

# NRHA Rural Hospital CEO Certification Program

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## **NRHA Rural Hospital CEO Certification Program launches third cohort**

**[Kansas City, Mo.]** – The National Rural Health Association’s (NRHA) Rural Hospital CEO Certification Program launches its third cohort of 22 participants in March.

The cohort consists of the following 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 (Mich.) Memorial Health Center
- Angela Portman – Breckenridge Health, Hardinsburg, Ky.
- Chuck Nordyke – Clarinda (Iowa) Regional Health Center
- Cynthia Lewis – Astria Health, Prosser, Wash.
- Daniel Conklin – Kalkaska (Mich.) Memorial Health Center
- David Williams – John C. Fremont Healthcare District, Mariposa, Calif.
- Emily Eitzen – Fairview (Okla.) Regional Medical Center
- Gina Frack – Norton County Hospital, Norton, Kan.
- Hunter Thoms – First Physicians Capital Group, Edmond, Okla.
- Lee Clinton – Titusville (Pa.) Area Hospital
- 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 (Okla.) Municipal Hospital
- Natalie Burnham – Carthage (N.Y.) Area Hospital
- 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, La.

**About NRHA's Rural Hospital CEO Certification Program:** Today's rural hospitals face tremendous challenges and uncertainty and are closing at an unprecedented rate. One in three rural hospitals has 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 Hospital CEO Certification Program was developed by successful rural hospital CEOs to help current rural hospital CEOs strengthen their leadership skills. An individual with this certification will immediately be recognized as someone qualified to lead a rural hospital with excellence.

[View our pilot cohort's graduation ceremony.](#)

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