



National Rural Health Association

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Inaugural cohort for NRHA Rural Hospital CMO Certification Program launches

[Kansas City, Mo.] – The National Rural Health Association’s (NRHA) Rural Hospital CMO Certification Program launched its first cohort in July 2023.

Physician leadership is paramount to the success and health of rural hospitals and communities. With the constantly changing health care landscape, there has never been a more crucial time for physician leaders to have the tools, knowledge, and network of peers and experts they need to thrive in their roles.

NRHA’s Rural Health Leadership Education Foundation exists to fund programs that nurture current and future leaders. The July 2023 cohort consists of the following participants:

- Anne Millard – Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital, Glasgow, Mont.
- Bensson Samuel – MyMichigan Sault, Sault Saint, Mich.
- Carson Seeber – Tri State Memorial Hospital, Clarkston, Wash.
- Christy Tuomi – South Peninsula Hospital, Homer, Alaska
- David Shoemaker – Astria Health, Sunnyside, Wash.
- Ian Stormont – Memorial Hospital of Lafayette County, Darlington, Wis
- Kenneth Anaeme – Sage Memorial Hospital, Ganando, Ariz.
- Kevin Harada – Nothern Montana Health Care, Havre, Mont.
- Kevin Omilusik – Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation, Dillingham, Alaska
- Kristen Dillon – Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, Washington, D.C.
- Lisa Mark – UVMHN Medical Group, Plattsburgh, N.Y.
- Marlena Strandir – Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation, Dillingham, Alaska
- Michael Beaulieu – Helen Newberry Joy Hospital, Newberry, Mich.
- Sameta Sosa – Uvalde Memorial Hospital, Uvalde, Texas

About NRHA's Rural Hospital CMO Certification Program: NRHA's Rural Hospital CMO Certification Program was developed *by* successful rural hospital CMOs *for* rural hospital CMOs to help them strengthen their leadership skills and lead their hospital to success. An individual with this certification will immediately be recognized as someone qualified to be a physician leader in a rural hospital with excellence.

To learn more about all available programs, visit www.crhleadership.com