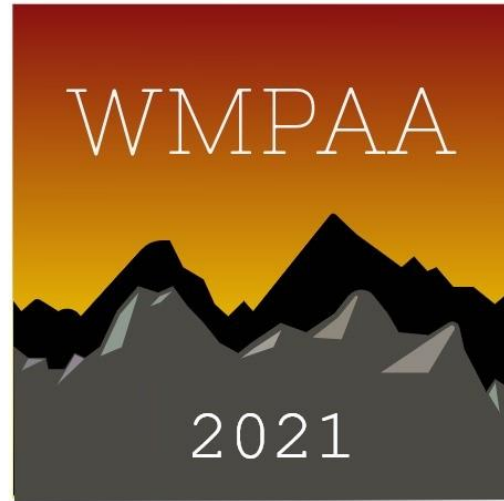


# WMPPAA 2021

Western Medicaid Pharmacy Administrators Association  
Denver, CO – August 7-10, 2021



# Wyoming WMPAA State Logos



In 2019, a contest was held at Burns High School in Wyoming to select our official Wyoming WMPAA logo. The request was for the logo to represent something that was quintessentially Wyoming. At the end of the competition two designs stood out and both were adopted.

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- Jackalope Hunting License – City of Douglas, Wyoming, [www.cityofdouglas.org](http://www.cityofdouglas.org)

# Legend of the Jackalope

## History

Paleontologists have been unable to precisely designate the prehistoric origins of the jackalope (Pedigres Leapusalopus). Much like humans, there appears to be a missing link in their evolution. Many have ascribed to the recent evolutionary leap simply to a cross between the jack rabbit and a variety of other animals, normally antelope or small deer.

When the song "Home on the Range" was written, it contained the phrase... "Where the deer and the antelope play with the jackrabbit..." However, this offended genteel ladies of that era and the song was shortened. Thus the apparent origin of the jackalope was forever lost from Western folklore.

The first recorded sighting of a jackalope was by Roy Ball, an occasionally sober trapper, who staggered into the Wyoming Territory around 1829. The existence of the jackalope was known prior to that only through Native American legend. Mr. Ball was the first to record that jackalopes mated during flashes of lightning common to violent thunderstorms of the prairies. This, however, is yet to be confirmed by modern zoologists.

During the 1800s, Wyoming abounded with many animals which are now extinct. Among them were the buffalo, the grizzly bear, the black-footed ferret and the saber tooth jackalope. Unwritten folklore was filled with stories of the viscous and unusual characteristics of the giant saber tooth jackalope. These included their attacks on windmills, barbwire fences and wagon trains. The fact that most sightings occurred near and around taverns isn't unusual since almost all Western folklore originated in and around taverns.

Although the saber tooth jackalope was known to be a carnivore with nocturnal hunting habits, it and its smaller cousin (the pronghorn jackalope) were famous for their imitation of human voices and ability to carry a tune. Many cowboys reported that as they sang to their herds, they would often hear the jackalopes joining in perfect harmony. The voice of the saber tooth jackalope was easily distinguished from the small pronghorn as his voice was slightly deeper, contained the hint of a French accent (probably acquired from early trappers) and had a pronounced lisp. Singing together, the larger and smaller jackalopes sounded much like Roy Rogers and Dale Evans.

## Legal Notice & Regulations

W.S. 43-1-113 Permits a dually licensed, non-resident to hunt only "pedigres Leapusalopus Ineptus," known as the pronghorn jackalope. It can readily be identified as having the size, shape and color of a jackrabbit with horns similar to the pronghorn antelope or smaller deer. Non-residents are warned and forbidden by law to hunt the larger and endangered "Leapusalopus Incisorous Maximus," the saber tooth jackalope. They are distinguished by being much larger (100-150 lbs.), having foot-long fangs, and are extremely viscous. The Wyoming Game and Fish Commission requires that jackalopes be hunted between sun-up and sun-down on June 31 of each year. Hunters and trappers are forbidden from using intoxicating beverages to bait the animals. Successful hunters or trappers should report their kill to any tavern in Converse County, Wyoming, where the catch will be cataloged and certified. They will be then be debriefed and sobered up.

VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE LAWS, RULES, OR REGULATIONS COVERING the taking of jackalopes will be punishable by a fine of no less than THIRTEEN DOLLARS (\$13.00), or a sentence of not more than 90 days as a ward of the Douglas Area Chamber of Commerce.

