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2026 ANNUAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9-10

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Save the Date: Don't Miss the 2026 Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars — the 2026 Wyoming Hospital Association and Wyoming Long Term Care Association Annual Meeting takes place September 9–10 at Little America Hotel & Resorts in Cheyenne, and this year's agenda is one of the strongest yet. Whether you come for the speakers, the sessions, or the chance to connect with colleagues from across the state, this is the event Wyoming's healthcare community builds its year around.

A Special Speaker Announcement: Steve Walsh, Incoming AHA President

We're excited to share that Steve Walsh, incoming President and CEO of the American Hospital Association, will join us as a special guest speaker this year. Walsh currently leads the Massachusetts Health & Hospital Association, where since 2017 he has represented more than 70 hospital and health system members, and he spent six terms in the Massachusetts House of Representatives — including chairing the Health Care Financing Committee and authoring the state's landmark 2012 healthcare reform law. Recognized among Modern Healthcare's 300 Most Influential People in Healthcare, Walsh steps into the AHA's top role this fall, making his appearance in Cheyenne one of his first as the incoming national voice for hospitals — a rare opportunity for Wyoming's healthcare leaders to hear directly from him.

A Lineup Worth Clearing Your Schedule For

Steve Walsh joins an already remarkable roster of speakers. Day One opens with Elizabeth Smart, whose powerful story of survival and resilience offers a message about hope and perseverance that stays with every audience. That afternoon, Garret Westlake, PhD, Vice Provost for Innovation and Strategic Design at Virginia Commonwealth University, leads a hands-on workshop using LEGO® Serious Play® and human-centered design to help healthcare teams build creativity and collaboration skills they can bring straight back to work.

Day Two closes with Jonathan Martin, Politics Bureau Chief and Senior Political Columnist for POLITICO, delivering an inside look at the political landscape shaping healthcare policy from Washington to the campaign trail. In between, attendees can dig into sessions on practical AI use for rural hospitals and nursing homes, a legislative and policy panel featuring Wyoming healthcare leaders and lawmakers, building sustainable rural hospital foundations, advanced practice provider workforce strategies, and the latest federal policy and licensing updates affecting long-term care.

Why You Should Be There

The Annual Meeting is more than a conference — it's where Wyoming's hospital and long-term care leaders gather to learn from national experts, and build the relationships that carry through the rest of the year. With sessions built for CEOs, CFOs, foundation directors, and clinical and administrative leaders alike, there's something on this agenda for every member of your team.

Registration is open now. Join us September 9–10 in Cheyenne — you won't want to miss this year's lineup.

[Register Here](#)



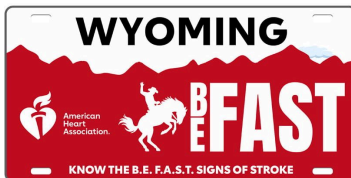
WHA Auction: Bidding Is Heating Up Don't Miss Your Chance

The 2026 Wyoming Hospital Association PAC Auction is well underway, and momentum is building. So far, generous bidders have raised \$931 toward our \$5,000 goal, with 12 items now available spanning art, entertainment, food, gift baskets, leisure, and sporting goods — including several items added just this week.

Every bid supports the WHA PAC's work advocating for Wyoming hospitals and accessible, quality healthcare across our state. Whether you're eyeing a gift basket, a leisure package, or one of the newer additions, there's still time to place your bid — but not much: bidding closes September 9 at 7:00 PM MDT.

Browse the full catalog and place your bid at 32auctions.com/wha2026. Every contribution, big or small, helps us reach our goal and strengthens WHA's voice for Wyoming hospitals.

[WHA Auction Site](#)



Wyoming Mission: Lifeline Stroke

The American Heart Association **Wyoming Mission: Lifeline Stroke** has officially launched!

This is a collaborative effort led by the Heart Association to ensure every Wyoming resident has access to timely, coordinated, high-quality stroke care no matter their ZIP code from the moment symptoms begin through recovery.

Join us for Kick-Off Webinars:

Wyoming Mission: Lifeline **Stroke Systems of Care Webinar**: Sept. 1, 2026, 12 p.m. MT

Register: https://heart.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cmokTS8GQSyFVSc8WuFKzQ

- Learn about Wyoming's stroke care initiative
- Connect with EMS, hospitals, and healthcare partners
- Help improve stroke care across Wyoming

Wyoming Mission: Lifeline **Post -Acute Stroke Webinar**: Sept. 2, 2026, 12 p.m. MT

Register: https://heart.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_snd5A2liQd-MuygiydlngA

- Learn about opportunities for post-acute stroke facilities
- Review best practices for stroke recovery care
- Support better outcomes for stroke patients across Wyoming

Unable to attend the live webinars? Please register, and a recording will be sent to you after the event.



Powell Valley Healthcare

Powell Valley Hospital Makes a Difference Through Summer Nutrition Program

For children, summer should be a time for fun, friends and making memories. For some families, however, the months when school is out can also bring an added challenge: making sure children have access to regular, nutritious meals.

Powell Valley Healthcare is helping address that need through its summer food program, which once again provided thousands of meals to children in the Powell community this year. The program served children at Homesteader and Southside parks throughout the summer, creating convenient locations where families could access meals while children enjoyed their summer break. More than 10,400 meals were provided this summer, averaging approximately 1,100 meals each week.

The program ended on a high note with a community barbecue and activities for the children, including a water slide and a visit from a life-flight helicopter. Children also had an opportunity to talk about the meals they enjoyed throughout the summer. Pita pizza and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches were among the favorites.

