



# Wyoming Hospital Association

## NEWS BRIEFS

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## FindTreatment.Gov

WHA Calendar	
WHA Board Meeting	11/25
Thanksgiving	11/28

The Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has announced the launch of FindTreatment.gov, a newly designed website that will help connect Americans looking for substance abuse treatment with approximately 13,000 locations across the United States. HHS Secretary Alex Azar and SAMHSA Assistant Secretary Elinore McCance-Katz issued the following statements:

"Better access to treatment, prevention, and recovery services is one of the five pillars of HHS's strategy to end the opioid crisis," said HHS Secretary Alex Azar. "Under President Trump, we have unequivocally and strongly supported medication-assisted treatment in particular because we see addiction as a medical issue, not a moral failing. Addiction demands treatment, not judgment. We know that finding access to the right provider, at the right time, can be essential to helping someone start on the road to recovery. Now, thanks to FindTreatment.gov, more Americans will have easier ways to the find the treat-

ment that they or loved ones might need."

"An easily-accessible system to locate treatment will be a critical tool for individuals to get the care they need" said Elinore F. McCance-Katz, Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use. "Increasing treatment access is an integral part of the approach to address substance use disorders across the country."

Further background from HHS

- Over 19.3 million American adults had substance use disorder (SUD) in 2018, and connecting them with appropriate treatment is a critical step to combating the opioid crisis in America
- In 2019, estimates suggest 1.27 million Americans are receiving medication-assisted treatment, a 38 percent increase from an estimated 921,000 Americans in 2016
- FindTreatment.Gov is designed to provide the most relevant information for each individual's recovery needs by creating a modern, user-

friendly experience that is visually clear, simple, and welcoming to those in crisis

- Visitors can access information on location, treatment options, payment and insurance information, and over 13,000 state-licensed facilities, based on data compiled by SAMHSA
- Examples of treatment include:
  - ⇒ Residential treatment - Live-in care, lasting for a month up to one year
  - ⇒ Outpatient treatment - Treatment at a program site while the patient continues to live on their own
  - ⇒ Detoxification - Supervised withdrawal from substance use
  - ⇒ Interim care - When immediate admission to other care isn't available
- Content and design were developed over the last year by incorporating 300 pieces of feedback, plus 60 long-form informational interviews, from recovery professionals, help line operators, local advocates, parents seeking help, and Americans in active recovery.

**2019 PAC Contributions**

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

## CRH Regional Home Health Named to 2019 HomeCare Elite Top

Cody Regional Health has been named a Top Agency of the 2019 HomeCare Elite®, a recognition of the top-performing home health agencies in the United States. Cody Regional's Home Health has received this award for the past 4 years.

The ranking is developed by ABILITY® Network, a leading information technology company helping providers and payers simplify the administrative and clinical complexities of healthcare. It is sponsored by DecisionHealth, part of the H3.Group.

"We're pleased to recognize Cody Regional Health for exemplifying best practice in patient care," said Christine Lang, senior director for ABILITY Network. "Cody Regional Health's home health professionals have demonstrated exceptional commitment to care quality and the patient experience."

Carol Anders, director of Home Health and Hospice services at Cody Regional Health, said the staff's dedication to delivering personal care and going the extra mile for patients

has helped achieve the HomeCare Elite recognition over these past years. "Our goal is to keep people out of the hospital or emergency room. We tell our patients to call our team if they need something and it's not an emergency. Our patients know we are there for them," Anders said.



## Care Coordination Certificates for Healthcare Professionals

"Care Coordination Certificates for Healthcare Professionals" is being sponsored by the University of Wyoming Center on Aging.

The courses will be delivered in a virtual environment using a combination of pre-recorded didactic presentations, asynchronous discussion threads, and a virtual meeting space for a live discussion at the end of each module.

Courses include:

- Annual Wellness Visit
- Care Coordination Fundamentals
- Advanced Care Planning.

There is not cost to participate, you can engage during live discussions and it is estimated that there will be an average of 2 hours of learning each week.

Faith Jones, MSN, RN, NEA-BC will be the instructor for the course and she is the Director of Care Coordination and Lean Consulting at HealthTechS3.

For more information or to register, call 307-766-2829 or wycoa@uwyo.edu.



## House Subcommittee Passes Maternal Health Bills

The House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee today approved two bipartisan bills to strengthen maternal care and access to care, including in rural areas.

The Maternal Health Quality Improvement Act (H.R. 4995) would authorize grants to implement rural obstetric networks, maternal telehealth programs and a rural maternal care training demonstration.

It also contains maternal health provisions from the Lower

Health Care Costs Act (S.1895), including funding to promote best practices, educate health care professionals on implicit bias, implement state perinatal quality collaboratives, and deliver integrated health care services to pregnant and postpartum women.

The Helping Medicaid Offer Maternity Services Act (H.R. 4996) would give states the option to extend Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program coverage for

pregnant and postpartum women from the current 60 days to one year after birth, with a 5% increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage for the first year a state opts to extend the coverage.

It also would require the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission to issue a report on access to doula care in Medicaid.