## Limited, non-resident JACKALOPE LICENSE

*Original: This license is invalid if it is not issued and used in Converse County*

This license authorizes \_\_\_\_\_ (licensee) of \_\_\_\_\_ to hunt, pursue, trap or otherwise take one (1) pronghorn jackalope within the lawful boundaries of Converse County, Wyoming on June 31<sup>st</sup> between sunrise and sunset only. Failure to have this license approved and issued by a resident of Converse County, Wyoming, or to otherwise comply with the terms hereof, may, on conviction thereof, result in a fine of \$13 and/or a sentence of 13 months hard play in Douglas, Wyoming.

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, do hereby state: That I am a person of strict temperance and absolute trustfulness. I do reserve the right, at my discretion and if interrogated concerning my hunting experience, to employ such lingual evasion, loud rebuttal and double talk as the occasion and circumstances require.

*Adam Lyre*

Adam Lyre, Chief Licensor

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Resident of Converse County



# WMPAA 2021

## August 7-10, 2021

### Grand Hyatt Denver, Denver, CO

#### Saturday, August 7, 2021 - States, Alumni, Speakers and their Guests Only

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|-------------------|---|
| 8:00 - 9:00 AM    | Breakfast                                   |
| 9:00-10:00 AM     | WMPAA Business Meeting - WAMPAA States Only |
| 10:00-11:00 AM    | All States Meeting, Round 1 - States Only   |
| 11:00 AM-12:00 PM | CMS and States Only                         |

#### Saturday August 7, 2021 - Conference Officially Begins

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| 12:00-2:00 PM | Lunch   |
| 12:00-5:00 PM | Registration  |
| 2:00-3:00 PM  | CMS Medicaid Pharmacy Program Update - John Coster, PhD, PPh (1.0 CE)   |
| 3:00-4:30 PM  | 29 and Counting: Newly Approved Drugs and Emergency Use Authorized Products - Melissa Hunter, PharmD (1.5 CE) |
| 5:00-8:00 PM  | Reception and Dinner  |

#### Sunday, August 8, 2021—Full Day General Session

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|-------------------|--|
| 7:00-8:00 AM      | Breakfast  |
| 8:00-9:00 AM      | All States Meeting, Round 2 - States Only  |
| 9:00-10:30 AM     | Military Medicine and the Care of a Dictator - Joseph Horam, MD (1.5 CE)   |
| 10:30-11:00 AM    | Break  |
| 11:00 AM-12:00 PM | State Reports 1 (1.0 CE)   |
| 12:00-1:30 PM     | Lunch  |
| 1:30-2:30 PM      | NCPDP Standards Update - ePrescribing, Real-Time Prescription Benefit Transaction and Specialty Pharmacy Initiatives—John Klimek, RPh (1.0 CE) |
| 2:30-3:30 PM      | Deprescribing: Less is More - Tom Frank, PharmD, BCPS (1.0 CE)   |
| 3:30-3:45 PM      | Break  |
| 3:45-4:45 PM      | What's New IN Medicaid Pharmacy Policy - Bryan Amick, PharmD (1.0 CE)  |
| 5:30-8:00 PM      | Reception and Dinner   |

#### Monday, August 9, 2021—Morning General Session

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| 7:00-8:00 AM | Breakfast |
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| 8:00-9:00 AM      | All States Meeting, Round 3 - States Only   |
| 9:00-10:00 AM     | Rats & Bats & Pangolins-Oh My! Zoonoses and Pandemics-Lessons to be Learned—Laureen Biczak, DO (1.0 CE) |
| 10:00-11:00 AM    | A COVID Moment - State Representatives (1.0 CE)   |
| 11:00-11:15 AM    | Break   |
| 11:15 AM-12:15 PM | State Reports 2 (1.0 CE)  |
| 12:15-1:30 PM     | Lunch   |
| 12:15-5:00 PM     | Networking and Free Time  |
| 5:30-8:00 PM      | Dinner  |

## Tuesday, August 10, 2021

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| 7:00-8:00 AM      | Breakfast  |
| 8:00-9:00 AM      | State of the State: Opioid Crisis and Colorado's Response—Robert Valuck, PhD, RPh (1.0 CE) |
| 9:00-10:00 AM     | Modular MMIS in Wyoming Medicaid—Bryce Barker, MPA, PMP (1.0 CE)                           |
| 10:00-10:15 AM    | Break  |
| 10:15-11:15 AM    | State Reports 3 (1.0 CE)   |
| 11:15 AM-12:00 PM | Boxed Lunch and Departures   |

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Prior to joining SCDHHS, Bryan worked in the commercial payer and pharmacy benefit management (PBM) sectors. His career in pharmacy included work in community, hospital, and long-term care settings. He is active in a number of other professional activities, has served as a member of the board of directors for the SC Pharmacy Association, and as a peer reviewer for several professional journals. Bryan teaches a series of classes focused on health policy and economics at the University of South Carolina.

