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I would not insult them by saying the inmates are in charge of the asylum but when workers take over a plant, there must be an alternate line for that.

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FEATHERLY**

In a letter to the hospital board of trustees, the one in which the ad hoc committee demanded the resignations of Mr. Harms and board chairman Bill Bagley, the self-appointed group of physicians even named Harms' replacement. You

It has never been determined just how many of the physicians who practice at the local hospital led the insurrection to get rid of the latest administrator. It may have been but a handful or it may have been the majority of practicing doctors. They won't say. Whoever participated in the removal of CEO Charlie Harms undoubtedly cost the hospital a pretty penny for a severance package, loss of image in the medical field, and made it far more difficult to attract a qualified replacement hospital administrator/CEO.

might think the surviving board members would absolutely refuse to be bullied by an indeterminate group of dissident physicians. But, you'd be wrong. You might think that, in order to prove to residents of Laramie County (after all, this is a county, general hospital, and receives substantial public funding) that the board was in charge, that the board would make the decisions after wilting under the pressure to force Harms resignation, you might think they'd tell the group of physicians, "that's enough, you got your way with the CEO, but you don't get to pick the next one." But you'd be wrong again.

But, will that (outside recruitment) even be necessary? Or will this replacement mirror the situation in Laramie when the University of Wyoming Board of Trustees tried to pass over the UW faculty's choice to lead them and, after inconveniencing and "outing" other qualified applicants, named the only one - Tom Buchanan - acceptable to those who called the shots. The faculty.

Obviously, if workers selected their supervisors, that solution would be fraught with unimaginable problems. No well-run organization could allow the inmates that much control of the asylum. But, that's exactly what happened. The physician named by his colleagues as a suitable replacement for Charlie Harms has been appointed to that position. Is he qualified? Yes. But the issue is who is going to call the shots at CRMC. Now you know. Five will get you ten that the interim guy becomes the permanent CEO.

The situation at the local hospital is uncannily similar.

A remarkable lady is gone



A longtime reader of the Cheyenne Herald, Naomi Chesky showed her support for this publication in many ways. Her verbal encouragement and written praise went along with her being the most senior citizen to ever deliver the Herald to others. The extensive interview she granted me in early 2007 led to two stories on the then-95 year old marvel.

Her incredible recall of events from over 90 years earlier was astonishing. Her grace, class and dignity and her pride in being 95 years old and still active and productive were just as remarkable. She asked me that day if I thought she'd live to be 100. I told her honestly that I thought she would. There was no reason to think otherwise. I wish I had been right. She is gone but she will not be forgotten.

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