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Wyoming Hospital Association

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WHA Meets with Wyoming Congressional Delegation During AHA Annual Meeting

Members of the Wyoming Hospital Association recently traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with Wyoming's congressional delegation as part of the American Hospital Association's Annual Membership Meeting.

The visit provided an important opportunity for Wyoming hospital leaders to engage directly with federal lawmakers on the critical issues facing the state's health care system. Topics discussed included rural health care access, workforce challenges, and federal policies impacting Wyoming hospitals and the communities they serve.

"These face-to-face meetings with our congressional delegation are invaluable," said Eric Boley, WHA President. "It allows us to put a human face on the challenges our hospitals navigate every day and reinforce why strong federal support for rural health care matters."

The annual AHA meeting brings together hospital and health system leaders from across the country to share best practices and advocate for policies that strengthen America's hospitals. Wyoming's delegation to the event underscored the Association's commitment to ensuring the state's voice is heard at the national level.

WHA thanks Wyoming's congressional delegation for their time and continued partnership in supporting the health and well-being of Wyoming residents.



Kelsey Prestesater, Doug Faus, Eric Boley, Gary Crum, Eric Connell, Matt Shahan, Steven Leafgreen, Tim Thornell, David Cook



Banner WMC Presented with AHA 100 Year Award

Banner Wyoming Medical Center has been presented with the prestigious 100-Year Award from the **American Hospital Association!** The hospital was presented this special recognition celebrating a remarkable century of serving the community with excellence, compassion and dedication. For 100 years, Banner Wyoming Medical Center has been a cornerstone of health care in the region, and this milestone reflects the commitment of countless team members, physicians and volunteers who have made a difference in the lives of patients and families.

AHA, Others Issue Joint Statement on Workplace Violence in Health Care

Ten national health care provider organizations, including the American Hospital Association, released a **joint statement** in recognition of Workplace Violence Prevention Month. “Workplace

violence erodes the safety and dignity of health care environments, directly contributes to workforce burnout and turnover, and compromises the quality of care for patients,” the organizations wrote. “This violence undermines our health care system’s ability to provide safe, healing environments for all.” The AHA’s **Hospitals Against Violence initiative** shares resources and best practices for hospitals to use to address workplace and community violence.

Hospitals Against Violence


WYOMING HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

Shape the future of Wyoming healthcare.

Join fellow CEOs and trustees for a full day of governance training, legislative dialogue, and peer connection.

 **May 19, 2026**
Tuesday

 **Best Western**
Sheridan, Wyoming

 **7:00 am – 3:30 pm**
Full day program

WHAT TO EXPECT

8:15 am – noon Navigating the Boardroom Jerry Pogue	1:00 pm Generative discussion in the boardroom Jason Spring	2:00 pm Legislative open forum Your elected legislators
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WHA Spring Meeting/Registration

HEALTHCARE POLICY SUMMIT

Registration

12 JUNE, 2026
Laramie, WY - Hilton Garden Inn

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Public Health Communications Lunch & Learn

This event series is designed to strengthen Wyoming's public health community by advancing knowledge in public health communication and fostering meaningful professional connections across the state. It provides valuable education and practical resources for current and prospective members, welcomes and engages new members, and works to expand and elevate expertise in public health communication throughout Wyoming's public health field.

Every Friday, April 24th -
May 22nd, 12:00PM - 1:00PM

Mark Your Calendar: April 6-12th

National Public Health Week
Theme: "Ready. Set. Action!"

Upcoming Sessions

- April 24th: The Why of Public Health Messaging
- May 1st: Health Communication Foundations
- May 8th: Data Visualization for Public Health Messaging
- May 15th: Communicating Hard, Emotional, or Controversial Topics Across Communities
- May 22nd: Panel Discussion

Register Now!



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<https://bit.ly/4bhXZtL>





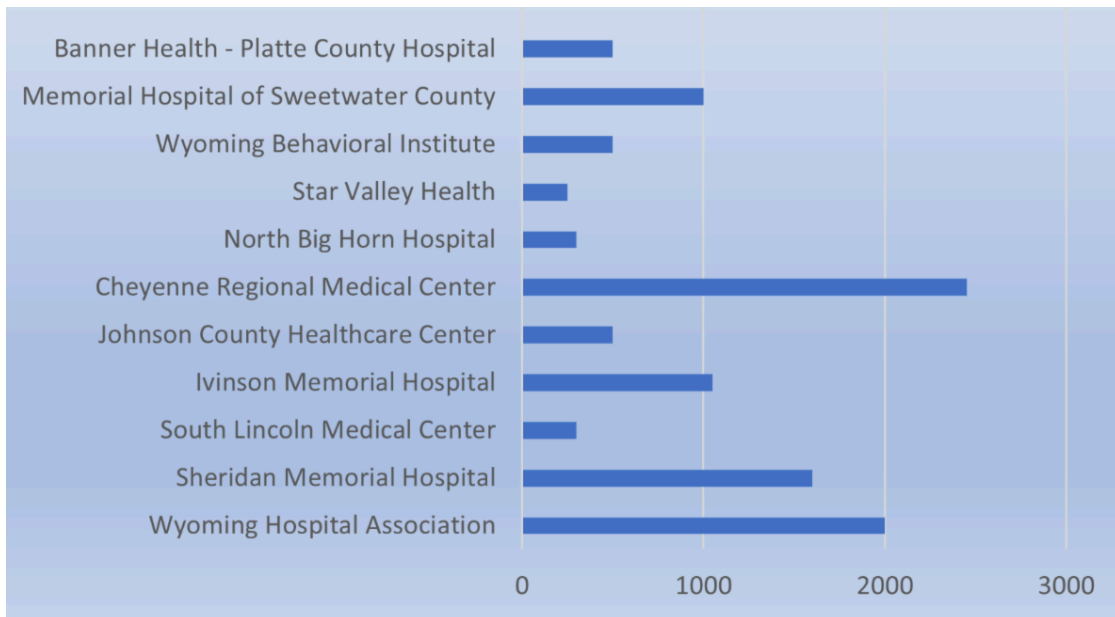
WHA Trustee/CEO Spring Meeting
May 19, 2026
Best Western Sheridan Center
Sheridan

Healthcare Policy Summit
June 12, 2026
Laramie, Wyoming

WHA Annual Meeting
September 9-10, 2026
Little America, Cheyenne

WHA PAC Goal for 2026

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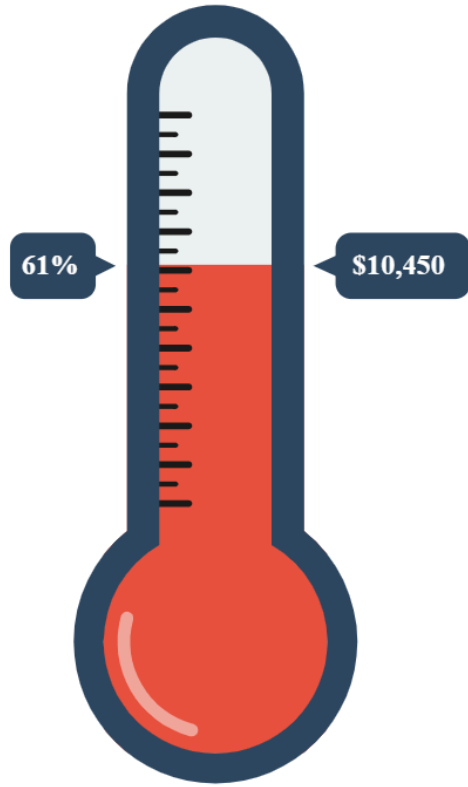


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