

Networking with Other Networks, by Robert Cuoio

Recently, on behalf of The Hospital Cooperative, I attended the National Cooperative of Health Network (NCHN) Annual Conference. This year, networks from across the country converged in St. Louis, MO. Our theme (consistent with the city of St. Louis) was "Your Gateway to Innovation, Leadership, and Collaboration."



universal and can be adopted immediately.

One of the major topics for the conference was health information technology (HIT). For our member hospitals, have no fear...there are other hospitals in the same predicament deciding on EHR vendors, strategies for meaningful use, and connecting to different data exchanges. While that is not necessarily comforting, the message was for networks to help facilitate these projects and try to use a unified, group approach even with the independent facilities.

Here at The Hospital Cooperative, we have some unique programs such as the mobile MRI, financial comparative benchmarking, and our peer networks that other networks are not doing. I had several questions regarding our success with the telehealth program and the grants we have obtained.

In closing, this was my third annual conference. I left the conference excited to implement some new programs. I also have a reassurance that I work with a great network of hospitals.

One of the most valuable aspects of the conference is the opportunity to network with other network leaders. Typically over lunch or dinner, there are some great conversations about programs that others have started and have been successful. While some are region-specific, others are

Another major topic was care coordination. As health care organizations are trying to figure out the future of health care and the need to develop Accountable Care Organizations, learning to effectively manage and coordinate care can be a valuable service to be provided by networks.



Rural Health Care Access and Physician Incentive Program

Grant guidance and applications now available at:

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Rural Health Care Access Program (RHCAP) seeks to improve access to primary medical and dental care by strengthening healthcare systems, removing barriers, and developing partnerships to better serve communities. Eligible applicants include non-profit and governmental entities. The area to be benefitted must be located in a health professional shortage area (HPSA) or a medically underserved area (MUA). Applicants may request a maximum of **\$35,000** for one-year. Grant categories include:

- Community development
- Telehealth projects
- Other (such as recruitment and retention activities)

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- Idaho medical board certified/board eligible; and
- Be eligible for an unrestricted Idaho medical license

Awards are made up to **\$50,000** payable over a 4 year period in exchange for a service obligation.

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Bear Lake Memorial Hospital

Bear Lake Memorial Hospital auxiliaries and volunteers were honored at their annual appreciation event held Monday May 5th at the Senior Citizens Center. Recognition was given to individuals who serve in various capacities throughout the hospital and within the auxiliary. The event acknowledges and honors the efforts and hours of volunteer service accrued during the previous year. The Spirit of Volunteerism scholarship award was also announced and presented at the event. The scholarship is based on the students overall volunteering experience throughout their high school career and is in the amount of \$1000. The scholarship winner, Dallyn Boehme has integrated volunteering into his life through service in the community, at school, as a junior volunteer at the hospital, with his church and also as an Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America program.

The honor of Auxiliary Volunteer of the Year is awarded by the volunteer group to the individual whom auxiliary members vote as being the best representative of their organization during the past year. The 2014 honor was awarded to Judy Pope. Judy serves as the Quilting Chair on the auxiliary board and has been a member of the auxiliary for many years. Each year Judy creates numerous baby quilts (some years as many as 100) and contributes her quilting skills to full-sized quilts, all of which are sold in the hospital gift shop. If one could add up all the tiny stitches that have caused the loss of fingerprints for Judy, they would circle the world over many times. In addition to her service with the quilting committee, Judy lends a hand at all hospital sponsored functions, including Brake for Breakfast, the Annual Snowball Dance, and various health fairs.

