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Wednesday clinical sessions to discuss positive engagement

Clinical session speakers during the Wednesday of the 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting will discuss ways clinicians can create positive engagement for themselves and employees. Participants can join three separate sessions on the second day of the conference, Wednesday, Oct. 6.

W1 Staying Joyfully Engaged at Every Stage of Your Career, 10:30-11:30 am

Donna Cardillo, RN, MA, CSP, FAAN, will discuss how to stay fully engaged and happy through the continuum of a career. Learning objectives from Cardillo's session include:

- Defining three methods to maximize multigenerational teams.
- Discussing ways to be a catalyst for positive change.
- Identifying three strategies to stay engaged and energized at every stage in a career.

W5 Pitfalls and Pointers for Measuring and Improving Employee Engagement, 1-2 pm

Participants in this session will learn what actions are needed to create a high level of engagement that will help their organization continually improve, advance strategies and achieve results. Jane McLead, RN, MSN, and Sue Tetzlaff, RN, RHIA, MH, FACHE, are principals and co-founders of Capstone Leadership Solutions and will share with participants ways to:

- Identify the primary users and uses of employee-engagement survey findings in health care.
- Identify two pitfalls and two pointers for improving employee engagement.
- Identify two pitfalls and two pointers for measuring employee engagement.

W8 Funny Thing About Stress, 2:30-3:30 pm

Stress management is an important part of physical and mental health, but most people don't know where to start. Kay Frances, MBS, CSP, stress management specialist, will provide information about self-care and bettering their lives. Learning objectives for the session include:

- Describing the meaning and causes of stress and how it affects lives.
- Discussing how to cope with change as a welcome part of life.
- Discussing the effects of stress on health and learning healthy ways to cope with it.
- Implementing stress management techniques.

The [2021 Virtual Annual Meeting](#) is scheduled for Oct. 5-7.

To register, click [HERE](#).

For a full list of sessions, click [HERE](#).



Donna Cardillo, RN, MA, CSP, FAAN, The Inspiration Nurse, DonnaCardillo.com



Jane McLeod, RN, MSN, Principal/Co-founder, and Sue Tetzlaff, RN, RHIA, MHA, FACHE, Principal/Co-founder, Capstone Leadership Solutions



Kay Frances, MBA, CSP, Stress Management Specialist, Kay's Keynotes

HRSA extends deadline to apply for health care workforce resiliency grants

Health care providers, associations and federally qualified health centers now have until Sept. 20 to apply for [\\$29 million](#) in Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grants. The grants can be used to promote resilience, mental health and wellness in the health care workforce.

Academic health centers, health professions schools and other eligible entities also have until Sept. 20 to apply for:

- [\\$68 million](#) in grants to develop, operate or participate in training in evidence-informed strategies to promote workforce resilience in rural and underserved communities.
- [\\$6 million](#) to provide tailored training and assistance to deploy such strategies.

Maternal health funding opportunities available

Three maternal health funding opportunities are available through the National Institutes of Health to help decrease maternal morbidity and to increase perinatal depression intervention.

The goal of the [Decoding Maternal and Morbidity Data Challenge](#) through the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) is to help advance research about maternal health and promote healthy pregnancies. Individuals or teams will devise new ways of analyzing the large dataset from NICHD's Nulliparous Pregnancy Outcomes Study to identify factors that affect maternal morbidity and severe maternal morbidity. The new analytics will help clinicians more accurately and quickly identify and treat pregnancy-related conditions and prevent severe illness or death.

The total purse for the challenge is \$400,000 with up to seven winners selected, each winning \$50,000. Up to five additional prizes of \$10,000 will be awarded to solutions that address maternal morbidity in at-risk racial and ethnic groups.

The deadline to apply for the Decoding Maternal and Morbidity Data challenge is **Oct. 15**.

The National Institutes of Health also recently announced two funding opportunities for planning and research project grants through Prevention of Perinatal Depression: Improving Intervention Delivery for At-risk Individuals. Applications should present ways to refine and examine preliminary effectiveness of perinatal depression preventive interventions in settings where women receive perinatal care.

The research scope for the funding opportunities includes:

- Refining and pilot testing strategies for identifying women at risk for perinatal depression.
- Developing and testing tools for selecting those most likely to benefit from preventive interventions.
- Refining and testing service-ready efficacious preventive interventions that are of appropriate intensity/dose and are scalable so they can be delivered reliably by setting providers.
- Optimizing and testing strategies that can be used to train providers and to support delivery of evidence-based approaches reliably across diverse health care and community settings.

The deadline to apply for both grants is **Nov. 9**.

For more information click [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

IHA MCO call set for Sept. 8

Remember to register for the upcoming IHA conference call to connect hospitals with representatives from the state's Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) and the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise. These calls provide an opportunity to raise concerns and ask questions about Medicaid issues.

The calls are held every other month from 2-3 pm. Providers are asked to register for the following calls:

- [Wednesday, Sept. 8](#).
- [Wednesday, Nov. 10](#).

Contact [Susan Horras](#) at IHA with questions.

IHA releases updated hospital data trends from January – June 2021 vs. 2020

IHA collected [Iowa hospital data trends](#) for January-June 2021 as compared with the same time frame in 2020. The report included 102 Iowa hospitals and found:

- Acute discharges increased 0.5% as acute patient days increased 5.6%.
- Medicaid acute discharges increased 2.3% and Medicaid acute patient days increased 9%.
- The average length of stay increased 4.9%.
- Births decreased 3.1%.
- Inpatient admissions from the emergency department increased 3.3%.
- Inpatient surgeries increased 16.7%.
- Ambulatory surgery visits (hospital-based) increased 31.8%.
- Emergency department visits increased 4.2%.
- Outpatient utilization increased 19.6%.
- Charity care increased 0.5%.
- Uncompensated care (bad debts) decreased 11.5%.
- Net patient revenue (collected charges) increased 17.8%.
- Total expenses increased 10%.
- Facility employment (excluding physicians) increased 2.3%.

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

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Iowa news

- [Iowa has spent more than \\$2 million with Utah companies for at-home COVID-19 testing](#)
- [UIHC receives approval for new \\$230M North Liberty hospital](#)
- [High percentage of delta variant cases hitting Polk County](#)

National news

- [15M US COVID-19 vaccine doses have been wasted since March](#)
- [3 times as many people died in August than July](#)
- [When will the delta surge end?](#)

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Upcoming events

- [IHA All-District Meeting](#): Sept. 16.
- [A Path Forward: Thriving in Rural Health Care After COVID-19](#): Sept. 16.
- [Iowa Society for Healthcare Engineering Virtual Fall Conference](#): Sept. 16-17.
- [Implicit Bias, A Hidden Risk for Ethical Lawyers](#): Sept. 21.
- [Emergency Preparedness Regulatory Webinar](#): Sept. 23.
- [2021 IHA Virtual Annual Meeting](#): Oct. 5-7.
- [Iowa Quality Residency Program](#): Oct. 21, 2021-April 8, 2022.
- [Making Your HVAC Systems Pandemic Ready with Needlepoint Bipolar Ionization](#): Oct. 26.
- [Workers' Compensation Conference](#): Oct. 27.

Hospital jobs site connects hospitals with qualified candidates

Are you looking for qualified health care professionals for your Iowa hospital? [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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