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Announcing Our Closing Keynote Speaker Jonathan Martin to Close Out the Annual Meeting

We are excited to announce that Jonathan Martin, Politics Bureau Chief and Senior Political Columnist for POLITICO, will deliver the closing keynote address at this year's Annual Meeting, held September 9–10 at the Little America Hotel.

Widely regarded as one of the sharpest political reporters working today — The New York Review of Books has called him “the best political reporter in the country” — Martin brings decades of experience covering the White House, Capitol Hill, and campaign trail. His deep relationships with political leaders and power players in Washington, D.C. and beyond give him a rare, first-hand view into what's really happening at the highest levels of American politics.

Before joining POLITICO in his current role, Martin spent nearly a decade as senior political correspondent for The New York Times and was one of POLITICO's original hires as senior political writer. He is also the co-author of *This Will Not Pass: Trump, Biden, and the Battle for America's Future*, which spent three weeks on The New York Times bestseller list. Audiences may also recognize him as a contributor to NBC's Meet the Press, and his reporting has appeared in The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, The New Republic, and other leading publications.

Martin will close out the Annual Meeting with a timely look at today's biggest political stories and the emerging trends shaping government, policy, and business. Drawing on his encyclopedic knowledge of political history and firsthand anecdotes from years of reporting, his session promises an engaging and insightful send-off to this year's meeting.

Recap: 2026 Wyoming Healthcare Workforce Summit

Hospital Leaders Gather in Casper to Shape the Future Healthcare Workforce

On Tuesday, August 4, the Wyoming Hospital Association hosted its 2026 Workforce Summit: Shaping the Future Healthcare Workforce – A Leadership Forum at the Hilton Garden Inn in Casper. The daylong event brought together healthcare executives, HR professionals, clinical leaders, and workforce partners from across the state to tackle one of the industry's most pressing challenges: building and sustaining a strong healthcare workforce.

A Day of Practical, Wyoming-Focused Solutions

Sessions throughout the day featured nationally recognized workforce experts alongside candid, Wyoming-specific discussion. Topics included building a culture of trust to strengthen recruitment and retention, moving beyond crisis staffing toward long-term workforce strategy, and addressing ongoing shortages in the allied health workforce.

Attendees benefitted from interactive sessions with each speaker, where they worked through real workforce challenges facing their own hospitals and shared solutions that are already working in communities across Wyoming. The format encouraged peer-to-peer problem solving and gave participants concrete ideas to bring back to their teams.

Continuing Education — and Continued Connection

The program was designated for 5.25 ANCC nursing contact hours, with credit also submitted for review to the HR Certification Institute (HRCI). Attendees received a certificate of attendance to support additional continuing education requirements.

Beyond the formal sessions, the summit gave hospital leaders from across Wyoming a rare opportunity to network face-to-face — comparing notes over breakfast, lunch, and breaks throughout the day, and continuing conversations that will shape workforce strategy across the state in the months ahead.

Thank you to everyone who joined us in Casper, and to the speakers and partners who helped make the day such a valuable one for Wyoming's hospitals. Watch for details on future workforce programming from the Wyoming Hospital Association.



Celebrating Emily Genoff 20 Years of Service, Leadership & Impact

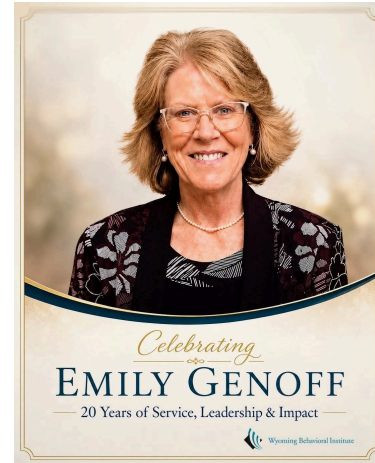
After 20 years with Wyoming Behavioral Institute in Casper, Emily Genoff is retiring — and the impact of her two decades of service will be felt for a long time to come.

Over the course of her career at Wyoming Behavioral Institute, Emily became known for her steady leadership and genuine care for the people around her — qualities that shaped not only her own

work, but the culture of the teams and programs she touched. Colleagues describe her as a dedicated, trusted presence who helped guide the organization through two decades of growth and change, always with an eye toward doing right by patients, staff, and the community.

Twenty years is a milestone few reach, and it reflects a deep commitment to Wyoming Behavioral Institute's mission and the people it serves. As Emily begins this next chapter, she leaves behind a legacy of leadership and impact that will continue to shape the organization for years to come.

Please join us in congratulating Emily Genoff on her retirement and thanking her for two decades of dedicated service to Wyoming Behavioral Institute and the Casper community.



AHA Urges CMS to Prioritize Hospitals, Providers with Rural Health Transformation Program Funding

The American Hospital Association provided **comments** to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on the distribution of funding for the Rural Health Transformation Program. The program will fund \$50 billion to rural providers from fiscal year 2026 to FY 2030. The AHA urged CMS to prioritize direct support for rural hospitals and providers, specifically by lifting a 15% funding cap it imposed on provider payments and a 20% cap imposed on infrastructure and capital improvement funding for years two through five of the program. The AHA also recommended CMS work with Congress to allow states to revise their initial applications and provide a longer timeline to spend obligated funds. Additionally, the AHA asked CMS to publicly post funding information reported by states and reiterated a previous request that CMS not enact administrative barriers to hinder hospitals' ability to receive the funds. The AHA also requested CMS to ensure that RHTP funds received by hospitals are separately reported on the Medicare cost report.