In 2013, over 20,000 hours of volunteer's service were given at Bear Lake Memorial Hospital, valued by the Independent Sector at nearly \$500,000. Seventy-eight auxiliary members and volunteers completed the auxiliary's 120 hour yearly membership commitment of service in 2013 and received personalized thank-you and pin. Those representing service above-and-beyond and having completed over 500 hours of volunteers service for BLMH in 2013 were, Judy Brown, Irene Hall, Deanna Hymas, Doris Hymas, Karma Loertscher, Yvonne Van-Wormer and Linda Walker. Special honors and recognition for exceptional service of over 1000 hours were awarded to Eunice Hansen, Judy Pope, and Betty Wilson. Berniece Laughter, a beloved auxiliary volunteer who passed away earlier this year, also completed 1000 hours of service in 2013. A naming opportunity in conjunction with the new private patient rooms project will be made to honor Berniece's long-time volunteer commitment to Bear Lake Memorial Hospital and our community.

Bear Lake Memorial Hospital volunteers represent men, women and teens ages 14-97 and from all walks of life. The time and talents donated by this diverse group provides advocacy, support and fundraising for the hospital.

Funds raised by the auxiliary are used to purchase equipment and services for the Hospital.

Most noteworthy was the donation of \$200,000 presented to the Hospital at the April 3rd ground-breaking ceremony for new private patient rooms. An additional \$41,000 has been pledged for departmental equipment grants and funding of community health-related projects in 2014. Thanks to generous support from the Bear Lake community, the Thrift Store realized an income of over \$70,000 in 2013. The 25th Anniversary Snowball Dance remains a viable fundraiser for the auxiliary and a fun family event for the whole community. The Sunshine Corner, auxiliary gift shop realized a \$20,000 profit after its second year of operation and prides itself on being "The Most Caring Corner of Our Hospital." In addition to providing vital fund-raising support to the hospital, the one-on-one volunteer support that individuals provide for our patients, visitors and staff offer priceless opportunities to make a difference. Volunteers engage in various departments throughout the hospital and extended care facilities including physical therapy, dialysis, medical records, the cafeteria, as spiritual support volunteers, and at the reception desk.

Rod Jacobson, CEO, offered concluding remarks at the appreciation event, thanking all the individuals who volunteer their time to make our community a better place. Mr. Jacobson shared his story of beginning his 30 year career with the hospital as a lab tech, finding himself in the position of assistant hospital administrator within just a few years, and telling his staff that he "wasn't going to change a thing." Singling out Dallyn Boehme as a junior volunteer and the recipient of the auxiliary's \$1000 scholarship, It is

through the generous giving that BLMH and the health of our community continues to grow. Through the volunteer experience, many find the joy of giving their time and talents and often reap as much as they sow.



Nell J. Redfield Memorial Hospital

Nell J. Redfield Hosts Annual Health Fair

Nell J. Redfield Memorial Hospital held their Annual Community Health Fair on Friday, April 18 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The fair was held at the Malad Middle School.

The theme for the health fair was "Don't let poor health take a BITE out of your life!" It was another successful health fair and the hospital would like to thank the community for coming out and participating. Members of the community were able to gather important health information from over 35 vendors and also once again get labs done for a reduced price

Administration and staff of Nell J. Redfield Memorial Hospital appreciate the support from the community and state, "Our hope is that poor health will not take a "BITE" out of your life!"



2014 Kids Health Fair

On Wednesday May 14th the Nell J. Redfield Memorial Hospital staff sponsored the Kids Health Fair at the Malad Elementary Gym. Approximately 350 students from K-5 attended and were taken through three different educational stations.

Detective Leland Ward and Sgt. Doug Williams of the Oneida County Sheriff's Dept. taught the kids about the dangers of drug use. They had an educational display from the Bear River Drug Task Force featuring many illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia and illegal weapons. The officers gave many accounts of the bad things that can happen to people involved in illegal drug activities from breaking laws to deadly overdoses. Ward and Williams also spoke to the students regarding water and boating safety with summer soon upon us.

Pam Mills, Nell J. Redfield Memorial Hospital Registered Dietician, spoke with the children about making good dietary choices. She talked with them about the dangers of excessive consumption of soft drinks and energy drinks noting the amount of sugar that people can take in when consuming these items. Pam had a demonstration using eggs that showed the harsh effect that the chemicals in

soft drinks have on the enamel of your teeth and the bones in your body. Over time, soft drinks both stains and dissolves the egg shell, giving a real life visual of the negative effect in the body.

