

Wyoming Medical Center Foundation: New Purpose, New Mission

Greetings!

On behalf of the Wyoming Medical Center Foundation, I wanted to reach out and update you on our work.

As you may know, the nonprofit Wyoming Medical Center sold to the nonprofit hospital system Banner Health last year. The money from the transaction created the \$250 million endowment for **a new private foundation with a different purpose and mission**. While the prior foundation raised funds to support the hospital (what's called a supporting organization), the new foundation is a 501c3 private foundation, or a health conversion foundation. Instead of fundraising for Wyoming Medical Center, **we will distribute at least 5% of the endowment to both the hospital and to public charities that are focused on improving the health and well-being of Natrona County residents**. We are also entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring Banner keeps its commitments made as a result of the transaction.

The board and staff are **currently rebranding the organization and creating our strategic plan**. We are in the data collection and analysis phase, looking at our community assets and opportunities. The plan will be completed in the fall, and we look forward to sharing it with the community then. We look forward to sharing a new name and brand identity with you this fall, too.

I hope you will engage with us on this journey to improve the health and well-being of Natrona County residents. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Meredith at mbenton@wyohealthfoundation.org.

With great excitement for our future work together,
Beth Worthen
Chairperson
Wyoming Medical Center Foundation

Learn more about Private Foundations

What's the difference between a private foundation and public charity? [Learn more](#).

Meet Meredith

Meredith would love to meet with you in person or virtually. Schedule a time [here](#).

In the News

Oil City News discussed the new foundation with Chair Beth Worthen and CEO Meredith Benton. [Check it out](#).

Our Commitments to Natrona County

- **Transparency.** We are committed to operating with transparency and open communication. Please expect to hear from us regularly with important updates and announcements. We'd love for you to stay in touch by subscribing to our newsletter [here](#).

- Systems and symptoms approach. We will work with the community to meet immediate needs and address systemic issues that are creating those needs.
- Overall health. We know that clinical services are a fraction of one's overall health. We are committed to looking and addressing a variety of factors that affect and influence health.
- Community driven. These are the community's assets, and we look forward to working with the community in deploying those assets.

Meet The Foundation Staff

Meet Meredith

I'm a native of Nashville, TN but I've called California, DC, and Florence, Italy home in my life. I'm a believer in experiences over things, so I spend my free time hiking and traveling. This work is a passion and not just a profession. My family has been directly impacted by disease, mental illness, addiction, and childhood trauma. I've experienced the repercussions of lacking access to services and the long-term impacts it can have on a family. I look forward to putting that experience to work in Casper alongside our amazing nonprofits and community leaders.

Meet Kylie

I was born and raised in Casper, WY and went to college in Colorado. I returned to Casper immediately after graduation and started working for Wyoming Medical Center, where I worked for over nine years and was first introduced to the Foundation accounting. I am honored to be a part of the Foundation where we get the opportunity to make a positive impact in the community that I have always called home. In my free time I am with my family exploring the outdoors or attending my children's sporting events.

Meet Paula

Since the time I was 16 years old, I've been involved in healthcare in one way or another. From my first job as a CNA at a nursing home in my home state of North Dakota, to marketing and administrative roles at hospices and hospitals here in Casper, I've kept in tune with the state of health and healthcare in our community. Most recently, I served as the executive assistant to the CEO of Wyoming Medical Center as it embarked on the transaction with Banner Health. That path led me to my new role with the Foundation. I've spent the last months laying the groundwork of operations, preparing our organization to carry out the important work that lays ahead. I'm excited for the next steps in that journey.

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