

# LeadingAge Wyoming Newsletter

## Annual Meeting/Convention Highlights

The WHA and LeadingAge Wyoming Convention was held last week in Laramie and appeared to be a huge success.

There were many programs designed for LeadingAge Wyoming including a program on Poverty and Uncompensated Care Practices which was led by Kurt Mosley from Merritt Hawkins. Nick Healey and Dallas Lain from Dray, Dyekman, Reed & Healey, PC presented the program on Involuntary discharges and the appeal process.

Dr. Dan Diamond presented a program entitled “Burned Out or Fired Up? Reigniting Your Passion for Medicine.” Dr. Diamond had everyone on their feet participating on the event. There

was also a mock disaster that groups had to pull together and save the day!

We are always honored to have the Department of Health, Healthcare Licensing and Surveys branch give updates to our members. A special Thank You to Laura Hudspeth, Pat Davis, Tammy Schmidt and Julia Van Dyke for their time and expertise.

Pat Fritz from Mountain Pacific Quality Health Foundation gave an update on the National Nursing Home Quality Care collaborative.

The Annual Meeting was a success due to your attendance and participation. If you have

any comments, or suggestions, please feel free to let us know.

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**Dr. Emily Knobloch Receives Dan Lex Award For Lifetime Achievement in Long Term Care**



Accepting the award on behalf of Dr. Knobloch was Dr. Robert Berlin (life partner) Eleanor Ratchford (sister) Emily Knobloch (mother) and Steve Sharkey (nephew)

true advocate, but a leader who personally valued and believed in them. She trusted staff's judgement, was receptive to their ideas, and would ask for input, as she deeply trusted those closest to the residents. Emmy always ended her communication with staff, whether it be an e-mail or phone call, with some type of thank you.



On May 18, 2018, the Living Center residents and staff lost their dear Emmy to melanoma. The staff sent in the award nomination as a way to honor her and the compassionate care she gave to everyone.

The nomination form reads "We feel this award would be the most amazing way to honor her and the compassion care she gave to all of us. Our halls are not the same without her laughter, her support and her rescue dogs that always accompanied her on her visits.

We will however, continue to be inspired by her compassion and care for our residents with her very human and vulnerable approach.

Perhaps one of the best gifts she imparted on us was modeling to all the ability to slow down and really be present and honor the person she was caring for."

In closing, a Living Center resident was asked if she would like to write a card for Emmy's family. Here are her words: "If there was ever an angel put on this earth, it was Dr. Emmy. She was my doctor but she also became my dear friend. She would take me to lunch or just call me to check on me. When I was sick, she would shop for me and bring her two dogs to visit. I will always miss her."

Dr. Emily Knobloch has received, in memoriam, the Daniel J. Lex for Lifetime Achievement in Long Term Care.

Emmy was the medical director of the Living Center in Jackson, Wyoming from 2004-2016. She treated all of her patients with the utmost compassion, spending time with them and their families that really went above and beyond. Perhaps Emmy's exceptional skills were best on display during end of life care, as she was a huge advocate of hospice and palliative care.

Staff appreciation and respect were also very important to Emmy. Staff felt not only did they have a



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