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Pilot cohort for NRHA Rural Hospital CEO Certification Program graduates

[Kansas City, Mo., October 2020] – The National Rural Health Association’s (NRHA) Rural Hospital CEO Certification Program has graduated its first cohort, which started in February.

The pilot cohort consisted of the following NRHA CEO-certified participants:

- Alania Pendarvis Cedillo, Pharm.D., MPH – Marion General Hospital and Jefferson Davis Community Hospital, Columbia, Miss.
- Anna M. Anna, RN, BSN, MHA, NE-BC – Tyrone Hospital, Tyrone, Penn.
- Brian G. Williams – Northern Montana Hospital, Havre, Mont.
- Catherine White, MBA, CHFP – Harney County Health District, Burns, Ore.
- Cynthia Martens-Lamont – Monroe County Hospital, Monroeville, Ala.
- David Doorn – Sublette County Rural Health Care District, Pinedale, Wyo.
- Dolan Dalpoas – Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital, Lincoln, Ill.
- Hunter Nostrant – Helen Newberry Joy Hospital and Healthcare Center, Newberry, Mich.
- Jacqueline Rae-Costley Reviel – Allen Parish Community Healthcare, DeRidder, La.
- Jason Bleak MBA, FACHE – Battle Mountain General Hospital, Battle Mountain, Nev.
- Jenni Word – Wallowa Memorial Hospital, Enterprise, Ore.
- John McReynolds – North Valley Hospital District, Tonasket, Wash.
- JoDee Read – Plumas District Hospital, Quincy, Calif.
- Julie Leonard – Tristate Memorial Hospital, Hayden, Idaho
- Kelly Judice – Ochiltree General Hospital, Perryton, Texas
- Kevin DeRonde – Mahaska Health, Oskaloosa, Iowa

- Kyle Kellum – Cherry County Hospital, Valentine, Neb.
- Melanie Richburg – Lynn County Hospital District, Tahoka, Texas
- Nathan Blad MBA, MHA – Renville County Hospital and Clinics, Olivia, Minn.
- Ronald Telles – Whidbey Health, Coupeville, Wash.
- Stacey Gabriel – Hocking Valley Community Hospital, Logan, Ohio
- Tanya Sharp – Boone County Health Center, Albion, Neb.
- Tracy Koster – Carlinville Area Hospital, Carlinville, Ill.

We extend our congratulations to the 2020 Pilot Cohort.

About NRHA's Rural Hospital CEO Certification Program: Today's rural hospitals and clinics face tremendous challenges and uncertainty and are closing at an unprecedented rate. One in three rural hospitals is potentially at risk of closure, and nearly half of rural hospital CEOs are new to the job. Hospital CEO turnover continues to lead all industries, limiting the pool of qualified candidates. 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 the pilot cohort's graduation ceremony, click [here](#).

For more information, on the program, visit <https://www.ruralhospitalceo.com/ceo-certification-program>.