



News briefs

Becker's Healthcare Names Community Hospital CEOs To Know Two Wyoming CEOs Make the List

Community hospitals are among the most important institutions in the communities they serve, and it's up to the CEOs to ensure they thrive.

The top executives are tasked with setting the patient care strategy and workforce culture at their hospitals. They are accountable for building financially sustainable organizations while also leading through uncertainty, especially during the pandemic. Many of the CEOs on this list have presided over big shifts in the healthcare workforce, digital transformation, addressing health inequities and more.



Doug Faus, President and CEO of Ivinson Memorial Hospital (Laramie, Wyo.). Under Mr. Faus' leadership, Ivinson turned into a 501(c)(3) nonprofit hospital and implemented a new EHR system. The hospital was named a Top 20 Rural Community Hospital in 2019 and 2018 and won a 2019 Wyoming Hospital Quality Award.



Mike McCafferty, CEO of Sheridan Memorial Hospital (Wyo.) Mr. McCafferty oversees operations at Sheridan Memorial, an 88-bed hospital. He strives to foster a culture of kindness and compassion throughout the hospital. CMS gave Sheridan Memorial an overall five-star rating in 2021.

Supreme Court Rules Unanimously in Favor of AHA, Others in 340B Case

The Supreme Court of the United States has ruled unanimously in favor of the AHA and others, reversing a 2020 court of appeals decision upholding the authority of the Department of Health and Human Services to significantly cut payments to certain hospitals that participate in the 340B Drug Pricing Program, and thereby threatening access to care for patients.

The Supreme Court held that "HHS's 2018 and 2019 reimbursement rates for 340B hospitals were contrary to the statute and unlawful." Noting that "340B hospitals perform valuable services for low-income and rural communities but have to rely on

limited federal funding for support," the Supreme Court observed that "this case has immense economic consequences, about \$1.6 billion annually."

340B discounts help hospitals devote more resources to services and programs for vulnerable communities and increase access to prescription drugs for low-income patients. Now that the Supreme Court has ruled, we look forward to working with the Administration and the courts to develop a plan to reimburse 340B hospitals affected by these unlawful cuts while ensuring the remainder of the hospital field is not disadvantaged as they also continue to serve their communities.



2022 PAC Contributions

- Barry Burkart
- Tim Thornell
- Eric Boley
- Irene Richardson
- Terry Moss
- Ken Harman
- Robin Roling
- Maureen Cadwell



Using Traveling Staff to Adjust to Summer Schedules—Article by Medical Solutions

The weather is warming up. Schools will soon be out of session. Vacation season has arrived. Signs point to a big increase in vacation plans nationwide post-pandemic. Nurses and clinicians in particular want and need a break. What does that mean for summer healthcare staffing? What steps can facilities take to keep their staffing levels right? Nurses and clinicians took the brunt of the pandemic stress, working longer hours or helping more patients. Their vacation plans were undone, like so many others. And those who did travel to help areas impacted by COVID-19, were hardly on a vacation. So great (and deserving) is their desire for a vacation that a variety of travel industry discounts and giveaways targeted at nurses have popped up.

This increase in demand for time off means the healthcare staffing crunch could easily continue even as the COVID tide goes out. What can a facility do to address the issue? Put simply, they can extend the traveling staff or contingent staff currently on assignment with them. More and more staffing leaders are realizing that retention is the new recruitment and taking tangible steps to keep staff happy. To give their permanent staff time off in the summer (and keep them employed and engaged) leaders are extending their travelers through August and September. So, while census and COVID cases may be down, their use of contingent staff is not.

Don't think your facility or town is a "destination" for travelers to find? Don't be so sure. Nearly every place has its attractive qualities, whether it's near a beach or has a small-town charm. Those communities that put their best foot forward and welcome traveling staff could find a great way to reward permanent nurses with some well-earned time off.

Vacation time matters. If you're curious about other healthcare staffing trends or emerging issues, Medical Solutions has a total workforce solution capable of addressing your unique questions and challenges. Connect with Rory Audino at 402.986.5167 or rory.audino@medicalsolutions.com to learn more about how Medical Solutions can address your staffing needs.

The IPRO team met with attendees of the 2022 WHA CEO/Trustee Spring Meeting in Riverton in May.

As a reminder, the Wyoming Hospital Association, The Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (Flex), and IPRO have teamed up to offer IPRO education opportunities to all Wyoming hospitals for another year.

All Wyoming Critical Access hospitals are eligible to enjoy the IPRO virtual education platform (including all 150+ Governance courses) free for the first year.

Renewing CAHs will receive exclusive discounts if they reserve their spot before June 30, 2022.

For all non-critical access WHA member hospitals, please contact us for preferred rates in your first year. For more information, contact jadler@iprotean.com

Award Nominations Due

Award Nominations are due July 8, 2022.

Norm S. Holt Award for Nursing Excellence

Each Wyoming hospital is allowed to submit one candidate per year. The individual institution is responsible for determining its own method of nominating and selecting the candidate who will be submitted for further consideration. It is imperative to remember that every R.N. and L.P.N., regardless of position, should be considered an eligible candidate provided he/she meets the award criteria as shown on the application form.

Outstanding Hospital Volunteer or Outstanding Volunteer Program

We would like to receive your entry this year for the "Outstanding Hospital Volunteer" or "Outstanding Volunteer Program". Nominations may be made by the chief executive officer or the staff person responsible for volunteer programs. The winner will be selected by qualified judges. Any WHA member hospital is eligible for the award.

The recipients of the awards will be announced at the Wyoming Hospital Association Annual Meeting to be held September 7-8, 2022 in Laramie, Wyoming.