheelchair loading space. The ability to provide this level of therapy helps patients integrate back into their daily activities and home life.

WMC Leadership Earns National Recognition

Banner Health Washakie Medical Center has received the Community Star award from the National Rural Health Association, specifically highlighting the leadership of Banner Health Washakie Medical Center CEO Jay Stallings and chief nursing officer LeGay Naseath.

Wyoming Department of Health's Kyle Cameron nominated the hospital and specifically Stallings and Naseath after several visits

to the facility.

"There is only one nomination in the state of Wyoming and it was Washakie Medical Center. This references the extraordinary culture of the people that are here. I could not be more proud of the people that I have an opportunity to work with. I absolutely love this place and the people and they are amazing," Stallings said. "I want to celebrate it with our team because they are such an amazing group and

they are the ones that really have earned this and I really do mean that. They are amazing people," he added.

When Kyle Cameron was on a site visit at Banner Health Washakie Medical Center, a 25-bed critical access hospital in Worland, she was so inspired by the culture Stallings and Naseath had fostered that she nominated them both as 2018 Community Stars.



Rural Health Care, Burden Reduction Bills Introduced

Republican members of the House Ways and Means Committee have introduced legislation to repeal the 96-hour physician certification requirement as a condition of payment for critical access hospitals (H.R. 5507), and permanently prohibit the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services from

enforcing its direct supervision policy for outpatient therapeutic services provided in CAHs and small, rural hospitals (H.R. 741).

Other bills introduced as part of the committee's Medicare Red Tape Relief project would codify certain meaningful measure principles and measure removal factors for hospital and post-acute care

quality measures (H.R. 7253); direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to solicit information from providers on ways to reduce Medicare administrative and regulatory burdens, and provide for transparency and public feedback in evaluating a post-acute care prospective payment system (H.R. 7248).

