

A Message from WHA's CEO



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Hello WHA members and friends! This is Angelina Salazar, your CEO. The Western Healthcare Annual Summit came and went, and I know I'm biased, but I thought it was amazing! I've heard nothing but positive feedback from participants on how interesting and inspiring the presentations were. If you were there, thank you for joining us. If you weren't, please connect with your coworkers who were and find out what happened! We packed a lot into two days, but I personally left inspired. Every Peer Network group has action steps for the year ahead. There was a point during the collaborative workshop when I looked around and saw everyone engaged and contributing to answering the question, "what can we do together?" I had a feeling that can only be described as satisfaction as we were all fulfilling the mission of WHA - "Collaborating to improve community healthcare."

You all know that simply getting together does not automatically equate to a successful outcome in collaboration. Success is dependent upon well-developed personal relationships among participants. A well-developed relationship takes time because to share one's knowledge and ideas freely you have to have trust. A word we all know, it's the glue that binds us - Trust - the belief or confidence that one has in the reliability, integrity, and honesty of another. You as members and leaders demonstrate your trust in WHA by your open, candid, and ongoing communication, which is the foundation of who we are.

What came out loudly and clearly last week was that not only do we all have similar problems, we also have unique experiences, perspectives, and ideas to bring to the table to solve them. So I encourage you to keep the momentum we built last week! Collaboration in our WHA Peer Network groups requires a commitment to participating. You'll get better results if you give your group the time to build those personal ties, and to develop a common understanding about whatever the program, project, or initiative may be. I invite you to commit to being at the WHA table not only today, but all year so we can make a bigger impact... together.