James Briscoe, Lab Manager and Colleen Montgomery, Infection Control Manager for the Nell J. Redfield Memorial Hospital, entertained and educated the students about the spread of bacteria when people do not wash their hands. James had grown bacteria from samples swabbed from objects that had previously been touched by human hands. These colorful specimens were shown to the kids to illustrate how easily disease can grow and spread. Colleen also had a demonstration that showed the students how easily they could pass germs by hand to one another.



The staff of the Nell J. Redfield Memorial Hospital would like to thank the students and faculty for the opportunity to be part of such a great event. Also a special thanks to Officers Ward and Williams for their participation.

2014 Spring Health Walk

On Saturday May 31, the Nell J. Redfield Memorial Hospital sponsored a morning Health Walk. About 100 adults and children took part in the event. Participants chose to walk either a 1 mile or 3 mile route. The walkers were treated to bottles of water donated by local merchants. There was a drawing for lots of fun prizes at the conclusion of the walk and participants were treated to bowls of fresh fruit.

The Nell J. Redfield Memorial Hospital thanked all of the community members that participated in the event and for letting the hospital to help them to stay healthy!



Bingham Memorial Hospital

New Specialist at Bingham Memorial Hospital is helping to Fight Diabetes

Nearly 30 percent of American adults have prediabetes, and most don't even know it. Angelo Capricchione, MD, Endocrinologist at Bingham Memorial Hospital is hoping to change this statistic.

Dr. Capricchione is board certified in Endocrinology, and worked as a pharmacist before attending medical school. Endocrinologists specialize in the treatment of diseases or illnesses related to the endocrine system. Understanding the role of hormones and their effects on the body allows Endocrinologists to effectively treat common disorders like diabetes and thyroid conditions. The most frequent conditions seen by an Endocrinologist are diabetes, osteoporosis, hypertension and thyroid disorders.

According to Dr. Capricchione, diabetic symptoms often go unnoticed or emerge slowly over time. A recent study found that 58 percent of individuals with prediabetes were able to delay or prevent a diabetes diagnosis by achieving a 5 to 10 percent weight loss through healthy eating and 30 minutes of moderate exercise per day.

Dr. Capricchione is now seeing diabetic patients in Blackfoot, inside the hospital's Medical Plaza. To meet or schedule an appointment with him, you can call his office at (208) 785-3865.



Bingham Memorial Adds New Physician to Women's Center

The Bingham Memorial Women's Center is pleased to welcome Sushila Arya, MD, Ob-Gyn. Dr. Arya is passionate about helping women of all ages and throughout their varying stages of life.

As an obstetrician, gynecologist and mother, Dr. Arya believes that she understands the challenges that mothers face in today's society as caregivers and family providers.

Dr. Arya knew she wanted to be a doctor at the age of 16. She completed five years of residency training in Obstetrics and Gynecology, beginning in Cook County, Chi-

cago and later transferring to State University of New York, Downstate Medical Center in New York.

Prior to joining Bingham Memorial Hospital, Dr. Arya worked as a visiting instructor at the University of Utah. Her major clinical interests include polycystic ovarian syndrome, symptomatic fibroids, menopause and endometriosis. She also provides conservative and surgical management options for various benign gynecological conditions.



Dr. Arya strives to provide the best in patient care and to teach her patients so they are empowered to make important medical decisions. Her office is located in Blackfoot, inside the Bingham Memorial Medical Plaza. Appointments can be scheduled by calling (208) 782-3900.

