



A Message from WHA's CEO

Hello, and welcome to your October Western Healthcare Alliance newsletter. I'm Angelina Salazar, your Interim CEO and Vice President of Outreach and Communications, and I'm particularly excited about this month, because we are kicking off Leadership Academy! And we are doing that with one of our favorite guest instructors from the Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative, Ms. Jo Anne Preston. Many of you have taken her courses before. Jo Anne is the Workforce and Organizational Development Senior Manager there, and her role is in Workforce Development and Leadership Development teaching for rural healthcare leaders like you. Her upcoming class is called Coaching and Delegating, Hand-in-Hand Skills for High Team Performance. So, if you sometimes feel like you've got too much on your plate or you avoid coaching conversations because, perhaps you worry about your employee's response or you avoid conflict, this is the class for you. It will be October 19th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in Grand Junction and you can find all the details at wha1.org/education.

Also, this next year of Leadership Academy, we're going to have something for everyone. Hopefully, these courses are going to work with your schedule because we are providing on-site courses, webinars, and new in 2019, an educational portal that's going to deliver on-demand webinars around topics like budgeting, email etiquette, effective interviewing, and much more—all for you, our members, to access any time and at no charge. They'll run between 20 and 30 minutes, hopefully something that's easy for you to watch during your lunch or with your teams during your staff meetings. We want to make this education as convenient for you as possible.

One last thing I want to mention before you continue to read your newsletter and find out what's happening in your fellow member facilities, is a save-the-date reminder for WHAAS 2019, February 27th and 28th. The 2019 Western Healthcare Alliance Summit is going to be much different than years past, very different. This year, WHAAS is going to provide you opportunities to not only network with members and corporate partners, but also participate in innovative educational sessions that align with the strategic goals that WHA has put forth, such as financial efficiency, population health, workforce recruitment/retention, and technological solutions. It's going to be really exciting and we hope to see you there. Until then, take good care.

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