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**Ninth cohort for NRHA’s Rural Hospital CEO Certification Program launches**

**[Kansas City, Mo.] –** National Rural Health Association’s (NRHA) Rural Hospital CEO Certification Program launched its ninth cohort in May 2024.

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 predicter of rural hospital success.”

The following individuals were accepted into the May 2024 cohort:

* Ashley DeHerrera - South Central Colfax County Special Hospital District, Springer, N.M.
* Brian Stephens - Door County Medical Center, Sturgeon Bay, Wis.
* Carlee Segebrecht - Memorial Hospital of Lafey, Darlington, Wis.
* Christopher Brophy - Crossing Rivers Health, Prairie du Chien, Wis.
* Garrett Morgan - St. Bernards, Jonesboro, Ark.
* Heidi Anderson - Forks Community Hospital Forks, Forks, Wash.
* Jamie Eraas - Tioga Medical Center, Tioga, N.D.
* Jeanette Schacher - Columbia Memorial Hospital, Astoria, Ore.
* Jennifer Featherston- Stevens County Hospital, Hugoton, Kan.
* Jennifer Riley - Memorial Regional Health, Craig, Colo.
* Kelly Hughes - Coulee Medical Center, Grand Coulee, Wash.
* Kim Lucero - Mt. San Rafael Hospital, Trinidad, Colo.
* Nikki Hendren - Harrison County Community Hospital, Bethany, Mo.
* Richard Haraldson - Beatrice Community Hospital and Health Center, Beatrice, Neb.
* Robert Dyer - Cozad Community Health System, Cozad, Neb.
* Tiffany Bennet - Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation, Dillingham, Alaska
* Tiffany Griffis - Eastern Oklahoma Medical Center, Poteau, Okla.

**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 lead 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](http://www.crhleadership.com)