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Q1 What is your name and Candidate Committee name?

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Q2 What is the role of state government in healthcare issues in Wyoming? Describe your top three priorities for improving the healthcare delivery system in the state?

1. **Expand/fund Suicide education and prevention**
2. **Support Opioid crisis remedies**
3. **Tobacco/alcohol education for our young people**

Q3 Wyoming's tobacco tax rate of \$.60 per pack ranks 8th lowest in the nation. The national average is \$1.72 per pack. Given the state's declining revenue and Wyoming's low tobacco tax, is increasing the tobacco tax a subject you feel worthy of consideration in the coming biennium? If you do support the tax increase is it primarily based in an interest to generate state revenue or as a method to de-incentivize tobacco use, or both?

Yes I support increasing the tobacco tax.

Please Explain:

I would vote for any and all tobacco tax increase. ALL the revenue received from any new tax should be earmarked for educating our young people about the health risks of all tobacco products and this new vaping. The education program should be administered by the Wyoming Health Department.

Q4 Physicians in Wyoming are required to attend continuing medical education (CME) to maintain their licensure in the State. Many physicians are now also taking part in maintenance of certification (MOC) programs to maintain board certification. MOC programs include more stringent continuing education requirements often at a higher cost, and generally involve high-stakes testing in order to maintain certifications. Wyoming physicians support continuing education requirements, but oppose mandates to maintain board certification. Do you support tying a physician's employment, reimbursement, or licensure to their participation in MOC activities?

No, physician board certification should not be allowed to be tied to state licensure, employment, hospital privileging, and/or reimbursement.

Please explain.:

I like the concept of CME and MOC but not tied to licensing. Maybe the Health Department could allow the public to see which physician is taking the continuing training and maintenance of certification classes. This might be helpful for someone that wants to know more about their physician.

Q5 With 32 percent of Wyoming’s population being covered by public payers (Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, Federal programs, etc), and current projected budget shortfalls, how would you prioritize reimbursement to physicians? Please explain.

I don't know! I would hope that a physician or you lobbyist would inform legislators what they feel is fair and equitable reimbursement for their services. The only physicians I heard from in the last 2 sessions were those that I initiated the calls to.

Q6 WMS supports physician-led healthcare teams with each licensed provider practicing at the top of their scope. Do you support licensed healthcare professionals expanding their scope of practice or increasing the specific tasks they can perform, such as psychologists prescribing or optometrists performing eye surgery, through rule making or legislation without proof of adequate expanded education, training and curriculum changes?

No, healthcare providers should only expand scope of practice when done through increased education, curriculum changes in training programs and stringent testing to determine proficiency.

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Please explain:

Health care professionals should be held to standards like other professionals are. Personally, I would like to know that my doctor had the training and proficiency needed to give me the best chance under his/her care.

Q7 The demand for mental health services in Wyoming is on the rise with involuntary hospitalizations increasing at alarming rates. Suicide also remains a concern with Wyoming ranking as the fourth-highest state in the nation. Between the increase in demand for state mental health services and recent overages in the state budget for Title 25 costs, what do you believe can be done to positively impact these trends?

We should expand some of these programs such as suicide education/prevention. We should teach our educators more about the signs of possible suicide and other mental disorders while in the classroom. They see these kids everyday and if trained, should be able to get that young person some help.

Q8 Would you support legislation to resolve the professional liability crisis in Wyoming? Specifically, would you support a cap on non-economic damages? Would you support other remedies such as adoption of the English rule, no-fault medical liability insurance or other such reforms?

I support capping non-economic damages

Agree

I support investigating all avenues to bringing meaningful liability reform to the state including capping non-economic damages.

Agree

I support investigating alternative means to achieving liability reform but do not support capping non-economic damages.

Disagree

I do not support any efforts to bring liability reform to the state as I do not see there is a current need or crisis.

Disagree

Please explain:

I think that these exorbitant settlements against the medical folks have contributed to the excessive cost of malpractice insurance which ultimately leads to higher consumer costs. Here again, it would be nice to hear from the medical profession on what would be a fair and equitable solution.

Q9 WMS advocates for physicians to practice evidence-based medicine grounded in the latest research and safety standards. WMS opposes any legislation that attempts to unnecessarily insert government within the relationship between physicians and their patients as it hinders the ability for doctors to administer the most recent, evidence based, practices in medicine. Do you oppose legislation that unnecessarily inserts government between a physician and a patient?

Yes, I oppose state legislation that inserts government between a physician and a patient.

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Please explain:

I oppose government inserting itself into any unnecessary place.

Q10 Do you support expanding Medicaid to provide state-based insurance to uninsured Wyomingites for 10% of the cost to the State of Wyoming?

Yes,
Please explain:

I think we need to figure out a way to implement Medicaid for the most vulnerable people in Wyoming so we don't keep losing the federal dollars that we've lost each year under the current system. I'm not sure what the 10% figure means.

Q11 Please send me additional information about the following topics:

Respondent skipped this question

Q12 Does your candidate committee accept Political Action Committee (PAC) contributions?

Yes