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The Pulse of Rural Care

Volunteers

- Krystal Guzman, President from Island Hospital
- Ashley Waldron, Secretary from Family Care Network
- Barb Schlimmer, Treasurer from Odessa Clinic
- Cindy Robertson, Legislative Action Committee Chair (LAC) from North Shore Medical Group
- Katie Jo Raebel, CPA Honorary Board Member from Wipfli
- Lisa McKay, LAC member from North West Pediatrics
- Missy Dubuque, Member at Large from Family Care Network
- Annie Parker, Member at Large from Snoqualmie Valley Hospital

TAKE ACTION TO JOIN US AT THE CONFERENCE

The Northwest Rural Health Conference will be March 23rd to 25th, 2020 at The Davenport Grand Hotel in Spokane, Washington.

Visit the conference website at <https://www.eventsquid.com/event.cfm?id=8458>

In our continual desire to help provide you with the best conference experience, we have made some adjustments in our conference management vendor, this unfortunately has caused us a delay in getting information out to you. We encourage you to go check out the newly available Conference Website, there you can see this year's: Sponsor and Exhibitor Opportunities, Call for Abstract Presentations, Call for Poster Presentations, General Registration and Scholarship Information.

We are back at the beautiful Davenport Grand this year, the last time we were there we had our best attended conference ever and excellent reviews from the attendees.

While we are still working on confirming our invited speakers this year, we know that there will be at least a few topics that will have you and your work teams talking excitedly on the car ride or flight home.

Monday is the pre-conference intensive sessions, which are half or full day focused topics. The Reception is Monday evening and the actual conference will be held Tuesday and Wednesday. Depending on your commitments we should have a registration package that will work well for you. During these last couple months before Conference speakers are being confirmed quickly and the agenda is constantly being updated.

BOARD CHANGES:

Sending a big **THANK YOU** to Dawn Bross from Parkview Medical Group and Renee Smith formerly from Summit Pacific. Dawn volunteered for many years on the RHCAW Board and Renee had joined us several years ago. They will be missed! This does open up the opportunity to grow our team, if you are interested in learning what we do and how our team works to advance topics of importance to Rural Health Care Clinics, please reach out to a board member.

FOCUSING OUR MESSAGE:

Beginning in 2020 our Newsletter will no longer be available on our website. We will continue to provide Newsletters but they will be emailed to our members only list. Over the next couple weeks, the RHCAW website will have public content updated. Dues invoices are being created for 2020 and are being sent out as well. If you know someone who does not currently get this newsletter and would like to please email Krystal Guzman at kguzman@islandhospital.org. She will add the information to the membership listserv and checking it against those organizations current on membership dues. Please continue to help us with our ongoing information sharing with the Health Care Authority.

Thanks for all you do to keep our rural communities thriving.