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WHA Board of Directors Appointed for 2020

Maureen Cadwell, CEO of Weston County Health Services in Newcastle was installed as the 2019-2020 Chair of the Wyoming Hospital Association's Board of Directors during the WHA's annual meeting and convention last week. Mike McCafferty, CEO of Sheridan Memorial Hospital will remain on the board as Past Chair.

The 2020 officers also include Chair-Elect Margie Molitor, CEO of Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital in Thermopolis, Michele Chulick, CEO Wyoming Medical Center in Casper will serve as the Secretary/Treasurer.

Directors of the Association are Andy Fitzgerald, CEO of Campbell County Health in Gillette, Bren Lowe, CEO of Star Valley Health in Afton and Irene Richardson, CEO of Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County in Rock Springs.

Andy Fitzgerald, CEO of Campbell County Health in Gillette remains in his role as delegate to the AHA Regional Policy Board.

Doug Faus, CEO of Iverson Memorial Hospital in Laramie is the alternate delegate to the AHA Regional Policy Board and will serve as an ex-officio member of the WHA Board.

The WHA Board of Directors provides vision, sets direction, and establishes policy for the association, meeting several times per year including an annual strategic planning session.

Beyond participation on the Board, the WHA has committees that are designed to give members an opportunity to contribute to the WHA's policy positions and educational offerings.

Current committees include the Legislative Committee, which develops the WHA's legislative agenda and provides guidance on key regulatory issues.

The Legislative Committee typically meets in the fall to begin considering issues the Legislature is expected to consider, and to develop the WHA's own set of legislative priorities.

Contact the WHA offices for more information about these and other opportunities to participate in the WHA and its leadership in healthcare issues in Wyoming.

And to offer your feedback or input to Board members or WHA staff, you can reach the directors at their hospitals, or contact the WHA at (307) 632-9344.



Maureen Cadwell



Margie Molitor



Michele Chulick



Mike McCafferty



Andy Fitzgerald



Bren Lowe



Irene Richardson



Doug Faus

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CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



Ingrid Long Receives WHA Award for Nursing

Ingrid Long, MSN, RN of Banner Torrington Community Hospital has received the 2019 Norman S. Holt Award for Nursing Excellence.

Ingrid works at Banner Torrington Community Hospital. The following has been taken from her nomination form written by hospital CEO Zach Miller.

“When I ask any staff member at Torrington Community Hospital, who is the epitome of professionalism and nursing excellence, without reservation, Ingrid’s name is the first to come up!

Ingrid takes delivering quality care very personally. Some years ago, while living in Cody, Ingrid was involved in a motor vehicle accident that required extensive surgery and recovery. During her hospitalization, she experienced first hand the impact care and conversely the lack thereof can have on an individual. She frequently cites, that it is the little things that ensure quality and we must pay close attention to

those if we are to deliver on our promise as healthcare professionals. She tells a story of how she was not offered a toothbrush for 3 days while in a hospital. She recounts the dramatic impact that had on her mental health and could have potentially had on her physical wellbeing. This experience translates into action every day as she interacts with the nursing staff at Community Hospital.

Ingrid takes a personal stake in the success of those who report to her. One of the things that make her eyes light up the brightest, is when she sees an up and coming leader flourish.

Not only does she think innovatively and creatively, but she asks for input and ideas from others on the team. It is never her way only. She ensures everyone gets a say. Ingrid takes the initiative when others may not be providing the highest quality care to our pa-

tients. She is not afraid to firmly yet respectfully have those conversations to ensure our patients are getting the best care. We are very lucky to have such an honorable person leading our clinical departments.”

Ingrid is always caring for someone, always placing others before self. She is that crying shoulder for staff going through a hard time or extreme loss. She is the friend to laugh with through life’s happy moments. She is the person others confide in when they need advice. Ingrid epitomizes the words of attorney, nurse and veteran Rawsi Williams “To do what nobody else will do, a way that nobody else can do, in spite of all we go through; that is to be a nurse.”



2019 PAC Contributions

Barry Burkart
Bren Lowe
Margie Molitor
Doug Faus
Andy Fitzgerald
Maureen Cadwell
Dr. Carol Solie
Tim Thornell
Eric Boley

In 1983, the Wyoming Hospital Association Board of Directors, in honor and memory of Norm Holt, established the Norman S. Holt Award for Nursing Excellence due to his tremendous understanding and active involvement with the nursing profession.

The award is presented annually at the Wyoming Hospital Association Convention to honor one outstanding nurse in Wyoming.

Nominees are judges on the following award criteria:

- Concern for the profession and its improvement

- Improved skills and knowledge
- Respect by peers
- Compassion for patients and family members
- Creativity and innovation in nursing care
- Dedication to providing the highest quality of care possible
- A positive work approach to superiors, peers, subordinates

The 2019 Nominees were:
Piper Allard, RN, BSN, Weston County Health Services

Laura Castellanos, RN, BSN, CCRN, Campbell County Health

Catey Fox, RN, CCRN, Cody Regional Health

Candace Heinen, RN, BSN, Memorial Hospital of Converse County

Kay Herndon, RN, MSN, CCRN, CEN, Wyoming Medical Center

Janelle Hoem, RN, Cheyenne Regional Medical Center

Lorraine Reed, RN, CPNP, RYT, Wyoming Behavioral Institute

Katherine Ziegenfelder, RN, Star Valley Health