



National Rural Health Association

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Inaugural cohort for NRHA's Rural Hospital HR Certification Program launches

[Kansas City, Mo.] – The National Rural Health Association's (NRHA) Rural Hospital HR Certification Program launched its first cohort in May 2023.

The increasing rates of employee burnout and turnover coupled with the struggle to recruit and retain staff are just some of the everyday obstacles faced by rural hospital HR leaders. Along with constantly changing policies and regulations and a lack of resources across the board, there has never been a more crucial time to support rural hospital HR leaders. Leadership makes the difference.

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

- Alisha DeBilt – Mountrail County Medical Center, Stanley, Md.
- Andrea Taylor – Abilene, Kan.
- Aron Kitzmiller – Pomerene Hospital, Millersburg, Ohio
- Carrie Krampits – McKenzie Health System, Sandusky, Mich.
- Charles Pitcher – Garfield County Hospital District #1, Pomeroy, Wash.
- Dana Magers – Reeves Regional Health, Pecos, Texas
- Dana Quintanilla – Sweeny Community Hospital, Sweeny, Texas
- Deana Proctor – Eastland Memorial Hospital District, Eastland, Texas
- Heather Ryan – Benewah Community Hospital, St. Maries, Idaho
- Holly Tavernier – Lower Umpqua Hospital District, Reedsport, Ore.
- Jackie Kimmet – River's Edge Hospital and Clinic, St. Peter, Minn.
- Janeen Reding – Good Shepherd Health Care System, Hermiston, Ore.
- Jenna Janu – Glacial Ridge Health System, Glenwood, Minn.
- Jennifer Rivera – Catalina Island Medical Center, Avalon, Calif.

- Pearl Jousy Garcia – Ochiltree General Hospital, Perryton, Texas
- Kelli Brooks – Beauregard Health System, DeRidder, La.
- Kim Williams – Muenster Memorial Hospital, Muenster, Texas
- Krista Doble – Melissa Memorial Hospital, Holyoke, Colo.
- Laura Sarver – Mahaska Health, Oskaloosa, Iowa
- Lynnette Siedschlaw – Memorial Regional Health, Craig, Colo.
- McKayla Thege – Providence Medical Center, Wayne, Neb.
- Megan Wopat – Gundersen St. Joseph's Hospital and Clinics, Hillsboro, Wis.
- Nicci Hays – Claiborne Memorial Medical Center, Homer, La.
- Rheta Recore – UMNH-CVPH, Plattsburgh, N.Y.
- Tammi Hernandez – Tri-State Memorial Hospital and Clinics, Clarkston, Wash.

About NRHA's Rural Hospital HR Certification Program: Providing leadership in 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 HR leaders *by* rural hospital HR leaders 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