

LeadingAge Wyoming Newsletter

Annual Meeting/Convention Highlights

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

There were many programs designed for LeadingAge Wyoming including a program on the new Rules of Participation Phase 3 which was led by Louann Lawson from Pathway Health Services.

Terry Vaughan presented "D.I.R.T., Dangerous Individual Recognition Training: as the Keynote on Wednesday morning. This program was the ultimate corporate team building and trust developing workshop with employee personal safety at its heart.

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 the Department for their time and expertise.

Maxie Cordova, Executive Director of the Wyoming Board of Nursing Home Administrators, provided updates on the changes in rules for licensure.

One of the highlights of the meeting was our Thursday luncheon speaker, Amberley Snyder.

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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Pat Fritz Receives Dan Lex Award For Outstanding Service in Long Term Care



Pat Fritz and Eric Boley

Pat Fritz has been recognized as the recipient of the 2019 Dan Lax Award for Outstanding Service in Long Term Care.

Pat Fritz has received the distinguished Daniel J. Lex award for outstanding service in long-term care, given by LeadingAge Wyoming. The Daniel J Lex award is given to an individual that has devoted their life and career to providing high quality long-term care and to improving quality of life for those that receive their care in a long-term care setting.

Pat Fritz, RN, BC, WCC, NHA has over 35 years of experience in the long-term care community as a staff nurse, educator, regulator, director of nursing, nursing home administrator, and consultant. Board certified in gerontology, Ms. Fritz has served as WY/AK Program Manager, Nursing Home Quality Improvement Initiative for Mountain-Pacific Quality Health, the Quality Improvement Organization for Alaska, Wyoming, Hawaii and Montana. Ms. Fritz has presented on issues related to long-term care at conferences in Wyoming, Alaska and Hawaii.

She helped bring a new initiative to the state called the Culture Change Coalition. This program will help nursing homes across the state transition their care to a more patient centered model and find ways to deliver care in a more home like environment.

The Daniel J. Lex award memorializes Dan Lex, a leader in long-term care across the state and is awarded annually at the LeadingAge Wyoming annual convention. Congratulations to Pat and thanks for your dedication and service to the nursing homes and the residents they serve.



Nancy Bunot-Last meeting as Chair



Shane Filipi-Welcome as new Chair



Governor Gordon at opening ceremonies



JoAnn Farnsworth assisting speaker Amberley Snyder



One of the great breakout sessions of the meeting