**September 11, 2021**

**Hello All:**

**It is with great pleasure that we invite you to attend the Partners of WHA 2021 Annual Convention. It is my honor to be chairing this event. The Southern District Team has worked tremendously hard to put this Convention together in the hopes that you will attend, enjoy the company, and gain some knowledge from the speakers and the workshops.**

**It has been a long 18+ months and we know many of you have been looking forward to our in-person convention to connect or reconnect with old or new friends. As reported in my previous email sent out very quickly to get you an update, the Partners of WHA Board met on Friday, September 3 in an emergency meeting and voted unanimously to convert our 2021 Convention to a Virtual Event. As many of you – I am disappointed, but totally understand the reasons behind the vote – everyone on the Board wants to make sure we are protecting the health and wellbeing of our members first and foremost!**

**It is with that in mind that we have worked with our presenters and have come up with, what we feel will be a very educational and interesting day and a half virtual convention. We are going to give you as much content as possible without getting you burned out on virtual. Look at the agenda and you will find that we are having 1 keynote speaker (Darcy Luoma), who is a Master Certified Coach and newly published author – her book, *Thoughtfully Fit* was released on June 1st. Darcy will speak on Tuesday afternoon around 1:30 PM, shortly after our Welcome and opening!**

**Then on Wednesday, we plan to have the Business Meeting, the CEO Panel with an excellent group of CEOs, and in the afternoon the workshops will round out the convention.**

**The 3 linked items attached are as follows:**

* **A document providing a brief description of each workshop and the presenter(s) of the workshop as well as notes on the Keynote Speaker**
* **A high-level overview of the convention event schedule**
* **The registration form (please remember to fill in the column for VOTING DELEGATE - 2 delegates per hospital are required)**

**Please review the 1st two documents and have your leadership or anyone that would be interested in attending the convention review them as well.  Once you and your team have determined who will be attending convention, please fill out the Registration form with all the information requested - including each person's choices on workshops to attend (note several of them will have limited space). You then have 2 options to return the registration form to me:**

* **Scan the form or take a picture of it and email it to: tmdonlin@yahoo.com - with this option, you will still need to get payment mailed to me (see address below)**
* **Put completed Registration Form in an envelope with payment (check made out to Partners of WHA) and mail it to me at: Terri Donlin, 232 Elliott LN, Oregon, WI 53575**

**The Cost for each person to attend the Virtual Convention is on the registration form and registration must be received by Monday, September 27th to avoid late fees. It is as follows:**

* **Members:**
	+ **Full Convention Tuesday October 5th Opening at 1 PM and Closing Wednesday October 6th at approximately 4:30 PM = $50**
	+ **Tuesday October 5th Only = $40**
	+ **Wednesday October 6th = $40**
* **Non-Members:**
	+ **Full Convention Tuesday October 5th Opening at 1 PM and Closing Wednesday October 6th at approximately 4:30 PM = $75**
	+ **Tuesday October 5th Only = $50**
	+ **Wednesday October 6th = $50**
* **Late Fees (assessed to any attendees that do not have their registration to me by Monday September 27th - if mailing through USPS, must be postmarked by September 24th)**

**If you have any questions on the Convention or this email, please feel free to reach out to one of the following:**

* **Terri Donlin, tmdonlin@yahoo.com or Cell phone: 608-225-8337**
* **Becky Dolinsky, gbnmdol@charter.net or Cell phone: 608-334-9133**
* **Pat Freeders, pat.freeders@gmail.com or Cell phone: 608-333-8822**

**We look forward to seeing you virtually in October! Remember our Theme - let's do it: "Together We Build a Better Future"**

**Thank you, Terri**

**Terri Donlin**

**Chair, Partners of WHA State Convention 2021**

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