

##  **The Pulse of Rural Care; Join us at the Conference**

#### March 1, 2018

#### Volunteers

* Krystal Guzman, President from Island Hospital
* Ashely Waldron, Secretary from Family Care Network
* Barb Schlimmer, Treasurer from Odessa Clinic
* Cindy Robertson, Legislative Action Committee Chair (LAC) from North Shore Medical Group
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* Dawn Bross, Coordinator from Moses Lake from Parkview Medical Group
* Katie Jo Raebel, CPA Honorary Board Member from Wipfli
* Lisa McKay, LAC member from North West Pediatrics

We are looking for you to join us with your great ideas. Call us, email us or visit with us at the Conference.

The North West Rural Health Conference will be March 26th to 28th at the Davenport Grand in Spokane this website has the most up to date information <http://depts.washington.edu/uwconf/wordpress/nwrhc/>

The EARLY DEADLINE has been extended to MONDAY, MARCH 5th!

Take action now to be part of the learning, networking, and FUN.

Just a few of the topics that will be addressed in greater detail at the conference include:

What is latest update on full payment of RHC Encounter Rate at time of service.

RHC Reconciliation, updates, process, and next steps.

Reviewing your Cost Report and billing practices for Optimization.

Washington Workforce Development discussions and planning.

Overview on the New Opioid Rules…Things you should know to be in compliance.

How Primary Care Providers can be paid for addressing Oral Health Concerns.

Emergency Preparedness for RHCs; What are we hearing from surveyors?

How the changes in the State Survey process impacts current and future RHC’s

Did you know you can earn a certification for being a Rural Health Clinic Manager from the National Association of Rural Health Clinics?

Whole Health - some ideas about adding behavioral medicine into your practice.

*We heard your concerns about being out of the office too long at month end; we made it so that attendees can register by day*…take a look at the full agenda on the website and choose the day(s) that make the most sense for you and your team to attend and register accordingly.

Some attendees where asking about personal or personnel development so we added some sessions targeted for improving your skills and knowledge. We also have outlined the process to get CME’s in our program.

The RHCAW Board wants to hear more from you…please share your questions, concerns, successes. We have moved our Annual Membership meeting from breakfast to dessert; please plan to join us Tuesday evening for treats and drinks. We also encourage you to seek us out during meals and other social times. We really want to hear what is happening at your site and want to put a face to your name, please introduce yourself.

Everyday there are situations that come up to remind us of the many changes in health care right now. These changes are altering the way we do business to keep our doors open in rural areas while offering the best care possible to our neighbors. This conference brings a diverse group of decision makers and influencers together in one place. Our hope is that you will hear how others are tackling these projects as you will find that you are not the only one wondering about a particular challenge. You will have an opportunity to get some insight on how you can make changes or what things to avoid in your attempts at resolving these challenges. Our goal is you walk away with action plans, better understandings, a realization of deadlines and consequences, and encouragement.

PLEASE BOOK YOUR REGISTATION TODAY! We look forward to seeing you in just a few weeks.