



# National Rural Health Association

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## **Sixth cohort for NRHA's Rural Hospital CEO Certification Program graduates**

**[Kansas City, Mo.]** – National Rural Health Association's (NRHA) Rural Hospital CEO Certification Program has completed its sixth cohort, which started in September 2022.

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."

NRHA's Rural Health Leadership Education Foundation exists to fund programs that nurture current and future leaders. The graduating September 2022 cohort consists of the following NRHA CEO-certified participants:

- Angela McConnachie - United Healthcare Partners, Marlette, Mich.
- Angie Shaw - Eureka Springs Hospital, Eureka Springs, Ark.
- April Hansen - Mercy Hospital Carthage, Carthage, Mo.
- Brian Lady - Concho County Hospital, Eden, Texas
- David Donahoo - Cascade Medical Center Hospital District, Cascade, Idaho
- Jason Chrisman - Sullivan County Memorial Hospital, Milan, Mo.
- Jayd Keener - Garfield County Hospital, Pomeroy, Wash.
- Kelly Jefferson - OSF St. Francis Hospital and Medical Group, Escanaba, Mich.
- Kym Clift - Tri State Memorial Hospital, Clarkston, Wash.
- Leslie Huitt - Bradley County Medical Center, Warren, Ark.
- Lili Petricevic - Sheridan Community Hospital, Sheridan, Wis.
- Mathew Slaybaugh - Garfield County Hospital, Pomeroy, Wash.
- Megan Heath - Gordon Memorial Hospital, Gordon, Neb.
- Natalie Ryder - Ascension, Dowagiac, Mich.
- Paula Meskan - River's Edge Hospital, Saint Peter, Minn.

- Raigan Brown - Memorial Hospital, Carthage, Ill.
- Randy Barymon - St. Bernards Fiver Rivers, Pocahontas, Ark.
- Zachary D'Argonne - HealthONE, Denver, Colo.

**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.

To learn more about all available programs, visit [www.crhleadership.com](http://www.crhleadership.com)