Travis Tucker, PVH Nutrition Director, said the program's participation reflects an increasing need within the community. Over the past nine years, the summer food program has served more than 60,000 meals. The program's impact has grown significantly in recent years, with more than 21,000 meals served during the past two summers alone.

For Powell Valley Healthcare, the program represents an important part of its commitment to community health. Access to nutritious food is closely connected to overall health and well-being, and efforts such as this allow the hospital to support local children and families beyond the walls of the hospital. By providing meals, creating opportunities for children to gather and partnering with the community, Powell Valley Healthcare continues to demonstrate how hospitals can play an important role in addressing the broader needs that influence the health of the communities they serve.

Medical Solutions Ranks Among Nation's Top 5 Largest Healthcare Staffing Firms

Medical Solutions, a WHA Resources Endorsed Vendor and one of the vendors supporting Wyoming hospitals, has been recognized by Staffing Industry Analysts (SIA) as one of the nation's largest healthcare staffing firms for 2026 — ranking No. 5 overall, No. 2 in travel nursing, and No. 3 in allied healthcare staffing.

The recognition comes as Medical Solutions celebrates its 25th anniversary, with a network of roughly one million pre-screened clinicians and a 95% client satisfaction rating. According to SIA, the top five firms on this year's list represent 86% of the U.S. healthcare staffing market, an industry estimated at \$33 billion in revenue in 2025.

For Wyoming hospitals navigating ongoing workforce shortages, partnerships with top-tier staffing firms like Medical Solutions remain a key resource for maintaining stable, quality patient care.



WYOMING HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

Upcoming Events

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WHA Golf Tournament

 Tuesday, September 8, 2026

 Cheyenne Country Club

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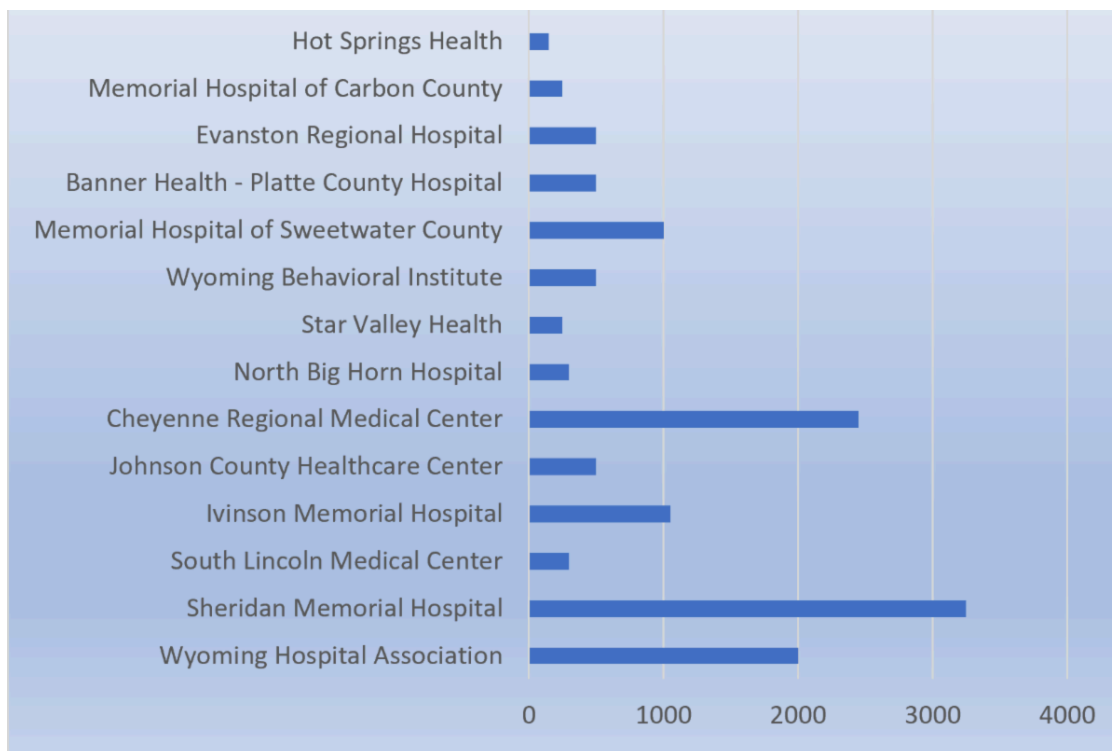
WHA Annual Meeting

 Wednesday-Thursday, Sep 9-10, 2026

 Little America Hotel & Resort, Cheyenne

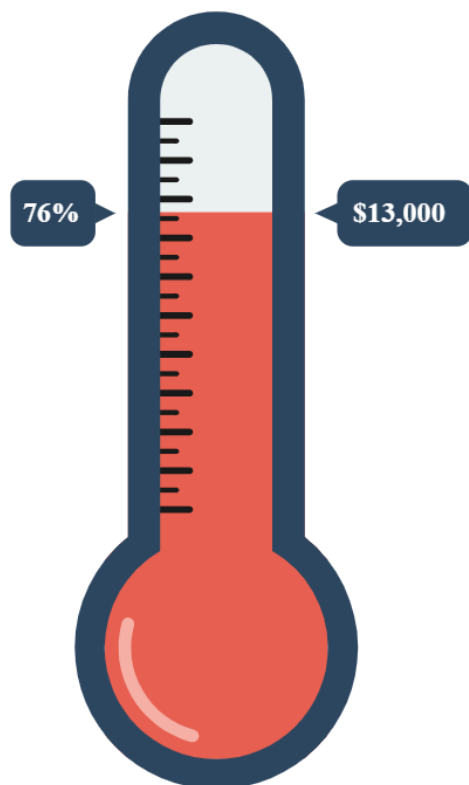
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