2023
RURAL HEALTH LEADERS CONFERENCE
June 27-28, 2023
Drifter's Event Center
Fort Pierre, SD
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.

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.
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.

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.

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.