



# National Rural Health Association

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## Inaugural cohort for NRHA Rural Hospital Board Certification Program launches

**[Kansas City, Mo.]** – The National Rural Health Association’s (NRHA) Rural Hospital Board Certification Program launched its first cohort in July 2023.

Board leadership is paramount to the success and health of rural hospitals and communities. With the constantly changing health care landscape, there has never been a more crucial time for board trustees to have the tools, knowledge, and network of peers and experts they need to thrive in their roles.

NRHA’s Rural Health Leadership Education Foundation exists to fund programs that nurture current and future leaders. The July 2023 cohort consists of the following participants:

- Patricia (Patti) Mitchell – Barrett Hospital and HealthCare, Dillon, Mont.
- Dennis Pickrel – Carlinville Area Hospital, Carlinville, Ill.
- Patricia (Patti) Vickman – Door County Medical Center, Sturgeon Bay, Wis.
- Chryisse Regehr – Langdon Prairie Health, Langdon, N.D.
- Alec Clownes – Mammoth Hospital, Mammoth Lakes, Calif.
- John Pinikvar – Memorial Regional Hospital of Craig, Craig, Colo.
- Roger Richmond – Memorial Regional Hospital of Craig, Craig, Colo.
- Kay Olson – North Shore Health, Grand Marias, Minn.
- Mary Sanders – North Shore Health, Grand Marias, Minn.
- David Shaw – Pershing General Hospital, Brookfield, Mo.
- Jamie Tippet – Pomerene Hospital, Millersburg, Ohio
- Craig Mullet – Pomerene Hospital, Millersburg, Mo.
- Christine Musgrove – Scotland County Hospital, Gorin, Mo.
- Francine Webber – St. Vincent General Hospital District, Leadville, Colo.
- Christy Lindh – St. Vincent General Hospital District, Leadville, Colo.
- Andrew Hooper – Pacific Medical Center, Elma, Wash.

**About NRHA's Rural Hospital Board Certification Program:** Providing leadership at a rural hospital requires a unique skillset, which is one resounding reason for the creation of this program. This program was created *for* rural hospital board trustees *by* rural hospital board trustees to provide the tools, network, and knowledge needed to help their rural hospital thrive.

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