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Eighth cohort for NRHA's Rural Hospital CEO Certification Program launches

[Kansas City, Mo.] – National Rural Health Association's (NRHA) Rural Hospital CEO Certification Program launched its eighth cohort in November 2023.

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 has been identified as "at risk." According to NRHA CEO Alan Morgan, "Leadership is the biggest predictor of rural hospital success."

The following individuals were accepted into the November 2023 Cohort:

- Amber Powell- Deaconess Union County Hospital, Morganfield, Ky.
- Brandon Williams- Braxton County Memorial Hospital & Summersville Regional Medical Center, Summersville, W. Va.
- Catherine Bambrick- Astria Toppenish Hospital, Toppenish, Wash.
- David Alcindor- South Lincoln Hospital District, Kemmerer, Wyo.
- Deborah Harris-, Sutter Santa Rose, Petaluma, Calif.
- Jennifer Gregson- Red Bud Regional Hospital, Red Bud, Ill.
- Joe Marshall- Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital, Sonora, Texas
- Karen Brown- Mountrail County Medical Center, Stanley, N.D.
- Laura Findeiss- National Academy of Medicine Park City, Utah
- Laura Gamble - Pender Community Hospital, Pender, Neb.
- Melinda Laird- Cordell Memorial Hospital, Cordell, Okla.
- Michael Flynn- Monadnock Community Hospital, Peterborough, N.H.
- Michelle Fortune- St Luke's Hospital, Columbus, N.C.
- Pauline Cass- Stoughton Hospital, Stoughton, Wis.
- Tabitha Stanfast- Salem Memorial District Hospitals, Salem, Mo.

- Tom Vasko- Newman Memorial Hospital Shattuck, Okla.

About NRHA's Rural Hospital CEO Certification Program: NRHA's Rural Hospital CEO Certification Program was developed by successful rural hospital CEOs for rural hospital CEOs 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 CEO leader in a rural hospital with excellence. NRHA's Rural Hospital Certification Programs are facilitated by the Center for Rural Health Leadership.

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