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WHA Annual Meeting/Vendor Show Canceled

Amid concerns about the spread of COVID-19, the Wyoming Hospital Association Board of Directors has made the difficult decision to cancel its Annual Meeting and Convention slated to take place September 2-3, 2020 in Casper, Wyoming.

“Nothing is more important than our participants safety, and in evaluating the rapidly evolving COVID-19 situation, it is clear to us that cancelling these meetings is the right course of action to protect the health and safety of our meeting registrants, vendors, and our staff, said Eric Boley, WHA President.

The golf tournament scheduled for September 1 has also been cancelled.

In the coming weeks, we will explore virtual meeting options that will enable us to schedule meetings with our CEOs.

Thank you for hard work during this time.

Best on Board Trustee Education

2020 PAC Contributions

Eric Boley
Barry Burkart
Carol Solie
Doug Faus
Heidi Baskfield
Doug McMillan
Tim Thornell
Maureen Cadwell
Margie Molitor

The Wyoming Hospital Association has teamed up with Best on Board to provide WHA member trustees and CEOs the opportunity to attend one or both of the Best on Board courses “Essentials of Healthcare Governance” and “Organizational Structure- Additional Considerations”.

The contract which begins July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021 states that WHA member trustees and their CEO’s to attend one or both of the Best on Board courses “at no charge. WHA will be paying for them. However If WHA members wish anyone else in the C-Suite to take the courses other than their facility Trustees or CEO’s, the member facility is responsible for paying the reduced student rate of \$300 per registrant (\$500 regular price).

WHA members can register anytime during the above term of the contract and will have one year from the date of registration to complete the course(s). Course access ends when course completed but within one year of registration. Example: Register for course Sept. 2, 2020 – registrant has a year to complete (September 1, 2021)

Essentials of Healthcare Governance course: A resource for current and prospective trustees and leaders to provide a basic foundation and strengthen their ability to serve on a healthcare organization governing board. It contains six modules with three lessons each for a total of 18 lessons – each lesson has a four question quiz which must be passed with at least a 75% score. Each lesson takes about 20-30 minutes to go through.

Organizational Structure - Additional Considerations: This module addresses considerations related to the formation of hospital districts and considerations when hospitals are located in frontier areas. Individuals will learn the basics of forming and changing hospital districts, how hospital districts are governed and financed, and the key similarities and differences between hospital districts and private non-profit hospitals. This module also provides insights about the organization of hospitals located in frontier areas by informing individuals about key regulatory variances for frontier hospitals

and potential models of healthcare delivery in frontier areas. This module will help hospital boards and leadership with understanding their roles and responsibilities as they relate to additional considerations for hospital organizational structure. This course has only one module and three lessons.

Best on Board provides governance education, testing and certification for healthcare board members. 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.

More information is available at www.bestonboard.org or by contacting Irene McCall at imccall@montanahealthnetwork.com or 406-655-7937.



MHSC 3D Mammography Unit Thanks to Foundation

The Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County Foundation has generously donated \$394,000 to the hospital to purchase a Hologic 3D Dimension state-of-the-art mammography unit.

“Our staff are all trained and we are now scheduling patients. We are so excited to now offer this service to our community,” said Tracie Soller, MHSC Director of Medical Imaging.

The new 3D Mammography Unit is proven to detect 20%-65% more invasive breast cancers compared to 2D alone, an average increase of 41%. It is also the only mammogram that the FDA has approved as superi-

or for dense breasts and includes new technology that has reduced the recall rate from 15%-40% compared to the 2D mammography.

The Memorial Hospital Foundation has been discussing 3D mammography the past few years and has raised money through hosting the Shredding for a Cure event in 2018, dedicating funds raised at the annual Red Tie Gala, as well as designating funds from the Greatest Needs Fund, said Tiffany Marshall, Executive Director of the Foundation. It was an initiative that has been very important to the Foundation Board of

Directors. Marshall said she is thrilled that they were able to have the opportunity to bring 3D mammography to MHSC.

“The images on the new equipment are impressive and I believe will decrease the call-back rate thus improving the patient experience,” said Kari Quickenden, MHSC Chief Clinical Officer.



Doherty Named AHA Region 8 Director

tor for Ebenezer Senior Services, a division of the M Health Fairview system, overseeing transitional care, skilled nursing, assisted living with homecare, independent housing, and adult day programming.

As a former public affairs and government relations officer, Susan has a background in public policy, strategic health communication and strategy, and community health improvement/community benefit.

She has provided guidance in the areas of federal payment and health policy, state Medicaid re-

design, system reform, and professional practice boards and related issues. Her education includes an undergraduate degree from Minnesota State University - Moorhead in Political Science, and a Master of Arts in Health and Human Services Administration from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota.

She will be based out of the Colorado Hospital Association in Denver and will be making plans to relocate to Denver in the coming months.

On June 22 Susan Doherty will be joining the American Hospital Association serve in the regional executive role for AHA Region 8.

Susan Doherty, MA, LNHA, has most recently served as the Minneapolis campus administra-

FDA Issues Guidance on Respirators

The Food and Drug Administration June 7 reissued emergency use authorizations that revise policy on the types of respirators that can be decontaminated for reuse.

Citing a response to public health concerns, FDA determined that certain respirators should not be decontaminated for reuse by health care professionals during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The agency says it no longer finds it safe to recommend the decontamination and reuse of Chinese-manufactured respirators due to the possibility of varying design-and-performance results. Additionally, respirators that have exhalation valves are no longer recommended for decontamination and reuse. Moving forward, FDA is only authorizing decontamination systems' use on non-cellulose-compatible N95 respirators.

Health care personnel should not reuse respirators that are incompatible with authorized decontamination systems but have nonetheless been decontaminated.

In all instances, health care personnel should continue to utilize the decontamination process only when new, FDA-cleared N95 respirators, NIOSH-approved N95 respirators, or other FDA-authorized respirators are not available.