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Nicole Ostermiller Awarded Daniel J. Lex Award for Outstanding Service in Long Term Care

Nicole Ostermiller was recognized with recognition at the **Wyoming Hospital Association**' annual meeting where she received the Daniel J. Lex Award for outstanding service in long-term care by **Leading Age Wyoming**.

At its annual meeting held in Casper August 26th and 27th, the Wyoming Hospital Association awarded Powell Valley Healthcare's Nicole Ostermiller, with the Daniel J. Lex award for outstanding service in long-term care. The award is sponsored by LeadingAge Wyoming, an association of long-term care and assisted living providers dedicated to making Wyoming a better place to grow old.

Nicole has worked at Powell Valley Healthcare for more than 20 years and currently serves as the Chief Operating Officer. Prior to that she served as the Vice President of Resident Care Services and the Resident Services Administrator respectively. "Nicole started her nursing career in Long-

term care, at PVHC. Nicole is unwavering in her advocacy for our residents, and she supports and encourages her staff to always find ways to improve the quality of life for our residents,” said Joy Coulston, CEO. Nicole still holds her nursing home administrator license through the Wyoming State Board of Nursing Home Administrators and remains steadfast in her role of supporting efforts to enhance the quality of care for senior citizens in the community.

The Daniel J. Lex award is given to an individual that has devoted their life and career to providing high quality long-term care and to improving quality of life for those that receive their care in a long-term care setting. Daniel J. Lex served as the Executive Director for the Quality Health Care Foundation (now called LeadingAge Wyoming) for more than two decades. According to LeadingAge Wyoming’s Executive Director, Eric Boley, ‘Dan’s leadership helped grow the organization from a small, startup association into the predominant nursing home organization in Wyoming. And along the way, he demonstrated every day his commitment to ensuring high-quality care for our state’s elderly. Indeed, he dedicated more than 20 years of his professional career to that high ideal.’



Wyoming Nursing Homes Receive Quality Health Care Awards

Mountain Pacific is proud to announce the Wyoming recipients of the 2024 Nursing Home Quality Awards. This year’s award criteria were based on a quality measure point system that included decreasing adverse drug events, preventing infection, decreasing readmissions, improving resident vaccination rates for influenza and pneumococcal vaccines and a bonus category that acknowledged nursing homes that were never referred to Mountain Pacific from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services for a COVID-19 outbreak.

Five Wyoming long-term care facilities met these goals and received their award during the Wyoming Hospital Association and LeadingAge Wyoming on August 27th and 28th in Casper, Wyoming.

These facilities received the Excellence in Quality Award, the top award:

- **Amie Holt Care Center**
- **Rocky Mountain Care – Evanston**
- **South Lincoln Nursing Center**
- **Star Valley Care Center**
- **Sublette County Health**

“I am honored to be witness to the immense dedication, perseverance and compassion Wyoming’s long-term care facilities show each day.” said Callie Perkins, Wyoming account manager for Mountain Pacific. “Through the ever-changing health care climate, our long-term care facilities have continued to be vigilant stewards to quality care. Mountain Pacific is excited to present these awards and will continue to provide access to quality improvement initiatives and partner with our stakeholders to ensure residents receive the highest quality of care possible.”



2024 WHA Healthcare Leadership Award

Fred Baldwin was presented the 2024 WHA Healthcare Leadership Award at the WHA Annual Convention held in Casper August 26th – 28th. The Healthcare Leadership Award is one of the highest awards given by the Association.

Senator Fred Baldwin has served nearly a decade in the Wyoming Legislature. Baldwin served in

the Wyoming House of Representative for a term from 2015 to 2016 before being elected to the Wyoming Senate in 2017, representing Senate District 14. In addition to his dedicated service to the people of Wyoming as an elected official, Senator Baldwin has worked for many years as Physician's Assistant in Kemmerer as well as a volunteer firefighter. Senator Baldwin was a consistent leader in the House and Senate, championing many pieces of legislation which aide in the strength and sustainability of Wyoming's unique healthcare infrastructure. A few examples of his legislative accomplishments include:

HEA 14 - Prior Authorization

HEA 20 - Health Insurance - Reimbursement of Overpayment

HEA 84 - Medicaid Twelve Month Postpartum Coverage

HEA 68 - Mental Health Care Access - Collaborative Care Model

HEA 61 - Hospital Supplemental Payments - Statutory Fix

SF 53 - Ground Ambulance Service Provider Assessment Act of 2021

Senator Fred Baldwin exemplifies what it means to be a healthcare leader. We are grateful for his years of service and proud to recognize him for his success.



Annual Meeting Sponsors

We would like to take this time to Thank all of our vendors and sponsors. Their contributions make our event possible.

This year's sponsors are:

- Husch Blackwell
- Express Recovery
- Casper Medical Imaging
- Jackson Physician Search
- Colorado Hospital Association
- WWAMI
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wyoming
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Sheridan Memorial Team Wins Tournament

Twelve teams competed during the 2024 WHA Golf Tournament, held at 3 Crowns Golf Club in Casper on Monday, August 26th.

The course was in beautiful condition and the golfers enjoyed one of the best golf courses in the state.

When play was completed the Sheridan Memorial Hospital team comprised of Mike McCafferty, Ron Mischke, Kelly Lieb and Joe Wright, posted a score of -18. The Yellowstone Insurance Exchange team of Kelly Casey, Doug McMillan, Keith Ungrund and Eric Boley posted a score of -16, placing second. Third place was the team of Doug Faus, Terry Moss, Strider Murphy and Chris Gould at -14.

Individual prizes went to Anne Carlson and Kelly Casey for closest to the pin and Chelsea Rogers and Keith Ungrund won the longest drive awards.

The WHA would like to recognize all those that donated items for the golfers and would like to recognize the major sponsors of the event:

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wyoming
Jackson Physician Search
MSE and Associates
Revenue Enterprises.



Silent Auction A Success

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our silent auction. The money raised will be used for our legislative activities. The following sponsors donated items for the auction. THANK YOU!

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