

News Briefs

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A Reminder: Best on Board Is Free for WHA Members

Strong hospitals start with strong boards. That's why WHA covers the cost of Best on Board for trustees and leaders at member hospitals, at no charge to you.

Best on Board is an online governance education and certification program built specifically for hospital trustees. Its core course, Essentials of Healthcare Governance, walks participants through the fundamentals every board member needs:

- The board's fiduciary role
- Mission, strategy and stakeholders
- The board's role in finance
- The board's role in quality and patient safety
- The board/CEO relationship
- Governance and leadership effectiveness

The program is self-paced and online, so trustees can complete it on their own schedule. It works well for new board members getting oriented and for experienced trustees who want a refresher on today's healthcare landscape. Those who complete it earn certification and are recognized for their commitment to good governance.

Healthcare keeps getting more complex, from finances and workforce challenges to quality reporting and regulatory change. Best on Board gives your board a shared foundation for tackling those questions together, and as a WHA member, it's already included in your membership.

Getting started is easy. Contact WHA to enroll your trustees. Consider sharing this with your board chair and adding Best on Board to your new-trustee orientation.

Foreign-Trained Physician Bill Advances With Committee Support, Heading Into 2027 Session

Wyoming's physician shortage is one of the most pressing challenges our member hospitals face, and WHA is encouraged to see the Legislature take it up again. The Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Committee recently voted 8–1 to sponsor a bill creating a licensure pathway for internationally licensed physicians. As a committee bill, it will enter the January session already vetted by a standing committee, which is a meaningful step forward.

The proposal would allow foreign-licensed physicians to earn a Wyoming license after practicing under the supervision of a Wyoming physician for three years. To qualify, a physician would need to:

- Be fluent in English
- Have at least five years of practice experience
- Have a clean disciplinary record
- Have completed residency training in their home country

The bill also includes an alternate route for experienced physicians who never completed a formal residency: those with at least 12 years in practice could still qualify.

WHA President Eric Boley testified in support of the bill, joined by the Wyoming Medical Society. Boley described the legislation as one tool among many that our hospitals need, noting that the state cannot afford to pass up any reasonable option for recruiting physicians. Committee members shared that concern, with Sen. Charlie Scott pointing to a growing gap in family medicine in particular.

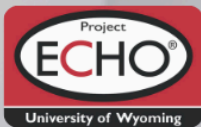
This is the third consecutive year a version of this bill has been considered. In both 2025 and 2026, it gained strong early support, including passing the Senate and clearing a House committee, but did not reach a House floor vote before the session ended. Committee sponsorship gives it a stronger starting position this time.

WHA will be following this bill closely when the session opens in January.

Blog Shares Strategies for Sustaining Maternal Care in Rural Communities



As part of the American Hospital Association's Opportunities for Innovations in Rural Maternal Care initiative, a recent Commonwealth Fund blog discusses strategies hospitals can use to sustain maternal care within the communities they serve. Hear from Julia Resnick, AHA senior director of health outcomes and care transformation, and Aisha Syeda, AHA senior program manager of health outcomes and care transformation, on ways to solidify leadership commitment, build a skilled workforce, strengthen partnerships and address community needs. [LEARN MORE](#)

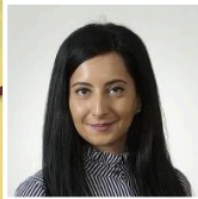


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October 15th, 2026. 12:00PM MT via Zoom
Obstructive Sleep Apnea in Older Adults - A Clinician's Guide
Sara Pasha, MD. Medical Director, Sleep Disorders Center
Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine

We welcome your challenging cases for consultation!