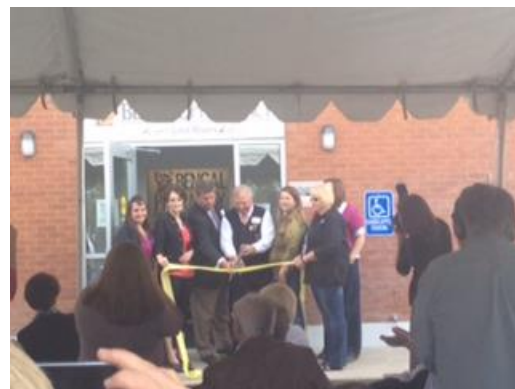
Lost Rivers Medical Center

LRMC Builds Partnerships

On Friday, June 20 2014, Idaho State University's "Bengal Pharmacy at Lost Rivers" celebrated its grand opening on site in Arco, ID at Lost Rivers Medical Center. The "Tele-Pharmacy" is the first of its kind here in the State of Idaho, and we at Lost Rivers Medical Center, as their host,

know the great value that the "Bengal Pharmacy at Lost Rivers" will bring to our community as well as to our facility. The CHC

Foundation in Idaho Falls, ID, is one of several foundations that has recently partnered with Lost Rivers Medical Center in order to provide our facility with necessary upgrades and equipment. In recent months, the CHC Foundation alone has provided funding for our new X-Ray machine, and A/C Units. We would like to thank our partners and all those in and outside of our community for their support. We look forward to the many opportunities that the future holds for us.



Power County Hospital District

PCHD Holds Fun-Run Event

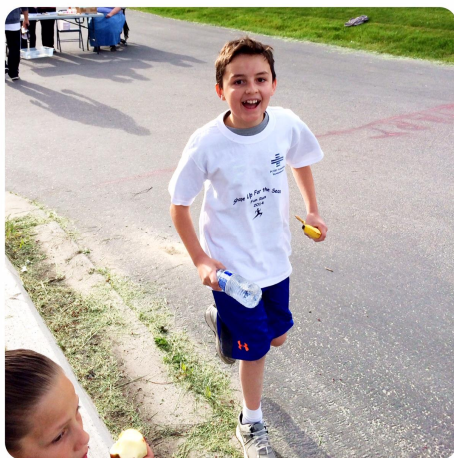
The *Shape Up for the Season* fun run held on May 17, 2014 netted over \$4,600 for equipment purchases for Power County Hospital District. Sponsored by the PCHD Foundation, the fun run drew 58 runners from American Falls, Declo, and Rigby. The number of runners participating this year was significantly higher than last year's fun run which drew 42 runners.

The fun run included a 1 mile race for kids, a 2 mile walk, a 5 K walk, a 5 K run, and a 10 K run.

First place winner in the 1 Mile Walk was Paige Adair (7:49). Second went to Kaylee Hunt (8:35). Matt Petersen (9:20) took third.

Winners of the 2 Mile Walk were Wyatt Hunt (26:04) in first place, Kyndra Hunt (26:06) in second, and Kaylee Hunt (31:07) in third. Kaylee competed in both the 1 Mile and 2 Mile races.

DeDe Nelson (39:59) took first place in the 5 K Walk. Daisy Hernandez (40:01) took second. Delane Anderson (40:38) came in third.



With a time of 24:25, Madison Udy took first place in the 5 K run. Cashe Payne came in second with a time of 25:29. A 10th of a second behind was third place winner, Jami Adair (25:29:10).

First place in the 10 K Run was Sandra Burch with a time of 45:36.

Given the success of the *Shape Up for the Season* fun run, the Foundation has decided to hold a Turkey Trot on the morning of Thanksgiving. Winners will receive tur-

keys. More information will be coming out soon.

The Foundation would like to thank the runners and the community for their support of the *Shape Up for the Season* fun run. The Foundation would also like to thank its sponsors and their great generosity. Sponsors include E & R Transport, Lamb Weston (Con Agra), Magnida, Power County Hospital District, Rockland Pharmacy, ABC Auto, Agri-Beef/Snake River Cattle, Anderson's Body and Glass, Bank of Commerce, Eliassen Law Office, Great Rift Business Development, Ken's Food Market, and North West Farm Credit Services.

