



## WCN October 2016 Newsletter

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### The WCNHCP is now the Wyoming Center for Nursing!

The Wyoming Center for Nursing and Health Care Partnerships has changed its name to the Wyoming Center for Nursing (WCN). We've added a tagline, "Promoting Health through Partnerships". The change in the name was primarily because the longer name was, quite frankly, a mouth full! So we've shortened the name up in a way that maintains our strong focus on nursing. The tagline allows us to emphasize our overall goal of promoting health in line with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's focus on a culture of health. In addition, it emphasizes our strategy of working through a variety of partnerships within nursing and health care.

In addition, the WCN has updated its mission statement. "The Wyoming Center for Nursing is committed to creating a culture of health that promotes the development of a diverse health care workforce by transforming nursing education, advancing the health of individuals, and improving communities through fostering collaborative partnerships."

We feel that these changes in the name and the mission clarify and strengthen what we do. The WCN advisory board has spent time this summer and fall reviewing what we've accomplished and where we go next. Our list of accomplishments is long including establishing the Wyoming Nurse Leadership Institute (WNLI) which is now administered by the Wyoming Nurses Association, supporting the development of ReNEW, and collaborating on several nursing workforce studies. With the successful launching of ReNEW and WNLI, we will be using our new mission to think about next steps.

We'd love to hear your thoughts about next steps for ReNEW! Email or call us.

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#### Preceptor Orientation

Preceptor orientation modules are available on the WCN website: [wynursing.org](http://wynursing.org). The modules can be viewed together or individually. Moreover, you can return to the modules whenever you'd like when you need more information or need a little assistance.

[Click here for Preceptor Orientation modules.](#)



### 2016 Nurses on Boards Survey

**The Wyoming Center for Nursing (WCN) is working to identify nurses who serve on boards and/or have the desire to serve on boards. The Center completed a survey last year about nurses on boards and we are updating the survey again this year. So please respond even if you responded last year.**

**2016 Nurses on Boards Survey [here](#).**

### ReNEW Wins WNA President's Award

At the most recent Wyoming Nurses Association (WNA) Summit and Convention, held on September 22-23rd, Revolutionizing Nursing Education in Wyoming (ReNEW) was awarded the coveted President's Award. This award is presented periodically at the discretion of the WNA President. The purpose is recognition of achievements of significance to the profession or special service to, or on behalf of, the Wyoming Nurses Association or of the nursing profession. Examples of this award category are newly designed programs or collaborative efforts in the state of Wyoming for improvements in or provision of exceptional provision of services to the citizens.

This year the WNA President, Anne Raga of Gillette, chose the statewide team who designed the ReNEW curriculum. ReNEW is made up of representatives from the schools of nursing and other nursing partners in Wyoming. The team, working through several statewide committees, designed a shared statewide Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing (BSN) curriculum where students can start at a participating Wyoming community college and continue seamlessly to the University of Wyoming to complete their BSN with the 4th year at UW available through distance learning.

This visionary team of nurses and nurse educators co-created a nursing curriculum which is standard across the state and is expected to optimize the use of clinical facilities throughout the state and share educational and clinical resources. ReNEW is guided by a valuing of both the Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) and the BSN. A shared leadership model was fundamental to the creation of a seamless process for students to move through their education and from one educational institution to another without the barriers that are common when going from one college or program to another.

Many ReNEW volunteers were present for the award and were lauded for the cooperative effort and the speed in which they completed a statewide change in the curriculum. Partnerships have been formed that had previously not been in place and the curriculum is currently being used at UW and most Wyoming community colleges for students enrolled in nursing! ReNEW is clearly an example of shared leadership in nursing and nursing education.