

NRHA Rural Hospital CEO Certification Program

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Third NRHA Rural Hospital CEO Certification cohort graduates

[Kansas City, Mo.] – The National Rural Health Association’s (NRHA) Rural Hospital CEO Certification Program has completed its third cohort, which started in March 2021.

Leadership makes the difference. Today’s rural hospitals and clinics face tremendous challenges and uncertainty and are closing at an unprecedented rate. One in every three rural hospitals have been identified as “at risk,” and nearly half of rural hospital CEOs are first-time CEOs. Hospital CEO turnover continues to lead all industries, and when turnover occurs, the pool of qualified candidates is limited.

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

- Aaron Kuehn - Ness County Hospital - Ness City, Kan.
- Albert Ferrabone - McDonough District Hospital - Macomb, Ill.
- Andrea Taylor - Memorial Health System - Abilene, Kan.
- Andrew Raymond - Kalkaska Memorial Health Center - Kalkaska, Mich.
- Angela Portman - Breckenridge Health - Hardinsburg, Kent.
- Chuck Nordyke - Clarinda Regional Health Center - Clarinda, Iowa
- Cynthia Lewis - Astria Health - Prosser, Wash.
- Daniel Conklin - Kalkaska Memorial Health Center - Fife Lake, Mich.
- David Williams - John C Fremont Healthcare District - Mariposa, Calif.
- Emily Eitzen - Fairview Regional Medical Center - Fairview, Okla.
- Gina Frack - Norton County Hospital - Norton, Kan.
- Hunter Thoms - First Physicians Capital Group - Edmond, Okla.

- Lee Clinton - Titusville Area Hospital - Titusville, Penn.
- Lori McMillin - Mercy Tishomingo Hospital - Ada, Okla.
- Megan McCrorey - Plumas District Hospital - Quincy, Ore.
- Michelle Franklin - Sullivan County Community Hospital - Sullivan, Ind.
- Miranda Walz Allen - Seiling Municipal Hospital - Seiling, Okla.
- Natalie Burnham - Carthage Area Hospital - Carthage, N.Y.
- Richard Scheinblum - Monadnock Community Hospital - Peterborough, N.H.
- Roy Palmer - Smith County Memorial Hospital - Mankato, Kan.
- Steve Pautler - Ste. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital - Ste. Genevieve, Mo.
- Tina Haynes - Claiborne Memorial Medical Center - Homer, Lou.

NRHA extends our congratulations the March 2021 cohort.

About NRHA's Rural Hospital CEO Certification Program

NRHA's Rural Hospital CEO Certification Program was developed by successful rural hospital CEOs to help current rural hospital CEOs strengthen their leadership skills and lead their hospital to success. An individual with this certification will immediately be recognized as someone qualified to lead a rural hospital with excellence.

To see our March 2021 cohort's graduation ceremony, click [here](#).

The next cohort launches in February 2022. For more information about available programs and to apply, visit www.crhleadership.com.