Franklin County Medical Center

FCMC has been named iVantage HEALTHSTRONG™ Top 100 Critical Access Hospital

Franklin County Medical Center in Preston, ID was recently named one of the iVantage HEALTHSTRONG Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) in the United States.

"I am proud of the efforts of FCMC's physicians and staff who have contributed to our hospital achieving this designation. It is a tremendous accomplishment and shows our continual dedication to providing top quality healthcare to our community," said Paul Smart, CFO.

Franklin County Medical Center scored in the top 100 of Critical Access Hospitals on the iVantage Hospital Strength INDEX™. The INDEX is the industry's most comprehensive rating of US acute care hospitals, and the only one to include the country's 1,300 CAHs. The results recognize that the Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals provide a safety net to communities across rural America – measuring them across 66 different performance metrics, including quality, outcomes, patient perspective, affordability, population risk and efficiency. The list of the top 100 Critical Access Hospitals and more information about the study can be found at www.iVantageHealth.com.

"Rural healthcare deserves the same performance analysis as all provider performance. It plays a vital role for communities across America, serving nearly 80 million people. The services provided in rural America are similar to those needed in any major metropolitan area, yet the volumes and economic resources provide little economies of scale, making for little benefit from scale. These top 100 Critical Access Hospitals exhibit a focused concern for their community benefits and needs, regardless of scale, reimbursement and people's ability to pay," said John Morrow, executive vice president of iVantage Health Analytics.

Steele Memorial Medical Center

SMMC Named iVantage HEALTHSTRONG™ Top 100 Critical Access Hospital

Steele Memorial Medical Center (SMMC) in Salmon, Idaho was recently named one of the iVantage HEALTHSTRONG Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) in the United States.

"Steele Memorial Medical Center is proud of the efforts of all our providers, volunteers and employees who have contributed to our medical center achieving this designation," said Dennis Lile, SMMC's Board Chairman. "Hospitals are being challenged like never before to maintain their performance," said SMMC CEO, Jeff Hill. "It is an honor for SMMC to receive this award and serve as a role model for other hospitals."

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For more information, visit us at www.steelemh.org and on Facebook.

Teton Valley Hospital

New X-ray/Fluoro Suite Completed

Teton Valley Hospital announces the completion of a new suite to house new Phillips Eleva digital X-ray and fluoroscopy equipment. Construction began in April 2014 with the restructuring of several rooms located in the west side of the facility. In addition to updated technology, renovations resulted in an improved image reading room for radiologists and more storage and office space.

Teton Valley Health Care has instituted a patient-centric initiative that includes development of a healing environment for patients, visitors and employees. Accordingly, the new suite and surrounding areas are undergoing an aesthetic facelift using the color palette selected by TVHC using evidence-based design philosophies.

Funding support for the new equipment was provided by the MJ Murdock Charitable Trust and Teton Valley Hospital Foundation.

TVH Takes a Swing at Breast Cancer

Tee it up for the Tetons: Fighting Breast Cancer in Teton Valley July 22.

Experience a great day of golf and support a great cause! Open to individuals and foursomes. You'll enjoy great food, refreshments before and after the tournament, and prizes for the winners and chances to win fabulous Hole-in-One prizes.

Over the years, Tee it Up has become one of the most popular fundraising events in our valley and more importantly, net proceeds fund our free mammogram program. In case you didn't know, Teton Valley Hospital offers free basic digital mammograms for women and men who cannot afford this essential preventive screening. Funds from this event have also assisted with follow-up care including oncologist visits and ultrasound screenings.

Madison Memorial Hospital

Expanded Services

MMH has expanded laboratory and radiology services to Teton Medical Group/Teton Urgent Care. We are excited for this new expansion. Employees who wish medical assistance at this facility will receive the same discounts on these services as they do here at MMH.

March of Dimes – for Babies

On Saturday, May 31st our NICU staff partnered with EIRMC to sponsor a fundraising event at Snake River Landing in Idaho Falls. Shauna R., Terri W., Kristine D., Karen N., and Robyn B. participated in the event by managing various activities and games. MMH sponsored the lunch by cooking 500 hot dogs.

