

what's up?

NEWS FOR WESTERN HEALTHCARE ALLIANCE



Staff members at the signing, clockwise from left: Peggy Utesch, Marguerite Tuthill, Steve Hubbard, Carolyn Bruce, Lindsay Holman, and Dave Ressler.

Western Healthcare Alliance Launches Two New ACOs

Western Healthcare Alliance and Community Care Alliance (CCA) are excited to announce the launch of two Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs). As of January 1, 2016 the San Juan ACO and Rocky Mountain ACO are live and working toward achieving high quality and efficient care in the communities they serve. Each of the ACOs also applied for and were awarded funding through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation's (CMMI) ACO Investment Model (AIM). These funds will be utilized by both ACOs to deploy and support local care coordinators.

"These leaders have assembled their medical communities and collaborated together to create networks of providers that will clinically integrate for the benefit of the patients they serve and for the opportunity to learn and grow with one another and be prepared for the future of value-based reimbursement" said Dave Ressler, Executive Director for the Community Care Alliance.

The ACOs are comprised of over 500 rural healthcare providers in Colorado and Washington. With over 21,000 Medicare beneficiaries to serve over the next three years, the ACOs will focus on developing their collective capabilities to reduce the total cost of healthcare for these patients while demonstrating improved quality of care.

During January the CCA staff hosted introductory webinars for participants and providers that highlighted the rationale behind the development of the ACOs and how they work, along with the important roles providers will play in care coordination and team-based care.

Congratulations to our 9 Colorado hospitals who have joined us in this endeavor. Stay tuned for additional details on the CCA and our new ACOs, and we look forward to working with all of our Colorado members on making the transition to value based care by utilizing this exciting new organization as a tool for transformation and improved performance.

"It has been a real pleasure to work with the visionary and committed boards of both ACOs, as well as the Community Care Alliance."

– **Dave Ressler, Executive Director**
Community Care Alliance

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WHA Annual Summit & Leadership Academy, February 10, 11, and 12



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 WHAAS 2016, the must-attend meeting of the year. This one-of-a-kind yearly conference features sessions for networking, education, and collaboration.

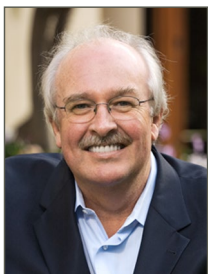
Wednesday, February 10th

WHA Trend Forum on current trends in healthcare with Healthcare Management, eCatalyst, Community Care Alliance, Lockton Companies, eClinicalWorks and Mayo Medical Laboratories.

Networking Reception with members, guests, and Corporate Partner exhibitors.

Thursday, February 11th

Keynotes, Corporate Partner Exhibition, Peer Network sessions and more.



Opening Keynote: **"The Future of the Healthcare Marketplace: Playing the New Game"** with **Ian Morrison, PhD**. As a healthcare futurist living in the Bay Area, Dr. Morrison is an internationally known author, consultant, and speaker specializing in long-term forecasting and planning with particular emphasis on healthcare in the changing business environment.



Closing Keynote: **"Looking for Laughter in All the Wrong Places"** with **Scott Burton**, cancer survivor, comedian and world-class juggler. Recognizing cancer as two diseases, a medical one and an emotional one, Scott fights the battle on both fronts.

Attendees will leave understanding the new complexities and developing opportunities in healthcare and how to move their organizations to action. 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!

Register Today!

Only \$89 per person for February 10th and 11th events

Register online; wha1.org, events tab

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

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WHA Leadership Academy

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.”** This session will be taught by Jo Anne Preston from the Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative.

- Learn your individual personality style and how to adapt it to your work environment
- Know how to recognize personality traits in others
- Learn techniques for communicating with different personalities and how to deal with conflict within your team
- Know when personality differences can lead to productive teamwork
- Identify the five dysfunctions of a team model and how to lead your team to be better engaged
- Be a more effective leader and teammate

Jo Anne will utilize the Jungian Typology Indicator tool, which is based off of the same psychology as Meyers Briggs® for this session. Each participant will need to take their assessment prior to the course (takes 10 – 20 minutes). Registered participants will receive an email with instructions on accessing the tool to take the assessment.

Bring your department team to learn how to work better together, enhance communication and resolve conflicts that may affect team performance.

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\$249 per person for Leadership Academy

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Friday, February 12th

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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2016 Marks 125 Years of Service for Aspen Valley Hospital



The first hospital in Aspen, known as the Citizens' Hospital, opened its doors in 1891.



Aspen Valley Hospital today.

Aspen Valley Hospital is celebrating its 125th year of providing service to Aspen and the greater Roaring Fork Valley. In 1889, spearheaded by community need and with the Citizens' Hospital Committee of Pitkin County leading the charge, an effort to construct a “state-of-the-art” hospital was set in motion. With significant initial gifts and an intensive campaign based on the philosophy that “..no man who has employment should fail to give a day’s wages”, sufficient funds were raised to construct the first hospital in Aspen, then known as the Citizens' Hospital.

Today, a new capital campaign has reached its third phase of construction. This phase will enhance clinical areas that serve emergency, trauma, diagnostic imaging and surgical services. The expected completion date for this phase is slated for late 2016.

Congratulations Aspen Valley Hospital!



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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, Peer Network Meetings, 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

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WHA Board Meeting, in person at WHAAS

Thursday, February 11th, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm and 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

For more information about this event please contact

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CCA and RMACO Board Meetings In person at WHAAS and via WebEx

CCA Board Meeting

Wednesday February 10th, 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

RMACO Board Meeting

Thursday, February 11th, 7:30 am – 8:50 am

SJACO Board Meeting via WebEx

Thursday, February 18th, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

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