



TALKING POINTS

Our mission: To ensure access to safe, high quality primary and secondary healthcare facilities in Riverton

- SAVE OUR RIVERTON HEALTHCARE is a grassroots community group advocating for high quality and comprehensive health care services located in Riverton, including those offered by a local hospital. The group includes citizens that were once included in the operational guidance of our current hospital, retired and current medical staff, political representatives, business leaders and a wide array of others. More than 300 people have been involved in our meetings while over 1,500 have signed our petitions; these are strong indicators of the community's engagement and concern.
- We are incorporated with the State of Wyoming as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.
- Our goals are to restore medical staffing and services to a Riverton-based hospital to support a Level III emergency room, diagnostic services, OB/GYN services and 24-hour inpatient surgical services, as well as recruiting and retaining physicians for Riverton.
- We expect to work cooperatively with a hospital management firm that has the resources, ability, and desire to engage in dialogue with local residents for the purpose of understanding and fulfilling our acute care and emergency medical needs.
- For longer than we care to acknowledge, our community has been struggling with one medical challenge after another. Over the past four years we have seen significant deterioration in services offered at our hospital and substantial declines in staffing.
- We believe that it is the community's responsibility to build, grow, and preserve its medical system. Healthcare is a very personal, political, and public concern for all of us. It is about helping our neighbors when they are most vulnerable, maintaining a quality of life for our loved ones at a reasonable cost, and growing an economy able to attract new business ventures.
- This is a time for all of us to take charge of our own futures and our medical system. Instead of continuing to point fingers at problems, the Save Our Riverton Hospital committee has chosen to point fingers in a new direction: the way forward.
- A good starting point is to take a very objective look at the healthcare services our community uses, those it needs and those it can economically support. We have started that effort with a 3-part market assessment that includes market research on local consumption by service line, a scientifically sound community survey on local expectations, and a series of focus groups.
- Our next step is to contract with a specialized resource for a full feasibility study that can project revenues as well as real costs associated with those services. The resulting report will tell us very definitively what our various, and best options are for restoring services. There are many options on the table and we are open to exploring all of them without prejudice. We are currently fundraising to afford this effort.
- Our next Community Meeting is Dec. 10 at St. Margaret's in Riverton.

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