[AHA Comments can be found here](#)

The Academy for Inclusive Care

The Academy for Inclusive Care is a knowledge-based video program that will familiarize learners with the unique needs of Military and Veteran Caregivers and how, through the practice of Inclusive Care, Caregivers can be brought into the healthcare conversations and work more collaboratively with their loved one and his/her healthcare team.

Healthcare professionals can now earn 1.25 Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits by completing The Academy for Inclusive Care, developed with the Elizabeth Dole Foundation and VA with support by USAA. This free online course equips providers with practical strategies to

better understand and support military and Veteran caregivers through more inclusive, compassionate care.

Elizabeth Dole Academy Information

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Upcoming Events

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WHA Golf Tournament

 Tuesday, September 8, 2026

 Cheyenne Country Club

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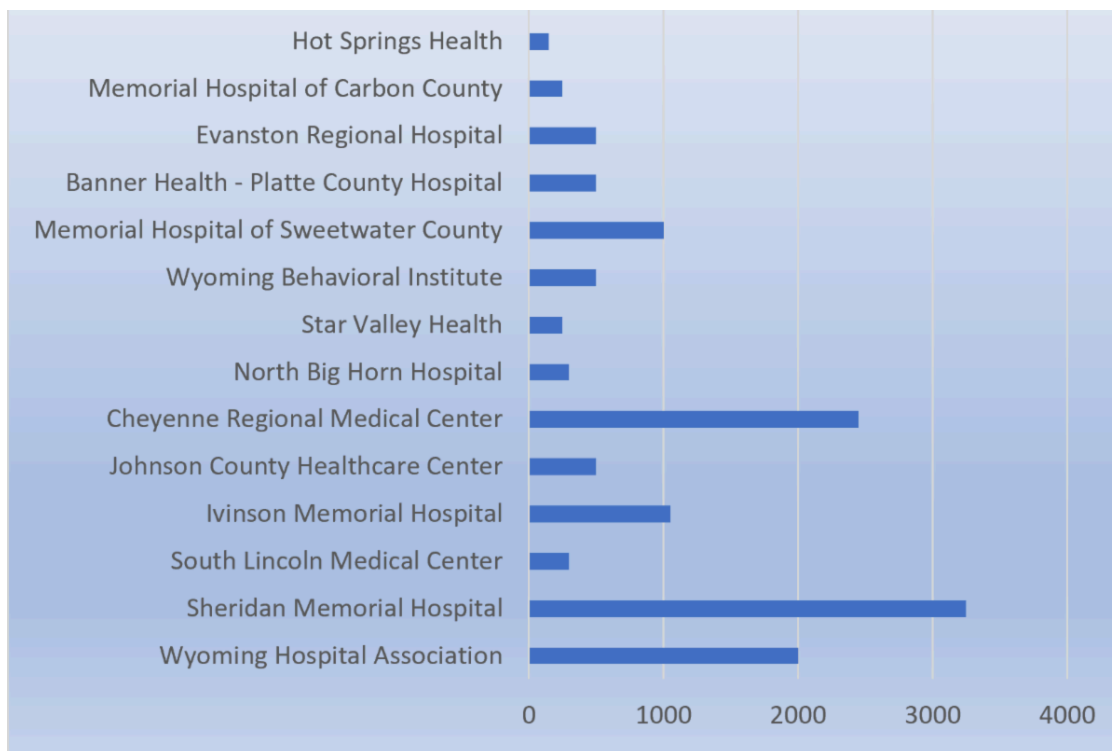
 Wednesday-Thursday, Sep 9-10, 2026

 Little America Hotel & Resort, Cheyenne

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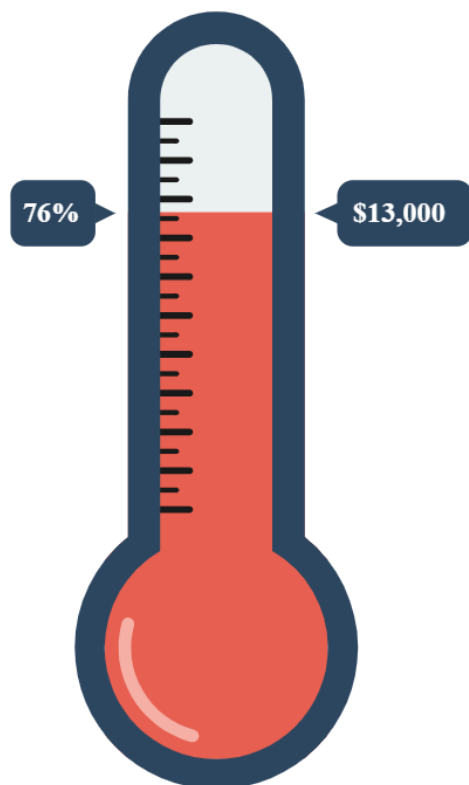
WHA PAC Goal for 2026

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