

what's up?

NEWS FOR WESTERN HEALTHCARE ALLIANCE



February 10th, 11th, and 12th

Join Fellow Hospital and Healthcare Organizations for Three Days of Networking and Education for Members at Western Healthcare Alliance Annual Summit

Is healthcare reform just on a trip back to the 80s? WHA is at the forefront of exciting initiatives, cutting-edge technologies and more to help members navigate their trip **Back to the Future** at WHAAS 2016! Be a part of the conversation at this must-attend meeting for administrators, and managers from hospital, clinic, and healthcare organizations in rural areas. Attendees are given a rare opportunity to network with colleagues from across disciplines and organizations.

Preconference Trend Forum Wednesday afternoon, February 10th followed by Welcome Reception: Arrive in Grand Junction for a series of fast-paced, high impact presentations in healthcare operations: revenue cycle, risk management, supply chain, information technology, and laboratory testing.

Opening Keynote Thursday, February 11th: Bridges for the Future of Healthcare.

Ian Morrison, PhD, leads as opening keynote speaker. As a healthcare futurist living in the Bay Area, he is an internationally known author, consultant, and speaker specializing in long-term forecasting and planning with particular emphasis on healthcare and the changing business environment.

Attendees will leave understanding the new complexities and developing opportunities in healthcare and how to move their organizations to action. In this opening presentation, Dr. Morrison will share his perspectives on the future of healthcare in the evolving landscape and the role organizations like WHA will play in the new era. This is a critical update for all managers and leaders in healthcare. Dr. Morrison is an author, consultant, and futurist based in Menlo Park, California.



Peer Network Meetings: Attendees will break out into 12 Peer Networks sessions during the day for concentrated networking and collaboration with their departmental colleagues. Agendas include valuable round table discussions and program updates.

Closing Keynote: End the day with **Scott Burton**, cancer survivor, comedian, author and world-class juggler. Recognizing cancer as two diseases, a medical one and an emotional one, Scott fights the battle on both fronts.

Corporate Partner Exhibition: Dive deeper into programs with discounts and services exclusively available to members at the Corporate Partner Exhibition. Attendees will have several opportunities, including the Trend Forum on February 10th, to visit in person with our WHA Preferred Corporate Partners.

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Leadership Academy Class Immediately Following WHA Annual Summit



You've Got Personality! How to Make it Work for Your Team

The WHA Leadership Academy will round out events on Friday, February 12th with an interactive and fun session titled "You've Got Personality! How to Make it Work for Your Team." The session will be taught by Jo Anne Preston from the Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative, brought back by popular demand.

“Jo Anne was excellent—very applicable course!!”
— 2015 Class Participant

Course Overview

This interactive and fun session will help you:

1. Use personality styles as a framework for communicating effectively with and motivating a diverse team.
2. Understand the difference in how people approach work and function at their best.
3. Foresee and prevent conflict caused by different perspectives.
4. Appreciate different styles and approaches to work and life.

It's all about communication, whether we are talking about teamwork, conflict resolution or leadership in general. Self-awareness is the first step, to understand and make best use of our natural traits and gifts. Next comes understanding others in a way that helps us appreciate the differences and avoid frustrations, like the old saying, "opposites attract ... then they drive each other crazy."

Jo Anne will utilize the Jungian Typology Indicator tool for this session. Each participant will need to take their assessment prior to the course.

WHA is at the forefront of assisting rural communities with the changing environment in which they are faced. We're looking forward to you joining us as we collaborate to expand access and coordination to improve quality healthcare in our communities. Come **Back to the Future** with WHA at WHAAS 2016!

Contact **Bobbie Orchard** at bobbie.orchard@wha1.org or **877.683.5223**.

Register Today!

