



NEWSBRIEFS

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WHA Presenting Quality Improvement Workshops

Please join us! This month the Wyoming Hospital Association (WHA) Hospital Improvement Innovation Network (HIIN) will be hosting another round of Quality Improvement Workshops.

This time our focus will be on Healthcare Associated Infection (*specifically* CAUTI, CLABSI, CDI, & ABS) as well as Patient & Family Engagement/Health Equity.

We have taken a regional approach again with the Workshops, in an effort to make these events available to all of the WHA-HIIN hospitals throughout the state.

Below are the dates and locations of each Workshop.

Workshop One

Where: Campbell County Health, Gillette

Date: Tuesday, February 19th

Time: 9am—3pm

Workshop Two

Where: Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital, Thermopolis

Date: Wednesday, February 20

Time: 9am—3pm

Workshop Three

Where: Memorial Hospital of Carbon County, Rawlins

Date: Thursday, February 21st

Time: 9am—3pm

Topics Include:

- Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI)
- Patient & Family Engagement (PFE)
- Health Equity (HE)

Meet the Subject Experts!

Martha Donovan Hayward has been working with the HRET HIIN for two years as a PFE Subject matter expert. She joined the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) in March 2011 as the Lead for Public and Patient Engagement. The focus of her work at IHI was to bring patients and families into the design of all work at IHI to accelerate improvement of health care delivery. A cancer survivor herself, she is a founding board member of the nonprofit Women's Health Exchange and served on the Patient and Family Advisory Council of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. Prior to joining the health care world Martha enjoyed a 20-year career in communications, marketing and fundraising in the areas of health, politics, and education. Martha has offered keynote addresses about Patient and Family Centered Care, Patient Engagement, and End of Life Care to local, regional and national audiences.

Barb Debaun has over 35 years of experience in the field of infection prevention and quality

improvement. She is currently an Improvement Advisor for Cynosure Health where she provides vision and leadership in the development, implementation and facilitation of infection prevention and quality improvement initiatives for healthcare organizations. She is currently adjunct faculty at Dominican University of California. Barbara is a certified Infection Control Practitioner and holds a Bachelor's degree in nursing from Pace University in New York and a Master of Science Degree in Nursing from San Francisco State University. Prior to her board service, Barbara has lectured nationally and internationally on a variety of patient safety and infection control topics and has published over a dozen articles and several book chapters. In 2008, she was selected as Infection Control Today's Educator of the Year.

All workshops will cover the same materials. Be on the look out for weekly updates and promotional materials!

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WHA Calendar

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CRMC Receives Grant for Suicide/Substance Abuse



Cheyenne Regional Medical Center has received a \$900,492 grant from the Wyoming Department of Health to address suicide and substance abuse prevention efforts in Laramie County.

"We have two staff members that we're hiring on as CRMC employees to administer the grant," said Amy Speiker, Director of Community Health and Analysis. "More than half of the dollars though are going out to

the community."

Speiker says \$80,000 will go to Grace for 2 Brothers, a local group working on suicide prevention.

"Over the last 10 years, Laramie County has had 22.7 deaths per 100,000," said Speiker. "Just to give some perspective on that, when we look at the same period in the United States that's 12.9 per 100,000 people died by suicide."

"Another place that we have an opportunity to im-

prove is in our smoking rates," she added. "In Laramie County about 21.5 percent of adults are smokers and that compares to just 17 percent nationally."

Speiker says the grant, which runs through June 2020, will allow community partners to work together to identify evidence-based strategies to address these problems and put those strategies into action.

VA Proposes Access Standards for Community Care

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

The Department of Veterans Affairs today announced its proposed access standards for the new Veterans Community Care Program to begin in June under the MISSION Act of 2018.

VA said the access standards, to be published in the Federal Register, will be based on average drive time and appointment wait times. Eligible veterans who cannot access care within those standards would be able to

choose between eligible community providers and care at a VA medical facility.

Specifically, the agency proposes:

- a 30-minute average drive time standard for primary care, mental health and non-institutional extended care services;
- a 60-minute average drive time standard for specialty care; and
- appointment wait-time standards of 20 days for primary care, mental

health care and non-institutional extended care services;

- and 28 days for specialty care from the date of request with certain exceptions.

"Strict and confusing qualification criteria like driving distances and proximity to VA facilities that don't offer needed services will be replaced by eligibility guidelines based on what matters most: the convenience of our veteran customers," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie.

Workforce Development Training Fund

The Workforce Development Training Fund has been developing a new online Workforce Development Training Fund (WDTF) Grant Application System and it is nearing completion. To ensure a smooth transition to the new application system the Training Fund will remain

closed for Application Submission throughout February 2019 and will reopen on March 1, 2019 at 9:00 am.

It is expected March 2019 to be the final month for Application Submission in the current online system; the new system is expected to go live on April 1, 2019. More information about the new

online system will be available soon.

Grant Applications can be completed and/or submitted on or after March 1, 2019 at 9:00 am using the existing online system.

For questions, please email the WDTF Team at DWS-WDTF@wyo.gov

