



# NEWSBRIEFS

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## Best on Board: Trustee Online 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](http://www.BestOnBoard.org).

Mark your calendars. WHA will be hosting the annual Trustee Educational program on May 16th in Casper. More information will be sent at a later date.

WHA Calendar	
Legislature Begins	1/8
HFMA Spring Meeting	3/13-3/15
AHA Annual Meeting Washington, DC	4/7-4/10

**2019 PAC Contributions**

**Barry Burkart**  
**Bren Lowe**



## Cheyenne Regional Health System Announces CEO



The Board of Trustees of the Cheyenne Regional Health System have announced that Timothy Thornell has accepted the system's chief executive officer position. The system includes the 222 bed Cheyenne Regional Medical Center and Cheyenne Regional Medical Group, the largest multi-specialty group in the state.

Thornell will bring more than 20 years of healthcare leadership experience to Cheyenne Regional when he takes the reins on April 8.

"We are extremely pleased that Tim decided to join us. He has extensive and results-based leadership experience that will help us continue our focus on providing a great patient experience and quality care," said Jean Halpern, MD, President of Cheyenne Regional's Board of Trustees. "Tim also has the expertise to help Cheyenne Regional evolve and adapt to our community's needs and the ever-changing healthcare environment."

Thornell is currently the CEO of the 113-bed Lea Re-

gional Medical Center and the multi-specialty Lea Regional Medical Group in Hobbs, NM.

As Cheyenne's CEO, Thornell will report to both the CRMC Board of Trustees and UHealth, as part of the management services agreement between the two health systems.

Patrick Madigan who was appointed as Cheyenne Regional's interim CEO in June 2016, and as the permanent CEO in June 2018, will remain on staff during the transition.

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



## SMH Outpatient Center to Open

There will be several changes taking place when the new expansion on the Hospital's main campus opens Monday, March 4. The new Outpatient Center, formerly called the Medical Arts Complex, will be home to the hospital's clinics and outpatient services as the new name implies.

The new Outpatient Center will accommodate SMH clinics, which have been operating across the street from the hospital for

the past several years. It will also provide space for more frequently used outpatient services, to include wound care, diabetes education, outpatient radiology and outpatient lab.

The Heart Center and the Women's Clinic are already operating in their new offices. Internal Medicine will open their doors in the new building on March 4. Ear, Nose and Throat will move into their space on the 2nd floor shortly after Internal Medicine offices have moved.

"For some time now, the facilities and parking across the street have not adequately supported the clinic practices," said Mike McCafferty, CEO. "Our Internal Medicine practice (formerly Big Horn Mountain Medicine) has been operating out of two completely separate buildings, which makes running an efficient operation difficult. The Outpatient Center will help improve patient convenience while supporting clinic practices and increasing efficiency."

## Wyoming HFMA Spring Meeting

The Wyoming Chapter of the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA) will be holding their spring meeting March 13-15 in Casper at the Holiday Inn.

Topics for the meeting include

- Cybersecurity &

HIPAA

- Reimbursement Landscape
- Personality Traits
- Revenue Cycle Leader: Run it Like You Own It
- Legislative Update
- Changes in Coding & Documentation

This is a great time to meet and talk with peers from around the state.

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