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Upcoming Events

2027



TUESDAY

General Session of the Wyoming Legislature Begins

Cheyenne, Wyoming



TUESDAY

CEO/Trustee Spring Meeting

Riverton, Wyoming



WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY

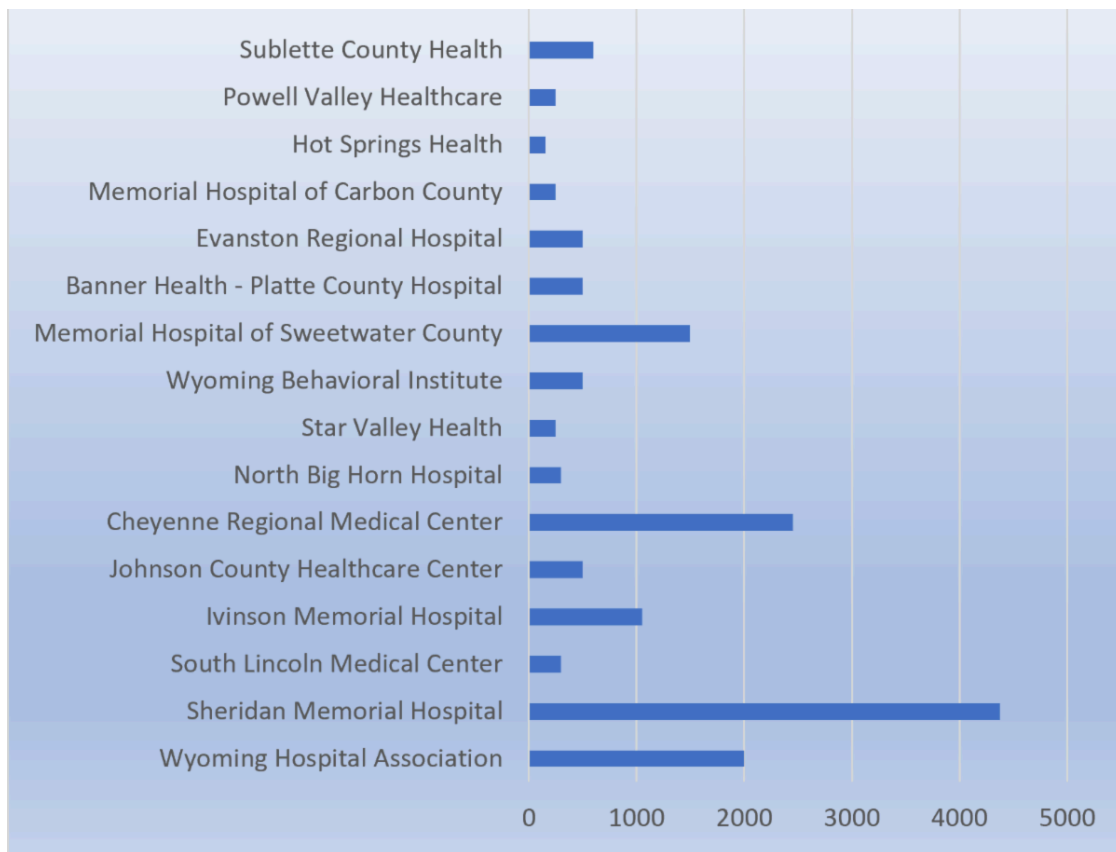
WHA Annual Meeting

Casper, Wyoming

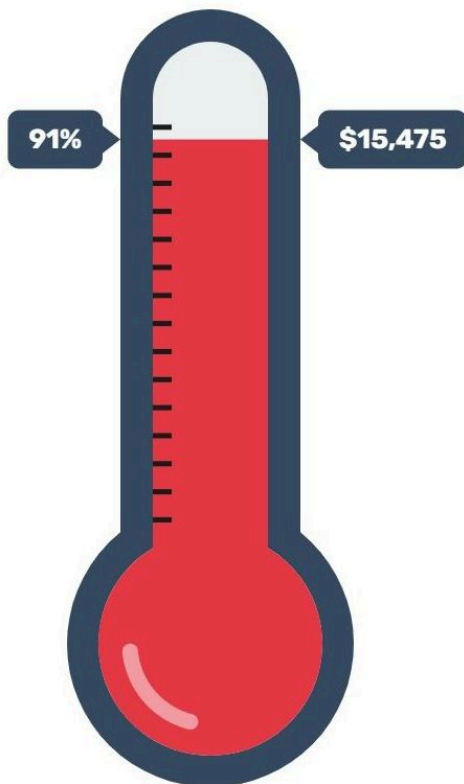
Registration details and agendas to come.

WHA PAC Goal for 2026

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