## Bryce Barker, MPA, PMP

Bryce Barker is an experienced Data Warehouse Manager with a background in the health care industry. He is skilled in business intelligence tools, data warehousing, and project management. Mr. Barker is a strong information technology professional with a Masters of Public Administration (MPA) degree from the University of Wyoming.

Currently, along with managing and coordinating internal and external data requests used for policy, legislation, and administrative decision making, Bryce also serves as the contract manager for Wyoming Medicaid's Data Warehouse and Business Intelligence vendor during project implementations, ongoing enhancements and operations and maintenance.

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Dr. Biczak is the Chief Medical Officer for the Pharmacy Benefits Solutions Business Unit of Change Healthcare. She is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases. She continues to practice Infectious Disease on a part-time basis which provides her a unique view of pharmacy issues – from both the payer and provider perspective. Prior to joining Change Healthcare 13 years ago, Dr. Biczak spent more than six years as the Medical Director for Maine's Medicaid program, MaineCare. She received her Doctor of Osteopathy from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. When not working, her major loves are world travel with her spouse, her cockapoo, bird watching and most recently-boating from her home in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

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John M. Coster is the Director of the Division of Pharmacy, Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services, at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. He has served in this capacity at CMS since August 2014.

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### Tom Frank, Pharm.D., BCPS

Tom Frank has been involved in various aspects of drug therapy for over 40 years. He has worked in retail, hospital, nursing home, clinical and consultative pharmacy practice settings.

Dr. Frank has established Frank Medical Consulting, a business focused on continuing education presentations for a wide range of healthcare groups. He also provides consulting services on complex patient medication regimens.

Previously, he was an Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences- Northeast where he was the Director of Education and Research. He taught drug therapeutics to family medicine residents at the Northeast Arkansas Area Health Education Center in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

### Joseph Horam, MD

COL Joseph Horam retired from the WYARNG in November of 2012 following 27 years of combined active duty and National Guard service. He began his military career as a medical student at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in August of 1983 as a recipient of the Health Professions Scholarship Program. Following medical school, COL Horam was accepted into the pediatric residency program at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, HI from 1987-1990. He then completed an active duty assignment at Fort Knox, KY from 1990 to 1994. During this time, he also backfilled as a physician at Ft Stewart, Georgia during Desert Shield and then deployed with the 50<sup>th</sup> General Hospital from Ft Lewis, WA to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia during Desert Storm.

Following completion of his active duty obligations COL Horam moved with his family to Cheyenne, WY and entered the Wyoming Army National Guard. He served as a field surgeon and a flight surgeon before being named as the Medical Detachment commander. This position of responsibility was important to provide unit leadership for statewide medical readiness, force protection and unit training. COL Horam also became the state surgeon and was active with the national medical advisory council. He was elevated to the executive committee of the advisory council to the role of vice chairman/acting chairman through a decade of involvement. Many important medical policy issues were developed during this time with the advisory council to include the formation of the Deputy State Surgeon position, improvements with the 68W medic program, recruitment of medical personnel, formation of the PHA concept and a national credentialing program with CHCQ.

COL Horam attributes much of his professional satisfaction to the important roles he assumed with the Medical Detachment of the WYARNG. In the process he received 4 combat badges for tours during Desert Storm 1991, OIF in 2004 and 2006 followed by the NATO Peacekeeper Mission in Kosovo in 2009. Three ODTs included the Dominican Republic, Panama and Japan.

COL Horam has combined his WYARNG military career with his civilian medical practice. He continues to be an active staff physician at Cheyenne Regional Medical Center and is the medical director for Blue

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| <b>29 and Counting: Newly Approved Drugs and Emergency Use Authorized Products</b><br><i>Speaker: Melissa Hunter</i>                                      | 0171-9999-21-063-L01-P | 1.50    |         |
| <b>Military Medicine and the Care of a Dictator</b><br><i>Speaker: Joseph Horam</i>   | 0171-9999-21-064-L04-P | 1.50    |         |
| <b>State Reports Part 1</b><br><i>Speakers: Medicaid Pharmacy Directors</i>   | 0171-9999-21-072-L04-P | 1.00    |         |
| <b>NCPDP Standards Update: ePrescribing, Real-Time Prescription Benefit Transaction and Specialty Pharmacy Initiatives</b><br><i>Speaker: John Klimek</i> | 0171-9999-21-065-L04-P | 1.00    |         |
| <b>Deprescribing: Less is More</b><br><i>Speaker: Tom Frank</i>   | 0171-9999-21-066-L01-P | 1.00    |         |
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