Only \$89 per person for February 10th and 11th events, \$249 per person for February 12th event

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Location & Accommodations

DoubleTree Hotel
743 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, CO
\$88 per night
970-241-8888, ask for code WA1

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, February 10th

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Trend Forum,
Current Hot Topics in Rural Healthcare
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm Networking Reception
5:00 pm – 7:30 pm CCA Board Meeting
(RMACO members welcome)

Thursday, February 11th

7:30 am – 8:50 am RMACO Board Meeting
8:00 am – 9:00 am Registration
8:00 am – 4:00 pm Corporate Partner
Exhibition
9:00 am – 10:30 am Opening Keynote,
Ian Morrison, PhD
10:30 am – 11:00 am Networking Break
11:00 am – 12:00 pm Peer Network Meetings
12:00 pm – 12:30 pm Networking Lunch
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm Peer Network Meetings
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm Networking Break
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm Closing Remarks
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm Closing Keynote,
Scott Burton

Friday, February 12th Leadership Academy

8:30 am – 9:00 am Registration
9:00 am – 3:00 pm *You've Got Personality!*
How to Make it Work for Your Team,
Jo Anne Preston

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Leadership Academy



Check Out WHAt's New! Visit Our New Websites to Learn About Your Membership

We are excited to announce the launch of our newly designed website at wha1.org. The new site provides members easier ways to connect with each other, learn about money-saving programs and services, as well as to register for WHA meetings and events. Take a look and let us know what you think.

We are also pleased to announce that CommunityCareAlliance.com is now live. This new site was created to communicate efforts of WHA's newest company, Community Care Alliance (CCA) and its population health activities. Visit us online to see what the CCA is up to.

Contact **Bobbie Orchard** at bobbie.orchard@wha1.org or **877.683.5223** with any questions.

Congratulations to Vail Valley Medical Center Recognized as a Top Performer by the Joint Commission



Vail Valley Medical Center (VVMC) has been recognized as a 2014 Top Performer on Key Quality Measures® by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of healthcare organizations in the United States. Having earned the Gold Seal of Approval from the Joint Commission last summer, VVMC recently received additional recognition as part of The Joint Commission's 2015 annual report, "America's Hospitals: Improving Quality and Safety," for attaining and sustaining excellence in accountability measure performance.

"I commend the efforts of Vail Valley Medical Center for their excellent performance on the use of evidence-based interventions."

– **Mark R. Chassin, President and CEO of The Joint Commission**

Montezuma County Hospital District Receives \$2m Funds to Improve Southwest Memorial Hospital



The Montezuma County Hospital District (MCHD) has received a grant award in the amount of \$2,000,000 from the Department of Local Affairs for Energy and Mineral Impact assistance funds. The grant will assist in funding for the capital improvement project for Southwest Health System (SHS) to construct a new inpatient wing, EMS station, upgraded Emergency Department facilities, and a medical office building facility. In November of 2015, ballot initiative 5A passed allowing MCHD to collect 4 cents on every \$10 of non-exempt purchases in Montezuma County, beginning in 2016 for a total of 15 years.

SHS operates Southwest Memorial Hospital and nine affiliated out-patient clinics in Montezuma County and employs over 400 people, including all members of the senior management team. State-of-the-art facilities will allow SHS to continue to provide excellent healthcare to the community while focusing on wellness and prevention and bring the best medical providers, specialists, and healthcare services to Montezuma County.

Congratulations Southwest Health System!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us as we go ...



at WHAAS 2016!

DoubleTree Hotel, Grand Junction

Trend Forum and Networking Reception: Wednesday, February 10th

WHAAS and Corporate Partner Exhibition: Thursday, February 11th

Leadership Academy: Friday, February 12th

Register online: wha1.org, events tab

For more information about this event please contact

Bobbie Orchard at 877.683.5223 or bobbie.orchard@wha1.org.

CCA and RMACO Board Meetings—WebEx

Wednesday January 20th

CCA Board Meeting, 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

RMACO Board Meeting, 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm

SJACO Board of Managers Meeting—WebEx

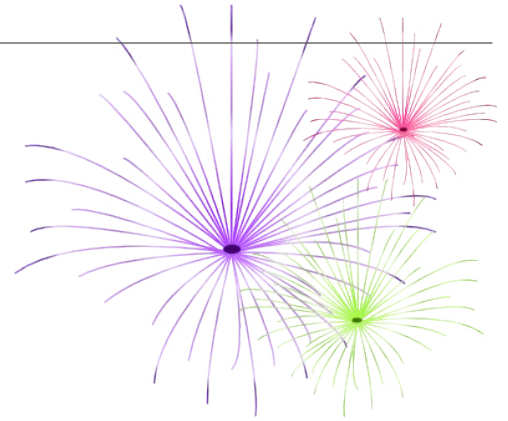
Thursday, January 21st

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

For more information about these events please contact

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Happy New Year!



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