Teton Dam Marathon

On Saturday, June 14, MMH participated in the Teton Dam Marathon. We had 16 employees, which made up 3 teams, run the 26.4 mile Corporate Challenge Marathon. Team names: (1) Dam Pharmacy, (2) Young and the Rest of Us, (3) MMH Six Pack. We wish them all the best. They represented our hospital very well.

Star Valley Medical Center

Star Valley Medical Center recognized for achieving ZERO CLABSI

Star Valley Medical Center was recognized by Mountain-Pacific Quality Health–Wyoming and Wyoming Department of Health for achieving excellence in infection prevention the 4th Annual Infection Prevention Conference in Casper, Wyoming.

Star Valley Medical Center achieved ZERO Central Line Associated Blood Stream Infections (CLABSI) and ZERO *Clostridium difficile* (*C. difficile*) Infections in 2013.

All 27 Wyoming Prospective Payment System (PPS) and Critical Access (CAH) hospitals are committed to reporting at least one unit to the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN), the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) national healthcare acquired infection database and to implement research-based best practices. Wyoming is the only state that has all CAH and PPS hospitals voluntarily reporting these numbers, which reflects their dedication to providing the best patient care possible.

"We are extremely proud of our staff for making the effort to eliminate these type infections in our medical center" stated Charlie Button, CEO of Star Valley Medical Center. "It is important to us that our patients stay safe while they are here at our facility."

The National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN), a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reporting and data program, statistically calculates risk adjusted predictions of how many CLABSI, CAUTI and *C. difficile* infections would occur in each hospital. Wyoming hospitals consistently have fewer infections than predicted and continue work to decrease the infections that occur. Star Valley Medical Center along with other Wyoming hospitals demonstrate their dedication to reducing healthcare associated infections by exceeding national goals and achieving ZERO CLABSI / *C. difficile* infections.

For more information about the awards, contact Beckie Johnson at (307) 885-5800.

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Caribou Memorial Hospital

Pyxis Medication Management Systems "Go-Live"

During the week of May 26th, three Pyxis Medication Man-

agement systems went "live" at Caribou Memorial Hospital, Living Center and Clinics (CMH). One machine is located in the ER and two are in the new medication room on the hospital floor. "This was truly a team effort by our staff including information systems, maintenance, nursing, patient accounts and was led by Dr. Kenna Cutler, PharmD," stated Jon Smith, CFO. The drivers for this project included: 1) improved compliance; 2) better management of inventory; and 3) accuracy of charge capture. Each of these drivers is focused on improving patient care at CMH.



Healthland Centriq Installation Set for October

After reviewing current systems in place at Caribou Memorial Hospital, Living Center, and Clinics, the decision was made to continue to strengthen the 17-year partnership with Healthland by converting the current financial information system from Classic to Centriq. The projected "go live" date for this conversion is October 23. When this system goes live, all accounting, billing and collecting, payroll, bill paying (accounts payable) and reporting functions will be on Centriq platform. Once this conversion is complete, CMH will begin the installation of the Healthland clinic electronic health record which will be in place by mid-2015. "CMH has been utilizing the Healthland Centriq electronic health record for medical, surgical, and ER patients since late 2012, so this will help to tie our entire system together," said Johnnathen Inskeep, CIO.

Dredge Rehabilitation Clinic to be Expanded

At its meeting on June 2, the Board of Directors at Caribou Memorial Hospital, Living Center, and Clinics (CMH) agreed to a proposal made by John Hoopes, CEO on the expansion of the Dredge Rehabilitation Clinic. "We will be enlarging the building, by at least a third, on the south side, with a new entrance, also on the south side, a HIPAA compliant admitting desk and records storage, private space for staff, and a larger, dedicated parking lot. This will provide the additional space our PT patients desperately need to continue to receive the excellent patient care they are used to receiving from our wonderful physical therapists," stated John Hoopes. Volumes in the clinic have increased substantially over the last two years as a result of an active orthopedic surgery program and a greater need for swing-bed services at CMH.

