

# LeadingAge Wyoming Newsletter

## Wyoming Long-term Care Facilities Receive Quality Health Care Awards

Mountain-Pacific Quality Health is proud to announce the winners of the 2016 Nursing Home Quality Awards. Fourteen Wyoming long-term care facilities met the quality goals set for these awards and received their awards during the annual conference held by LeadingAge Wyoming in Cheyenne on September 7.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) supports the National Nursing Home Quality Care Collaborative (NNHQCC) through the Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) program. Mountain-Pacific Quality Health is the local facilitator for Wyoming.

The NNHQCC's goals are to instill quality and performance improvement practices, eliminate healthcare-acquired conditions and improve resident satisfaction. As a measure to reflect achievement of these goals, CMS created a "composite score" system. The Composite score is a system created by CMS to assess quality of care in long-term care facilities and is based on 13 quality measures—the lower the score, the bet-

ter. The awards are based on each facility's composite score, their licensure with Wyoming's state survey agency, the Office of Healthcare Licensing and Survey and their certification

Facilities receiving the Quality Excellence Award, the top award:

- Bonnie Bluejacket Memorial Nursing Home
- Ivinson Memorial Hospital Extended Care Unit
- New Horizons Care Center
- South Lincoln Nursing Center
- Westview Health Care Center

Facilities receiving the Quality Achievement Award:

- Green House Living for Sheridan
- Life Care Center of Cheyenne,
- Weston County Manor

Facilities receiving the Platinum Innovator Quality Achievement Award:

- Powell Valley Care Center
- Weston County Manor
- New Horizons Care Center

The facility receiving the Gold Innovator Quality Achievement Award was Bonnie Bluejacket Memorial Nursing Home

All Wyoming long-term care facilities are eligible for the Nursing Home Quality Awards. Mountain-Pacific thanks all Wyoming long-term care facilities for their dedication to providing safe, quality care.



Rick Schroeder, the LeadingAge Wyoming Chairman welcomed everyone to the LAW Annual Meeting in Cheyenne last week.

He noted that the LAW Board of Directors is a two year term and

## 2017 LAW Board of Directors

thanked the Board Members for giving of their time and expertise to help govern LeadingAge Wyoming.

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### Hudspeth Receives Daniel J. Lex Award for Service In Long-Term Care

Laura Hudspeth, MSc, RD, LD, received the Daniel J. Lex Award for Service in Long-Term Care at the LeadingAge Wyoming Annual Meeting last week in Cheyenne.

Laura is currently employed with the Department of Health in the Office of Healthcare Licensure and Surveys and is the Administrator & State Survey Agency Director.

Laura is a Wyoming native. She worked as a health facility surveyor with the Office of Health Care Facilities from 1986 to 1995. She holds a degree in Dietetics - Food Administration from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and a Master's Degree in Gerontology from the University of London, King's College London.

Laura was nominated for this prestigious award by her peers. Following is an excerpt from the nomination form:

“Laura is a kind and compas-

sionate person who is dedicated to providing the highest quality of health care services, including long term care services to the State of Wyoming. She is held in high regard by everyone in the State including providers and providers representatives who work with her. She has a very difficult job of trying to ensure that providers comply with federal and state regulations but also trying to make sure the process does not compromise providers ability to care for the residents. “

“It is felt that the fairness of the survey process many times is dependent on the management of the OHLS. Under Laura, it is felt that she has

worked with providers to address their concerns and has tried to make the survey process a more fair and non-hostile process. This has made what can be a difficult process more management and less stressful.”

“It is felt that Dan would be greatly honored to have this award given to Laura.”



Eric Boley and Laura Hudspeth

### Platte County Legacy Home Excess Equipment for Sale

The Platte County Legacy Home and Assisted Living facility has excess equipment from the move to their new facility. Below is the list of the equipment left over from the old facility. More information can be obtained by calling Shane Filipi at 307-322-7400

- Fold up therapy treatment table
- Mattresses—20
- Fold up Parallel Bars
- Hillrom electric bed
- Invacare electric beds -5
- Sit to stand lift (liko) -2
- Joerns electric beds-6
- Total Lift (liko)
- Huntleigh electric beds-8
- Lift slings
- Trapezes- 4
- Gurney
- Perimeter mattresses-5
- Air mattresses—4

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