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Sixth cohort for NRHA's Rural Hospital CNO Certification Program launches

[Kansas City, Mo.] – National Rural Health Association's (NRHA) Rural Hospital CNO Certification Program launched its sixth cohort in October 2023.

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."

The following nurse leaders were accepted into the October 2023 Cohort:

- Alicia Kunz- Fall River Health Services, Hot Springs, S.D.
- Amy Zimmer- Memorial Community Hospital and Health System, Blair, Neb.
- April Warren - Mountrail County Medical Center, Stanley, N.D..
- Athena Minor - Ohio County Healthcare, Hartford, Ky.
- Bertha Higbee- Humboldt General Hospital, Winnemucca, Nev..
- Dena Hanson- Mobridge Regional Hospital, Mobridge, S.D.
- Gillian Lundall-Heyd- CHI St. Alexius Turtle Lake Hospital, Turtle Lake, N.D.
- Hannah Zaun- Dakota Regional Medical Center, Cooperstown, N.D.
- Kelsey Goodwin- Hanover Hospital, Hanover, Kan.
- Kenda Kay Clopton- Ozarks Community Hospital, Gravette, Ark.
- Lorrie Antos- CHI St. Alexius Health Williston Medical Center, Williston, N.D.
- Marci Givens - Yuma District Hospital & Clinics, Yuma, Colo.
- Michael Martinoli - Ferry County Public Hospital District, Republic, Wash.
- Rachel Cummings - Adams County Regional Medical Center, Seaman, Ohio.
- Sara Corsair - Grisell Memorial Hospital, Ransom, Kan.
- Stephanie Postol - St. Luke's Hospital, Columbus, N.C..

- Wendy Trickey - Hardin Medical Center, Savannah, Tenn.

About NRHA's Rural Hospital CNO Certification Program: NRHA's Rural Hospital CNO Certification Program was developed by successful rural hospital CNOs for rural hospital CNOs 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 CNO leader in a rural hospital with excellence. NRHA's Rural Hospital Certification Programs are facilitated by the Center for Rural Health Leadership.

To learn more about all available programs, visit www.crhleadership.com.