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## Wyoming's Rural Health Transformation Program

On July 4, 2025, President Trump signed the *One Big Beautiful Bill Act* (OBBBA) into law. Part of that law creates the **Rural Health Transformation Program**. This new program offers Wyoming a significant opportunity to strengthen rural healthcare through sustainable, innovative, and transformative solutions.

Funding under this program is intended to support priorities such as:

- Chronic disease prevention and behavioral health;
- Sustaining access to care in rural communities;
- Innovative approaches to care delivery and payment models;
- Workforce development and training;
- Technological and consumer health solutions; and
- IT advances and technical assistance.

To ensure Wyoming's proposal reflects the needs of Wyoming's rural communities, the Department of Health is conducting a series of public meetings to gather input on rural healthcare challenges, strengths, and opportunities.

As this will be the biggest infusion of funds to improve rural healthcare that Wyoming has ever seen, possibly 500-800 million over 5 years. We highly encourage attendance of the town halls to make sure our communities are heard on where they want funding to go.

The Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) is soliciting feedback and proposals from health and human service provider groups and associations on our application for the newly-created **Rural Health Transformation Program**. This program -- created by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act -- offers Wyoming a significant opportunity to invest in and transform rural healthcare.

Rural Health Transformation Program

## That's a Wrap! – Annual Meeting Recap

Our Annual Meeting has come and gone, and what a wonderful gathering it was! This year's event brought together so many familiar faces (and a few new ones) for a day of connection, conversation, and celebration of all we've accomplished together.

We shared updates on the past year, looked ahead to what's next, and most importantly, had a

chance to listen to your ideas and feedback. The energy in the room reminded us just how strong and supportive our community is.

A big thank-you to everyone who took the time to join us—whether you came to catch up with friends, learn something new, or simply show your support, you made the day special. We're excited to carry the momentum forward into the year ahead!

## Highlights of this Year's Annual Meeting

Wyoming Legislative Panel featuring: Representative Chip Neiman, Speaker of the House; Representative Jeremy Haroldson, Speaker Pro Tempore; and Eric Boley, WHA President.

State law makers and policy experts gave an engaging discussion on current and emerging legislative issues impacting healthcare. Panelists shared their insights from the latest legislative session, upcoming priorities, and how public policy shapes the future of our industry.



The State of Healthcare: Wyoming Healthcare Leaders' Perspectives.

A panel of Wyoming healthcare leaders led a lively discussion on public policy and legislative issues affecting Wyoming hospitals.

The panel consisted of Senator Eric Barlow, Eric Connell, CEO, North Big Horn Hospital in Lovell, Doug Faus, CEO, Iverson Memorial Hospital, Joe Steiner representing Trustees, Eric Boley WHA, President and Moderator Terry Moss, COO, Iverson Memorial Hospital.



## Sam Glenn Delivers Keynote

Sam's presentations are renowned for their energy and creativity. He often paints live on stage while delivering customized messages that resonate with audiences. His keynotes cover topics such as leadership, resilience, and teamwork, leaving attendees motivated and equipped with practical strategies for improvement. Sam painted this buffalo canvas on stage at the meeting.



## Katie Sloan Speaks at Annual Meeting

LeadingAge Wyoming was honored to welcome Katie Sloan, President and CEO of LeadingAge, as a featured speaker at this year's annual meeting. Sloan, a nationally recognized leader and advocate for aging services, shared her insights on the future of long-term care, the importance of innovation, and the role of providers in shaping policy and advancing quality care for older adults.



Her keynote highlighted the challenges and opportunities facing the field, including workforce development, advocacy, and strategies to support healthy aging. Sloan's message reinforced the value of collaboration across the LeadingAge network and inspired attendees to continue working together to ensure Wyoming's older adults receive the highest level of care and support.



## Nancy Bunot Receives Daniel J. Lex Award for Service in Long Term Care

During this year's annual meeting, Nancy Bunot was recognized with the Daniel J. Lex Award for Service in Long Term Care, one of the highest honors presented in our field. This award is given to an individual who has shown outstanding dedication, leadership, and a lifelong commitment to enhancing the lives of older adults and supporting those who provide their care.

Nancy has been a tireless advocate for residents, families, and staff throughout her career. Her ability to lead with compassion, foster innovation, and mentor others has had a profound impact on the long-term care community. Colleagues describe her as a trusted leader, a strong voice for quality, and a professional who always places people at the center of her work.

The recognition of Nancy with the Daniel J. Lex Award not only celebrates her remarkable accomplishments but also serves as an inspiration to all of us who share in the mission of serving older adults. We extend our heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to Nancy for her exceptional service and lasting contributions.



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