



2023

RURAL HEALTH LEADERS CONFERENCE

June 27-28, 2023
Drifter's Event Center
Fort Pierre, SD

 **South Dakota**
Association of Healthcare Organizations

Rural Health Leaders Conference

JUNE 27 SCHEDULE

11:00am - 12:00 pm | Registration and Lunch

12:00 - 1:00 pm | Workforce Updates from 2022 Rural Health Leaders Conference | SDAHO

Building a Strong Future for Nursing in South Dakota – Starting Now' was the topic at SDAHO's 2022 Rural Health Leaders conference. Leaders from SDAHO will kick off this session with a recap of this discussion and provide an update on workforce initiatives taking place within the state.

1:15 - 2:15 pm | The New Future of Rural Healthcare: Strategies for Success | Eric Shell, CPA, MBA, Chairman, Stroudwater Associates

As the healthcare industry transforms, rural hospitals face the challenge of how to best prepare for success and sustainability in an environment that rewards value instead of volume. This journey becomes even more perilous as hospitals struggle to transition their delivery and payment systems simultaneously and must decide whether to affiliate or continue to operate independently. In his presentation Future of Rural Healthcare: Strategies for Success, Stroudwater Director Eric Shell takes an in-depth look at the industry as a whole and at the particular struggle faced by rural and community hospitals, and outlines strategies for these facilities to not only survive, but thrive in the fast-approaching era of population health. This presentation is a valuable tool for healthcare leaders seeking the best strategy to guide their facilities across the "shaky bridge" from fee-for-service to reimbursement based on value and quality.



Eric Shell

2:15 - 2:45 pm | Follow-up Discussion on the Future of Rural Healthcare & Health System Strategies | Eric Shell, CPA, MBA, Chairman, Stroudwater Associates

3:00 - 4:00 pm | Sustainability of Healthcare Organizations: A Plan of Action | Panel: Jessica Aguilar, FACHE, System Executive Director – Operations, Health Services Division, Sanford Health; Bryan Breitling, Administrator, Avera Dells Area Hospital & Avera Flandreau Hospital; Erica Peterson, Senior Director, Sanford Chamberlain Medical Center; Curt Hohman, Vice President Managed Hospital Services, Avera Health

Issues surrounding sustainability for healthcare institutions into the 21st century in the U.S., with regards to the era of healthcare reform, are very complex. Within the scope of priorities, this discussion will emphasize the necessity of understanding the key potential and existing operational and cost problem areas for healthcare system growth and sustainability as healthcare providers continue to face future operational, reimbursement, and environmental challenges. The primary goal of this discussion is to provide an overview of the models of current successes and solutions with a focus on a realistic plan of action. *This program has been developed and is presented locally by South Dakota Healthcare Executive Group. The American College of Healthcare Executives has awarded 1 ACHE Face-to-Face Education Credit to this program.*

4:15 - 4:45 pm | Stop the Bleed Program | Mike Person, MD, FACS, Medical Director, Avera McKennan Trauma Service

The American College of Surgeons (ACS) STOP THE BLEED® program is administered by the ACS Committee on Trauma (ACS COT). The ACS COT, formed in 1922, has put forth a continuous effort to improve care of injured patients in our society. Today trauma activities are administered through an 86-member committee overseeing a field force of more than 3,500 Fellows who are working to develop and implement meaningful programs for trauma care in local, regional, national, and international arenas. With programs such as its STOP THE BLEED® Course, the COT strives to improve the care of injured patients before, during, and after hospitalization. The STOP THE BLEED® campaign was initiated by a federal interagency workgroup convened by the National Security Council Staff, The White House.

5:00 pm | Social

Attendees can unwind on Tuesday evening for a social visiting with colleagues and companies focused on medical, financial, and innovative healthcare solutions, followed by fun and relaxation. Overlooking the beautiful Missouri River, guests can relax, socialize, or play games on the event terrace.

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JUNE 28 SCHEDULE

7:00 - 8:00 am | **Breakfast**

8:00 - 9:00 am | **South Dakota Medicaid Eligibility & Enrollment** | Sarah Aker, Division Director Medical Services

Changes are coming to South Dakota Medicaid in 2023! During this session, the Department of Social Services will provide updates on Medicaid expansion, eligibility, and other upcoming changes.

9:15 - 10:15 am | **A Collaborative Approach to Manage Hospital to Nursing Home Transitions** | Nita Dunham, MS, RN, CMAC, CDP, Systems Director of Case Management, Monument Health

Transitions can be challenging for patients who meet the criteria for nursing home placement, whether the patient is in need of a short-term or long-term stay. The organization highlighted in this session was faced with hospital capacity issues and patient flow challenges that were further impacted by a 19.3% readmission rate for this population. This necessitated case management partnering with the providers, multidisciplinary team and community facilities to coordinate individualized patient plans with a focus on safe transitions. In this session, you will learn key strategies to implement a community Geriatric Forum Collaborative that can be utilized in multiple health care settings that leverages the electronic medical record, standardized expectations and regulatory compliance for both hospitals and nursing homes.



Nita Dunham

10:15 - 10:45 am | **Discussion on Care Transitions**

11:00 am - 12:00 pm | **Federal Legislative Update** | Sarah Schmidt, Health Advisor to U.S. Sen. John Thune

Congress is considering legislation on a number of issues that affect hospitals and their communities. This session will provide an update from policy makers in D.C. on the status of current legislative efforts in Congress to address issues of concern to rural health providers as well as an update on the outlook for Medicare and Medicaid policy changes that affect hospitals.

REGISTRATION

Registration is per person and includes sessions on June 27 and 28, networking social, breakfast and lunch, and continuing education hours for long-term care administrators. Registration is \$200 for SDAHO member facility staff and \$300 for non-member facility staff.

Visit sdaho.org/rural-health-leaders-conference to register.

Cancellation/Refund Policy: Policies regarding refunding of registration fees for the SDAHO Rural Health Leaders Conference are 1) Full Refund if cancellation is received 2 weeks (June 13 or earlier) prior to the Conference; 2) NO REFUND if cancellation is received less than 2 weeks prior (June 14 or later) to the Conference; 3) NO REFUND for "No-Shows." Exceptions to this policy may be made in unusual circumstances and at the discretion of the SDAHO President.

Continuing Education: SDAHO is the South Dakota affiliate of LeadingAge, an approved provider of continuing education in nursing home administration by the South Dakota Board of Nursing Facility Administrators. There are up to 8.8 contact hours available to nursing home administrators at this conference.

VENUE AND LODGING

Conference Venue:

Drifter's Event Center
325 Hustan Ave
Fort Pierre

Lodging:

A block of rooms is available at AmericInn.

[Click here](#) to reserve your room online. Deadline is June 12, 2023.

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