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Behavioral Health Affiliate of Iowa Virtual Summer Conference Series Friday, June 11 • Friday, July 23

Behavioral health series emphasizes resiliency and new viewpoints

Behavioral health staff are among the most-resilient health care workers, but they also deal with some of the most-stressful situations in a hospital setting. The [Behavioral Health Affiliate of Iowa's Summer Conference Series \(Friday, June 11, and Friday, July 23\)](#) will provide unique perspectives about resiliency and a range of other important topics – from suicide prevention models and workplace violence mitigation strategies to behavioral health space development and design. The series features both individual speakers and panel discussions.

Among the speakers is Joshua Morganstein, MD, assistant director of the Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress at the Uniformed Services University in Bethesda, Maryland. Dr. Morganstein's July 23rd presentation – Seeing Light at the End ... Promoting Resilience in the Workforce While Leading Toward Recovery From COVID-19 – will look at how to effectively respond to protracted disasters to promote well-being and enhance resilience among health care workers, patients and communities.

Click [HERE](#) to register. Email [Tori Hanson](#) at IHA with questions or for more information.



IHA Board Governance Committee to meet next week

The Iowa Hospital Association Governance Committee will meet **Tuesday, June 15**, to discuss candidates for the IHA Board of Officers and Trustees. Committee members are:

- Steve Baumert, CEO, Methodist Jennie Edmundson, Council Bluffs.
- Carl Behne, CEO, Burgess Health Center, Onawa.
- Marty Guthmiller, CEO, Orange City Area Health System, Orange City.
- Robin Schluter, CEO, Regional Health Services of Howard County, Cresco.
- Ed Smith, CEO, Saint Anthony Regional Hospital, Carroll.

IHA members are encouraged to suggest people for consideration by the Governance Committee for positions on the board. The committee will evaluate candidates on:

- Ability and willingness to be a strong and active leader on the board.
- Participation as a grassroots advocate and in IHA meetings and events.
- Personal attributes and experience that demonstrate an ability to make positive contributions to the association.

The committee also will consider gender balance and diversity, and a balance of representation based on IHA districts, hospital size and hospital ownership. Anyone wishing to make a recommendation is encouraged to forward the suggestion to any of the listed committee members or to IHA President and CEO Kirk Norris.

The Governance Committee will report its recommendations to the IHA Board of Officers and Trustees in August. If approved, the recommendations will be voted on by the IHA House of Delegates in October when the delegates meet during the IHA Annual Meeting.

IHA releases latest hospital data trends

IHA has collected [Iowa hospital data trends for January-April 2021](#) as compared with the same time frame in 2020. 105 Iowa hospitals are included in this report:

- Acute discharges decreased 2.4% as acute patient days increased 4%.
- Average length of stay increased 6.7%.
- Births decreased 4%.
- Charity care increased 4%.
- Emergency department visits decreased 5.5%.
- Facility employment (excluding physicians) stayed the same.
- Hospital-based ambulatory surgery visits increased 32.3%.
- Inpatient admissions from the emergency department increased 1.1%.
- Inpatient surgeries increased 10.1%.
- Medicaid acute discharges increased 0.1%, and Medicaid acute patient days increased 7.6%.
- Net patient revenue (collected charges) increased 18.7%.
- Outpatient utilization increased 18.4%.
- Total expenses increased 8.2%.
- Uncompensated care (bad debts) decreased 16.8%.

Email [Allison Martin](#) at IHA with questions.



IDPH seeking program providers, partners

The Iowa Department of Public Health is seeking information from organizations interested in providing or partnering with:

- [1st Five.](#)
- [Child and Adolescent Health.](#)
- [I-Smile.](#)
- [Maternal Health.](#)
- [Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children.](#)

IDPH is interested in learning more about organizations' interests and capacities to provide, partner or outreach for these programs to develop requests for proposals. The purpose of the requests for proposals will be to address equity needs in the state and reduce health disparities.

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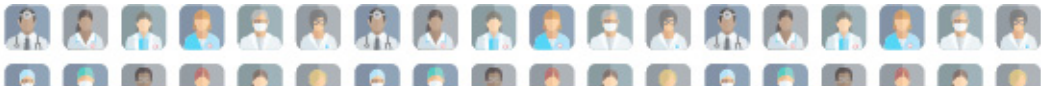
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Upcoming events

- [NOONS IN JUNE: A Summer Leadership Forum Virtual Series](#): Thursday, June 3-Thursday, June 24.
- [Telemedicine a Year Later: What's Next?](#): Tuesday, June 8.
- [Behavioral Affiliate of Iowa Conference Series](#): Friday, June 11-Friday, July 23.
- [Hospital Regulatory Webinar Series: Swing-bed Fundamentals](#): Tuesday, June 22.
- [2021 CPHQ Virtual Conference](#): Wednesday, July 21.
- [2021 Iowa Quality Residency Program](#): Thursday, Oct. 21-Friday, April 8.

Hospital jobs site connects hospitals with qualified candidates

Are you looking for qualified health care professionals for your Iowa hospital? [HospitalCareers.com](https://www.hospitalcareers.com) can help. This website connects thousands of nurses, providers and other hospital jobseekers with Iowa hospitals each year and is a main resource for jobseekers looking for work in health care.



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