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Andy Fitzgerald Retiring from Gillette Hospital

Andy Fitzgerald, CEO of Campbell County Health in Gillette, is retiring June 30, 2020.

He has had thirty years of healthcare finance and administration experience, and has worked in both large metropolitan hospitals with Humana in Dallas, Texas, Phoenix, Arizona, and Denver, Colorado; as well as rural, sole-community hospitals in Wyoming, Idaho and Oregon.

He received his undergraduate degree in Business and Accounting from the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma Washington, and attended graduate school at the University of Colorado's Masters of Science in Finance program.

Mr. Fitzgerald has been co-chair of the Wyoming Insurance Exchange Commission, having been appointed by Wyoming

Governor Dave Freudenthal and reappointed by Governor Matt Mead. He also served at the request of Governor Freudenthal on the Wyoming Healthcare Commission. In addition, Mr. Fitzgerald is the past Chairman of the Campbell County Land Board and a past member of the Board of the Campbell County Chamber of Commerce.

He is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives, and is the Region 8 Rural Policy Board member for the American Hospital Association.

Mr. Fitzgerald has served the Wyoming Hospital Association as an AHA Alternate Delegate from 2016-2018, an AHA Delegate in 2019 and 2020, and as an AHA Director in 2019 and 2020.

He plans to continue in a consulting role for Campbell County

Health on projects such as the Baldrige Framework and organizational strategic planning. Mr. Fitzgerald is an avid fly fisherman and most importantly, a husband of thirty-nine years and father of four children and three grandchildren.



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HHS New FAQs on Emergency Relief Fund Reporting

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently updated its FAQs on the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act emergency relief fund, with specific attention to provider reporting related to these funds.

Specifically, providers that have received emergency relief payments do not need to submit a quarterly report to HHS or the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee, according to the FAQs. The statutory requirement for quarterly reports related to these funds is being met by HHS' public release of the data on each payment it has distributed.

The publicly available data on HHS' Tracking Accountability in Government Grants System website includes the name and payment amount for each provider that has attested to receiving the emergency relief funds and agreed to the Terms and Conditions (or has retained their payment for more than 90 days).

HHS also is working with the Department of Treasury to post each provider's total emergency relief fund payment amount on their website. HHS confirms that the public data releases satisfy the CARES Act reporting requirement.

However, according to the FAQs, providers are still required to submit any reports requested by the HHS Secretary that are necessary to allow HHS to ensure compliance with payment Terms and Conditions. As such, HHS will be requiring recipients to submit future reports relating to the recipient's use of its emergency relief payments. HHS will notify recipients of the content and due date(s) of such reports in the coming weeks.

FAQs can be found at <https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/cares-act-provider-relief-fund/faqs>

New CEO Named for Campbell County Health

Colleen Heeter has accepted the position of Chief Executive Officer of Campbell County Health, effective July 1, 2020; the retirement date of current CEO Andy Fitzgerald.

Several options for filling the CEO position were evaluated by the Board, including hiring an executive search firm, and accepting applications through the Human Resources department. Those options were eliminated as the Board realized the best candidate was already in-house.

“We feel fortunate to have found an excellent candidate like Ms. Heeter, who already understands the organization, appreciates the community, and has proven her effectiveness in a leadership role,” said Board Chair Dr. Ian Swift. “I look forward to her continuing to grow and develop the organization

while offering guidance to the excellent team surrounding her.”

Ms. Heeter has been the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of CCH since February 2019. She came to Gillette in April 2018 as the interim director of Powder River Surgery Center. Positions prior to coming to Gillette, Wyoming, include Vice President of Operations, Hospital Division for Surgical Care Associates in Deerfield, IL, and Vice President of Ambulatory Services for Prime Healthcare in Kansas City, KS. Ms. Heeter has over 30 years’ experience in healthcare, including a clinical background as a registered nurse, and a master’s degree in Business Administration. She and her husband Joe have two children, Jake and Madeline.

“The Board of Trustees has made the best decision they could have,” said CEO Andy Fitzgerald.

“Ms. Heeter will be a great leader at CCH, and I look forward to watching her, and the organization, continue to grow and provide excellent care to our community. My job for the next several months will be to try and prepare Ms. Heeter as best as I am able to take over the CEO position and be successful for years to come.”



Will There Be a Doctor in the House?

“Will There Be a Doctors in the House? Physician Supply, Demand and Staffing During and Post-Covid-19”

Merritt Hawkins, a WHA Resources preferred vendor, has provided a white paper on physician supply, demand and staffing before and after COVID 19.

The white paper examines the factors driving physician supply and demand and how they have

been affected by the coronavirus pandemic. It also reviews how market dynamics in physician recruiting have changed, offering guidance to both health facilities seeking physicians and physicians seeking practice opportunities.

It provides an overview of how the virus has affected medical undergraduate and graduate

education and concludes with ways in which potential physician shortages can be addressed long-term.

For a copy of the white paper, please contact Corey Johnson at Corey.Johnson@merrithawkins.com



Physician Fee Schedule

The Wyoming Hospital Association will be hosting a conference call on Thursday, June 25 to discuss the Physician Fee schedule.

Wendy Curran and Kris Urbanek from Blue Cross Blue Shield will be on the call to answer questions.

The call will begin at 2:00 and will last 1 hour with questions. For information contact Barry at WHA at 307-632-9344.



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