

# A Message from WHA's CEO



Hello Western Healthcare Alliance members and friends!

When you think of February, you may think of snow or Valentine's Day, and it being the month of love. Well we LOVE our members and partners. To celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, at this year's Western Healthcare Alliance Annual Summit, we invite you to *Collaborate to Innovate!*

WHA has a long history of working together to bring innovative healthcare solutions to our communities. At this year's Summit, February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, we will be joined by **Dr. Connie Reimers-Hild, PhD, CPC** who will challenge members to ask, *"What else can we do together?"*, and lead us through an open innovation process—I can't tell you anymore or I'll ruin the surprise. As you know, collaboration is key to innovation and bringing diverse teams together generates different perspectives while ensuring alignment. Each department in your facility provides a unique perspective to problems which can be critical for driving success. With all of us together, I assure you, we will end the event with a host of new opportunities.

WHAAS 2019 agenda will also feature new education breakout sessions that will include: the latest innovations by our Corporate Partners, sharing of innovative ideas from your fellow members, and conclude with Peer Network group roundtable sessions. Finally, don't forget about our popular Trend Forum on February 27<sup>th</sup>! 2019 speakers include the Colorado Hospital Association, National Rural Health Resource Center, Memorial Regional Health, and Mind Springs Health! I'm going to stop talking now so you can go register!

Oh, and Happy Valentine's Day!



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