



# NEWSBRIEFS

Informational Newsletter for Wyoming Hospitals

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## Hospitals Complete HRET-HIIN Milestones

First things first – WHA would like to congratulate and praise all of our Hospitals for your continued engagement, dedication, and support of the Wyoming Hospital Association (WHA) Hospital Improvement Innovation Network (HIIN) project.

As you know, because of your efforts Wyoming was awarded the HRET-HIIN contract extension through March 2019! Since then, we have had some deadlines come and go – for Milestone 9 (MS9) we had over 94% of our hospitals meet the reporting thresholds for both data submission and quality improvement! This is amazing, you all are amazing!

We were almost able to keep this momentum going for the January Milestone 10 (MS10) deadline – we had a slight drop, but still had over 83% of our hospitals meet the data submission reporting threshold.

We are still awaiting results to see how Wyoming did in meeting the MS10 quality improvement thresholds and will be sure to keep you posted on how we did. Just a reminder that the next deadline is for Milestone 11 (MS11), which is March 14th 2019!

Let's be ROCKSTARS and supersede both MS9 and MS10 and get 100% of our hospitals to meet both the data submission and quality improvement thresholds!

In an effort to better assist our hospital in meeting the quality improvement thresholds, we have reviewed the data and will be reaching out to each of you to further discuss your opportunities for improvement and provide one-on-one coaching as needed.

Additionally, we are doing our best to bring more education to the state, for you. We are happy to announce that to-date because of your hard work, we are able to bring in two Subject Matter Experts on February 19, 20, and 21st to conduct regional Workshops on Healthcare Associated Infections (HAIs), as well as Patient & Family Engagement (PFE) and Health Equity (HE).

And because of your dedication and engagement in meeting the reporting thresholds, we are able to offer these Workshops to all WHA HIIN hospital FREE OF CHARGE, so for more details please keep an eye out for weekly promotional materials for the upcoming Workshops.

The Wyoming Hospital Association greatly admires and appreciates all the hard work our Wyoming Hospitals do to provide the best quality of care to the patients you serve within your communities.

Keep up the great work, so that we can continue to bring education to our state!

We are honored to support you in this work – please don't hesitate to Shanelle Van Dyke for assistance with the HIIN project, she is always happy to help.

For more information contact Shanelle Van Dyke, Quality Reporting Services at either Shanlle.VanDyke@QualityReportingServices.com or 406-459-8420.

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

### 2019 PAC Contributions

Barry Burkart

February 19—Gillette  
February 20—Thermopolis  
February 21—Rawlins

## Phillips Named Wyoming Behavioral Institute CEO



Mike Phillips

Wyoming Behavioral Institute is pleased to welcome Mike Phillips to the role of CEO. He has accrued more than 20 years of management and marketing experience with a background in long-term and short-term acute care as well as inpatient post-acute care rehabilitation.

Coming to WBI from Ernest Health, Mr. Phillips served as the Area Director of Operations Western Region and CEO of Elkhorn Valley Rehabilitation Hospital in Casper. Earlier in his career he was employed by

Wyoming Medical Center first as the Planning and Product Line Specialist and then as the Director of Community Development. Mr. Phillips received his Bachelor's degree in Zoology and Physiology from the University of Wyoming, and obtained both his MBA and his Master's degree in Management from the University of Mary in Bismarck, ND.

Mr. Phillips has a great passion for helping patients, their families and staff achieve their ambitions. He has devoted his training and talent to building the

healthcare delivery system for patients and families in Wyoming and neighboring states. He serves his community as a member of the United Way of Natrona County and Special Olympics of Wyoming Boards of Directors. He also is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives. WBI is a center of excellence prepared to serve the inpatient psychiatry needs of pediatric, juvenile, adult and geriatric patients. For more information about WBI's programs and services, call 800-457-9312.

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

## Lowe Named to WHA Board of Directors

The Wyoming Hospital Association Board of Directors met January 31 in Cheyenne. At that time, Eric Boley, WHA President notified the board that Shelby Olind had sent him notification that she would have to resign her position on the WHA board.

Olind had been the Secretary/Treasurer of the WHA board after moving up through the different chairs.

The WHA board is proud to announce that Margie Molitor has been named Secretary/Treasurer and Bren Lowe has been named a Director.

Margie is currently on the board in the role of Director. She is the CEO of Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital in Thermopolis.

Bren Lowe has been named Director and he is the CEO at Star Valley

Medical Center in Afton.

Below is your WHA Board of Directors for 2019:

**Chairman** - Mike McCafferty, CEO, Sheridan Memorial Hospital, Sheridan

**Chairman Elect**-Maureen Cadwell, CEO, Weston County Health Services, Newcastle

**Secretary/Treasurer**-Margie Molitor, CEO, Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital, Thermopolis

**Past President**-Doug Faus, CEO, Ivinson Memorial Hospital, Laramie

**Director**-Andy Fitzgerald, CEO, Campbell County Health, Gillette

**Director**-Michele Chulick, CEO, Wyoming Medical Center, Casper

**Director**-Bren Lowe, CEO, Star Valley Medical Center, Afton

**AHA Delegate**-Andy Fitzgerald, CEO, Campbell County Health, Gillette

**AHA Alternate Delegate**-Doug Faus, CEO, Ivinson Memorial Hospital, Laramie

**President**-Eric Boley



Bren Lowe



Margie Molitor

