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President's Report ~ *Tim Blasl*

I would to thank those individuals who participated in "Hospital Day" at the State Capitol this week. It was a great opportunity for members to interact with their legislators. We were able to communicate our priorities, with Medicaid Expansion being our key item of discussion. Everyone did a great job telling their Expansion impact story. It will take advocacy efforts like this to maintain our current rates.

NDHA has spent the first month of the session reviewing each bill and attending multiple hearings. The total number filed stands at 907 bills and 55 resolutions. NDHA is tracking 176 bills, almost 20% of the total.

Below are key bills NDHA provided testimony on during the month of January.

- SB 2012 Department of Human Services (ND Medicaid)
- SB 2154 Hospital discharge policies
- SB 2094 Practice of telemedicine
- SB 2173 Interstate medical licensure compact
- HB 1473 Maintenance of certification for physicians
- HB 1194 Medical assistance tribal health care coordination agreements

As we move forward during the session, communication is the key. Please let Melissa and me know if you have questions about a particular bill or strategy. NDHA hosts a legislative call every Friday to discuss bill hearings and to allow member input. We welcome all members to participate in the call.

AHA Membership Meeting

NDHA will be attending the American Hospital Association annual membership meeting April 7-10 in Washington, D.C. The membership meeting provides a great opportunity to network with colleagues and hear the latest issues impacting our industry.

If you plan to attend, let us know so we can plan accordingly. Also, we will be scheduling Capitol Hill visits with our congressional leaders that week.

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

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.

February, 2019

Pre-Employment Screening & Interview Questions

Date: 02/19/2019 From: 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM

- View event description & link to register

Morrison County, MN Rural Opioid Program

Date: 02/26/2019 From: 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

- View event description & link to register

Strategies for Successful Leadership in a Health Crisis

Date: 02/28/2019 From: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM

- View event description & link to register

Mark your calendars for
NDHA's 85th Annual Convention and Trade Show!
October 1-3, 2019 | Holiday Inn, Fargo, ND

Registration Open for AHA's Annual Membership Meeting

Mark Your Calendar! New date and location in 2019 for the AHA Annual Membership Meeting

Registration is now open for the AHA Annual Membership Meeting April 7-10 in Washington, D.C.

Leaders from health care, politics, public policy and the media will converge for the year's pre-eminent advocacy and public policy conference focused on the issues that matter most to hospitals and health systems, and the patients and communities they serve.

In addition, the meeting is moving to the Marriott Marquis in the heart of exciting downtown Washington, D.C., just a few minutes from Capitol Hill and steps from all of the city's cultural attractions. The meeting also features a refreshed lineup with enhanced programming on Sunday, April 7, more executive insight sessions, increased networking opportunities and more.

Register now to take advantage of early bird rates. [View full meeting details and register here.](#)

AHRQ Analysis Finds Hospital-Acquired Conditions Declined By Nearly 1 Million From 2014 to 2017

National efforts to reduce hospital-acquired conditions such as adverse drug events and healthcare-associated infections helped prevent 20,500 deaths and save \$7.7 billion between 2014 and 2017, according to a report released today by AHRQ and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The AHRQ National Scorecard on Hospital-Acquired Conditions Updated Baseline Rates and Preliminary Results 2014-2017 estimates that 910,000 hospital-acquired conditions were avoided and the rate was reduced by 13 percent from 2014 to 2017. AHRQ calculates and analyzes data on these conditions to help CMS track efforts to reduce patient harm by 20 percent from 2014 to 2019. Continuing reductions in hospital-acquired conditions are a signal that [patient safety tools and resources](#) developed by AHRQ and other initiatives by federal agencies are helping to make care safer. Access the [press release](#).

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ND Department of Health - Flood Evacuation Exercise

The Emergency Preparedness Section of the North Dakota Department of Health will be conducting an evacuation exercise on Wednesday, **April 24, 2019**. This exercise is being presented to assist hospitals, long-term care facilities and other entities with compliance to the CMS requirements. The deadline for registration ends on Friday, April 19, 2019. Please note that you must register for the exercise. Only those pre-registered will be allowed to participate. The registration link below will provide additional exercise information. [Registration form.](#)

Training to be held at: ND DoH EPR Offices | 1720 Burlington Drive | Bismarck, ND 58504

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Who's Who and Who's New!



NDHA welcomes Mike Delfs to Jamestown! Mike is the new CEO/President of Jamestown Regional Medical Center effective this spring. He is a Langdon, ND native with many years of experience in the Upper Midwest. He started out as a CNA and gradually worked his way to CEO, most recently at Mercy Hospital, a CAH in Moose Lake, MN.



NDHA congratulates Dr. Michael LeBeau! Dr. LeBeau is the new CEO/President of Sanford Health in Bismarck. He has been with Sanford for more than ten years specializing in kidney care as a nephrologist. A native of New Town, ND, he has been instrumental in the organization's growth in central and western North Dakota.



NDHA welcomes Jeff Stanley to Langdon! Jeff is the new CEO at Cavalier County Memorial Hospital & Clinics. He is a pharmacist by training and later received his MBA and began his hospital career serving in the positions of Corporate VP of Pharmacy at WellStar Health System in Marietta, GA and COO at Cullman Regional Medical Center in Cullman, AL.