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President's Report ~ *Tim Blasl*

As the new NDHA President, I've spent most of my time traveling the state meeting with legislators and key stakeholders. A goal of mine is to build relationships with individuals that impact our healthcare system. During meetings with legislators, I've been reviewing our priorities for the upcoming legislative session that begins January 3. It is a priority for NDHA and its members to begin our grassroots efforts now.

As we look towards January, these are the state priorities for NDHA:

- Medicaid Expansion
 - o Support reauthorization of the program
- Medicaid reimbursement
 - o Restore funds eliminated from the Medicaid program in 2016 (medical inflator)
- Workforce
 - o Physician licensure compact
 - o Increase slots for nursing and other healthcare education programs
- Behavioral health/substance use disorder
- Medicaid managed care
 - o Support a partnership between providers and the State to implement a Medicaid managed care system that contains costs and facilitates better coordination of care.

As I mentioned in my message last week, we continue the fight against Measure 3 which would legalize marijuana. This measure is reckless and bad for North Dakota. I encourage you to vote no on November 6.

Also this past week NDHA had the opportunity to visit with state Senator Kelly Armstrong who is running for the U.S. House. Senator Armstrong has a good understanding of our federal advocacy agenda. We spent time discussing the 340B program, immigration, and workforce.

I encourage all of you to vote on November 6.

If you have questions, please contact me anytime at tblasl@ndha.org or 701-224-9732.

Congratulations!

NDHA congratulates Tod Graeber, administrator of CHI St. Alexius Health Garrison Memorial Hospital and Turtle Lake Community Memorial Hospital and director of the Transitional Care Unit in CHI St. Alexius Health Bismarck. He was awarded the prestigious Sr. Boniface Timmins Award during CHI St. Alexius Health's Annual Associate Banquet on October 23, 2018.

The Sr. Boniface Timmins Award recognizes a person in leadership who emulates the qualities of servant leadership modeled by Sr. Boniface Timmins, administrator of CHI St. Alexius Health for nearly 40 years. She was characterized as an energetic woman, clever and persuasive communicator, skilled at promotion and public relations while being astute with business affairs.



There are no shortages of things to do when running a healthcare facility. Let NDHA's Physician Recruitment Program help.

- Gain access to physician candidates nationwide who have expressed interest in working in our service area
- By having your own in-house recruiter, you will have support for all the steps in the recruitment process
- For additional information contact Kevin Malee at 701-320-2109



NDHA Education Update

Registration Fees for webinars are \$175 for NDHA members, and \$300 for non-members. This fee is per connection, not per person. You can have as many people gather in one location to watch on one connection as you'd like.

Seminars have their own fee schedule so you will have to review the information to determine the fee for each seminar.

Webinars with ★ are developed specifically for NDHA members and are presented by Melissa Hauer, General Counsel/VP.

November, 2018

11/6/18 - 11/7/18 | Credentialing Boot Camp - In Person Seminar
Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck, ND
Click [HERE](#) for more information & link to register.

November 7, 2018 | Avoiding Professional Liability for Nurses ★
10:00am - 11:00am central time | Click [HERE](#) for more info & link to register.

November 8, 2018 | The Disengagement Solution: Reengaging the Disengaged
1:00pm - 2:30pm central time | Click [HERE](#) for more info & link to register.

November 15, 2018 | Transitions in Care: A Key Role for RN Case Managers, Social Workers and Interdisciplinary Teams
9:30am - 10:30am central time | Click [HERE](#) for more info & link to register.

November 29, 2018 | HIPAA vs. SAMHSA: Managing Disclosures when Substance Use Disorders are Involved
12:30pm - 2:00pm central time | Click [HERE](#) for more info & link to register

December, 2018

Chargemaster Webinar Series will be offered. Watch for registration materials in late November.

December 11, 2018 | Tax Reform Impact on Tax-Exempt Hospital - What Tax Cuts?
12:30pm - 1:30pm central time | Click [HERE](#) for more info & link to register.

December 12, 2018 | EMTALA Medical Screening Examination Obligations ★
10:00am - 11:00am central time | Click [HERE](#) for more info & link to register.

Mark your calendars! NDHA's 85th Annual Convention & Trade Show is scheduled at the Holiday Inn in Fargo October 1-3, 2019.





AHA Executive Dialogue Series on Behavioral Health Care

Scripps Health's A-Visions Program: Helping People with Mental Illness Find and Keep Employment

Tuesday, October 30, 2018
12:30 -1:15 p.m. Eastern Time

Please join Jerry Gold, Administrator Behavioral Health, Kevin Wilson, A-Visions Program Coordinator, and Wendy Hunter, Supervisor Behavioral Health, Scripps Health, San Diego, CA on Tuesday, October 30, at 12:30 pm ET for a special 45-minute AHA members-only webinar presentation and discussion on A-Visions: A Scripps Supported Employment Program.

Research has demonstrated the positive therapeutic gain and improvement in quality of life of those engaged in supportive employment programs. A-Visions is an innovative hospital based supported employment program, developed by the Scripps Behavioral Health adult psychiatric service line in 2002 in collaboration with the Mental Health Association.

Webinar participants will learn:

- How did it start?
- How does it work?
- What are the outcomes?
- What challenges have been faced?
- What are the next steps?

Upon registration, you will receive background information on each speaker, as well as a one page document providing a bit more detail on this work. The first 20 minutes of the webinar will focus on the core elements of their initiative needed to replicate similar solutions in your organization and the remaining time will be for questions and discussion.

To register, [click here](#). Please contact me at 312.422.3303 or rchickey@aha.org if you have any questions in advance of the webinar. I hope you will be able to join us for this important presentation and discussion.

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Retirement Party for Jodi Atkinson

Open House

Thursday, December 13th, 2018 | 1:30pm – 4:00pm
Brief program at 2:00pm | St. Andrew's Health Center Cafeteria



Join us in Celebrating Jodi's 32 years of Commitment to St. Andrew's Health Center

AHA Rural Health Care Leadership Conference

Below and attached is information regarding the upcoming AHA Rural Health Care Leadership Conference. I have attended this conference several times as a hospital CEO and as President of NDHA. This is a premier conference for hospital CEOs and board members. I have taken a number of board members to this meeting over the years and all have said it was the most informative meeting they have attended and that all board members should attend. Several CEOs and board members from North Dakota have attended in recent years. I highly recommend taking time to attend and to take at least one board member with you. Jerry

The American Hospital Association's 32nd Annual Rural Health Care Leadership Conference, February 3-6, 2019, in Phoenix, AZ, will feature top practitioners and thinkers who will share resources for a more integrated and sustainable rural health system. The conference will examine the most significant operational, financial and environmental challenges and present innovative approaches that will enable hospital leaders to transform their organization's care delivery and business practices. Participants will:

- Gain practical tools for achieving peak operational and clinical performance while improving affordability.
- Understand what the latest developments in Washington mean for rural hospitals and their communities.
- Revitalize leadership, boost governance expertise, and create a renewed culture
- Strengthen the hospital's capacity to deliver value-based care through strategic partnerships and collaborations
- Engage clinical talent and enhance care delivery through innovative staffing approaches
- Explore how virtual health technologies are improving access to care

Over 800 leaders representing more than 250 rural hospitals and health systems from across the U.S. including presidents/CEOs and other senior leaders, clinical executives, and trustees will be in attendance. Register by December 14th to take advantage of early bird rates. Visit: www.healthforum.com/rural for more information.
