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2016 Wyoming Nursing Summit and Convention The Power of Nurses: All Aboard!

The Wyoming Center for Nursing and Health Care Partnerships and the Wyoming Nurses Association invites health care leaders to participate in the Wyoming Nursing Summit and Convention, September 22-23, 2016 to be held at the Ramkota Hotel, Casper, Wyoming.

This year's leadership conference follows the theme set by the endorsements that the American Nurses Association (ANA) established with the Nurses on Boards Coalition to increase enrollment to 10,000 nurses on boards by 2020. During this conference we will demonstrate the impact a nurse can have by being on a board, especially where health care/access to care is an issue. In order to fully demonstrate how a nurse can be a change agent for health care, we chose one of our profound health issues, mental health/suicide prevention.

Pamela Cipriano, ANA President, recently said "There is no health without good mental health." Wyoming has the second highest suicide rate in the country. The population growing in this epidemic is our youth and adolescent. How can a nurse intervene? Whether it is through providing direct patient care or by sitting at the table where health care decisions are made, all nurses are patient advocates.

To download the 2016 Wyoming Nursing Summit and Convention Registration and Agenda please [click here](#).

The WCNHCP is the nursing workforce center and the Action Coalition for the State of Wyoming. The mission of the center is to strengthen the nursing workforce through on-going collaboration, communication, and consensus building to meet the health needs of the peo-

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Speakers at the 2016 Wyoming Nursing Summit and Convention

Dr. Janet Wessel Krejci, BSN,
MSN, PhD

Laurie Benson

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, Illinois State University Dr. Krejci currently serves as the chief academic officer at the Illinois State University with responsibility for academic and senior-level internal leadership and serves as the primary representative for the President in his absence. She was selected as a Robert Wood Johnson Nurse Executive Fellow for the 2008- 2011 cohort. During 2012, Dr. Krejci participated in Leadership America, the preeminent national women's development program. Dr. Krejci has numerous publications and funded research grants in the areas of leadership, recruitment and retention, work climate, workforce diversity, and change in both acute care and long term care. She has consulted and presented workshops, courses, and keynote addresses on Systems Thinking, Leadership, Change, Conflict, and Nursing Excellence to help leaders be more effective, efficient, and satisfied in their roles.

Executive Director, Nurses on Boards Coalition Ms. Benson was named as the first Executive Director for Nurses on Boards Coalition in March of 2016. Benson has more than 35 years of experience serving as a corporate executive, founder, CEO, C-suite advisor, and multi-sector board member. Since 2009, she has served as CEO of LBS Unlimited. In this role, she served as an advisor to executives on issues such as board governance, innovation, strategy and high performance teams. She currently serves as a member of several corporate and non-profit boards in industries ranging from health care, finance, and insurance to manufacturing and technology. Benson earned a bachelor's degree from The University of Wisconsin-Madison. In 2013, she was named one of UW Madison's Distinguished Alumni and received the Chancellor's Entrepreneurial Achievement Award.