

**2024 Spring Conference
Holiday Inn – Cody, Wyoming
May 7-8, 2024**

AGENDA

Tuesday, May 7

- 7 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Check-in and Breakfast**
- 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Laura Hudspeth, MSc, RD, LD, State Survey Agency Director/Administrator
Wyoming Department of Health Aging Division, Licensing & Surveys
Tim Cozad, Wyoming Department of Health**
- 9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Break**
- 9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Jonathan Bowman – The Fine Art of People Power**
Would you like to be inspired? Would you like to show how you can lead each other to success? Would you like the members of your group to have a better appreciation for each other? If so, then you have to experience Jonathan’s presentation titled, “The Fine Art of People Power.” People Power refers to the power that everyone has to influence others positively. In order to showcase People Power, Jonathan shares stories of his journey from living in public housing projects and homeless shelters as a child to becoming an attorney and Section Chief at a State Attorney General’s Office. Yet, Jonathan will be the first to tell you that his achievements were not made alone. They were made possible by family, friends and colleagues who served as a positive influence in his life, especially during the most challenging times. In other words, People Power allowed Jonathan to emerge from his life of poverty and homelessness. People Power had a powerful impact on his life. And it can have a huge impact on yours. People Power can inspire you. It can guide you through great difficulties. It can lead you to high achievement and unparalleled success.
- 11:15 a.m. – Noon Patricia Hall, State Long Term Care Ombudsman, Wyoming Department of Health**
Patricia Hall, State Long Term Care Ombudsman will go into what the word Ombudsman means, some history of the program, what the responsibilities of an Ombudsman are, who they serve, what a call to the Ombudsman looks like and what the facilities are required to send. There will be a Q&A
- Noon – 1 p.m. Lunch**
- 1 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Jodi Eyigor, LeadingAge - Nursing Home Policy Update**
The nursing home sector is in a perpetual state of change. As we adapt to meet the changing needs and preferences of a new generation of residents, we are simultaneously juggling ever-increasing requirements and changes to operations. Come hear what’s new in nursing homes, what to expect in the months ahead, and how LeadingAge can support you. Learn about regulatory and legislative developments coming from CMS, CDC, Congress, and the Administration. Discuss how these initiatives will impact your nursing home. Explore resources and advocacy opportunities available to you through your LeadingAge membership.
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Break**
- 3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Jill Hult - Mountain Pacific**
The role and support a QIN-QIO can offer showcasing the WY data against the national trends for the CMS initiatives. There will be time at the end for Q and A as well as perhaps some open dialogue about the service gaps and how MP can further advance or support our NH partners.

Dinner on Your Own

Wednesday, May 8

7 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Check-in and Breakfast

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Jodi Eyigor, LeadingAge

This educational program will involve a survey prep-type session. Jody will be talking about what LeadingAge knows about the new survey process that CMS is piloting, the work LA is doing on survey reform, how members can prepare for surveys and feel more empowered through the survey process.

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Break

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Debra Antista-Bianchi, MPH, MS, Executive Director, Alzheimer's Association, WY Chapter

The Wyoming Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association employees

11:15 a.m. – Noon

UW Center on Aging

Kevin Franke