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Hospital trustees and administrators earn education certification

LINCOLN, NEB. - A hospital's board of trustees is entrusted with the great responsibility of overseeing one of the community's most important institutions—one that exists for the treatment and protection of the health care needs of the community's citizens.

For this reason, the Nebraska Hospital Association (NHA) Research and Educational Foundation developed a hospital governance community education certification process for its member hospitals, entitled the *Hospital Trustee Community Accountability Education Certification Program*.

The Trustee Education Certification Program was designed to enable hospitals to utilize governance best practices, to promote the coordination of care and the best use of resources, and to demonstrate to their community, lawmakers, regulators, physicians, employees, business and other community stakeholders that Nebraska hospitals are dedicated to the well-being of its citizens.

Hospital boards benefit by having consistent standards and an ability to communicate compliance with those standards to build reputation, confidence and loyalty, and be better prepared to address the health care needs of special populations, such as the uninsured, underinsured, chronic diseases, etc. The education requirements of the program assist hospital trustees to have a better understanding of expectations for individual and overall governing leadership excellence, and have a structure for improving their individual knowledge and leadership potential. This voluntary annual program ensures that trustees are kept current in the ever-changing health care landscape.

Nearly 80 trustees and administrators from 16 hospitals and health systems in Nebraska have dedicated the time and effort to governance practices to earn NHA member hospital trustee education certification by attending quality education programs that demonstrate a commitment to improving performance of their boards, encouraging trustees to pursue ongoing education and educating trustees about their responsibility in serving their communities. See the list below.

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- **Brown County Hospital, Ainsworth**
 - Crystal Dailey
 - John Gross
 - Ann Fiala
 - Ryan Welke
- **Bryan Health Board of Directors, Lincoln - Board Certified since 2009**
- **Bryan Medical Center Board of Directors - Lincoln, Board Certified since 2009**
- **Butler County Health Care Center, David City**
 - James Egr
 - Jason Lavicky
 - Diane Moravec
 - Jerry Roh
 - Bev Struebing
- **Crete Area Medical Center, Crete**
 - Linda Stones
- **Faith Regional Health Services, Norfolk**
 - Linda Miller
- **Friend Community Healthcare System, Friend**
 - Aubrey Paulsen
- **Great Plains Health, North Platte**
 - Kathy Bourque
 - Byron Barksdale, M.D.
 - Jay Engel
 - Misty Robertson
 - James Smith, M.D.
 - Jody Tomanek
- **Harlan County Health System, Alma**
 - Bruce Beins
 - Richard Calkins
- **Memorial Community Hospital & Health System, Blair**
 - Sarah Chatt
 - Robert Copple, former CEO
 - Teresa Hawlik
 - Daniel Hunt
- **Memorial Health Care Systems, Seward**
 - Donna Havener
 - John Hughes

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- Steve Kayton
- James Swanson
- Marlin Pozehl
- Tammy Wissing
- **Pender Community Hospital**
 - Mel Brokaw, Jr.
 - Lorraine Lander
 - Michael Minert
 - Leon Svoboda
- **Providence Medical Center, Wayne**
 - Karen Harrington
 - Galen Wiser
- **Saunders Medical Center, Wahoo**
 - Marsha Rogers
- **Tri Valley Health System, Cambridge**
 - Clark Andrews
 - Randy Heitmann
 - Patrick Horwart
 - Reg Warner
- **Valley County Health System, Ord - Board Certified since 2013**
 - Dr. Charles Blaha
 - Nathan Flessner
 - Gary Garnick
 - Nancy Glaubke
 - Morley Koll
 - Roger Lansman
 - Carl Streeter
 - Michelle Zangger

Three hospitals and health care systems have taken the additional steps to become an NHA Board-Certified Organization. They have adhered to specific, predefined governance standards that exemplify community accountability and outreach, responsibility for quality and safety of care to address identified needs, and the characteristics of a high-performance board.

- Bryan Health Board of Trustees, Lincoln
- Bryan Medical Center Board of Trustees, Lincoln
- Valley County Health System Board of Trustees, Ord