The Hospital Cooperative
Continuing Education Series - 2014
Presented by the Health Care Administration
Program
Idaho State University



As part of THC's Lunchtime Education Series, the following list of programs are free, one-hour sessions for THC members using their video-conferencing equipment at their hospital. These start at 12:15 p.m. To RSVP, e-mail Kylee Hale at kylee@hospitalcooperative.org.

A Healthy Organizational Culture

- Developing Self-Awareness and Self-Mastery (July 17)
- Customer Service I (August 21)
- Customer Service II (September 18)

Contemporary Ethical and Legal Concerns

- Key Provisions of the Accountable Care Act (October 16)
- Issues and Trends in Health Care Compliance (November 20)
- The Fundamentals of Health Care Law and Ethics (December 18)

The Idaho Telehealth Task Force is pleased to offer a full day conference. This conference is appropriate for anyone with an interest in health care in Idaho, regardless of your current experience with telehealth.

Idaho Telehealth: Gateway to the Future

Date: August 20, 2014

Time: 9:00 am—4:30 pm

Location: Washington Group International Auditorium, 720 Park Blvd, Boise, ID 83712

Registration: Visit www.idahoahec.org

Calendar of Events

July 2014

THC Executive Board Meeting
July 10

Business Office/HIM
Peer Network Meeting
July 11

Lunchtime Education Series
"Developing Self-Awareness and Self-Mastery"
July 17

Nursing
Peer Network Meeting
July 18

Bingham Health Care Foundation
Golf Tournament
July 25

Minidoka Health Care Foundation
Golf Tournament
July 31



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August 2014

Nutrition Services
Peer Network Meeting
August 6

THC Executive Board Meeting
August 7

MedMan Training
August 11

Lunchtime Education Series
"Customer Service I"
August 21

CFO
Peer Network Meeting
August 22

Bear Lake Valley HC Foundation
Golf Tournament
August 23

Register Now!

Idaho CAH Quality Improvement Peer Learning Series WEBINAR

"MBQIP Benchmarking & Best Practice Q&A"



**Moving
the
Needle!**

This CAH quality improvement, peer learning series webinar is focused on benchmarking Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project (MBQIP) data and sharing best practices with regard to inpatient/outpatient core measures and HCAHPS.

All Idaho CAHs are invited. The webinar will be presented by Mary Guyot, RN, BS, CRRN, of Stroudwater Associates and includes proven steps for improving quality.

⇒ **Date:** Monday, July 14, 2014

⇒ **Time:** 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Mountain / 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Pacific

Registration now open!



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ICD-10 Training

In May 2014, The Hospital Cooperative held an ICD-10 Boot Camp for its member hospitals. The boot camp had over 60 attendees, with most of them being billers and coders. Afterwards, the attendees voiced that they were very pleased with the efforts of our vendor, Nuance. We will be looking at hosting another ICD-10 refresher course in Summer 2015.

Telehealth Update

We are soon completing the second year of our four-year federal telehealth grant. We are excited as we have some new telehealth programs that have recently started and more that will be starting in the upcoming months. With our grant funds, we were able to provide the equipment for Lost Rivers Medical Center (Arco, ID) to kick-off their tele-pharmacy program with Idaho State University. Two other hospitals will be starting with pediatric psychiatry with the University of Utah.

Cooperative Connections

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The Hospital Cooperative is the process of helping create a statewide telehealth website. It is our vision to have it as a resource for any patient or provider to learn more about telehealth activities in the state. It will also have reimbursement information and legislative updates. Ultimately, we see it as a place for hospitals/clinics to list their current needs, and clinical specialists would have the opportunity to contact them directly and discuss providing service.

(Polycom HDX 4500 used
in Lost Rivers Medical
Center for tele-pharmacy
consultations)

