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\$2.45 million awarded for apprenticeship grant program

Gov. Kim Reynolds announced [eight recipients of the Iowa Health Careers Registered Apprenticeship Grant program](#). The program is based on the nursing and patient care program at the Career Academy of Pella and will provide high school students the opportunity to learn about health care careers while gaining real-world work experience with local nursing facilities and hospitals.

Gov. Reynolds spoke about the apprenticeship program in her State of the State address in January, and IHA has advocated for more programs and funding to support a health care workforce pipeline for Iowa's hospitals.

[The \\$2.45 million will serve 22 school districts](#) to support an estimated 450 apprentices. Awardees and partner school districts include:

- **Bettendorf.**
- **Boone.**
- **Grant Wood AEA:** Alburnett, Belle Plain, Benton, Clear Creek Amana, Center Point-Urbana, Cedar Rapids, Marion, Solon, Vinton-Shellsburg, Washington, West Branch and Williamsburg.
- **Hampton-Dumont.**
- **Scott Enterprises/Health Tech Associates:** Des Moines, Interstate 35, Johnston and Waukee.
- **Pella.**
- **Waterloo.**

Federal funds through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 were used for the grants. More information will be available in the future about the programs.

Negative hospital margins and labor challenges highlighted in report

U.S. hospitals and health systems continue to face difficult financial and operational

challenges in May according to the [latest report by Kaufman Hall](#). The report is based on data from more than 900 hospitals.

The report noted margins are “cumulatively negative” with hospitals continuing to perform below pre-pandemic levels. The report also noted some metrics normalized, but the outlook for the remainder of 2022 is uncertain.

Hospitals continue to see higher labor costs, fewer hours worked because of turnover and inflation, and long-standing labor shortages.

CEO PROFILE

JEREMY PITZER

CEO

CLIVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

FIVE THINGS ABOUT ME



I began as CEO of Clive Behavioral Health in November 2021. Before this, I was CEO of River Place Behavioral Health Hospital in New Orleans.

I have 20 years of progressive experience in behavioral health and served in senior clinical and executive leadership roles.

I received my bachelor's degree from the University of Saint Francis and a master of social work degree from the University of Illinois.



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1

Clive Behavioral Health is one of two freestanding psychiatric hospitals in Iowa. We offer inpatient and outpatient services.

2

MY EXPERIENCE IN MY NEW ROLE:

I hit the ground running and jumped into broader regional and statewide planning and development.

3

CHANGES IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH:

There's been an intense focus on safety the last 20 years, starting with restraint-reduction initiatives. We work to create a hands-free and safe environment for patients and staff.

4

The COVID-19 pandemic taught me:

Executives and health care leaders must be flexible in their thinking and ability to adapt to change.

5

Some of my hobbies include:

My wife and I took a furniture making workshop, and I've enjoyed doing that. I'm also learning to play the ukulele.

Missed a previous CEO podcast? Click the links below to learn more about Iowa's new hospital leaders:

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- [medical Center](#).
- [Ron Kloewer](#), CEO at [Montgomery County Memorial Hospital](#).
 - [Anthony Coleman](#), president and CEO at [Broadlawns Medical Center](#).
 - [Jill Groth](#), vice president and site administrator at [MercyOne Oelwein Medical Center](#).
 - [David Stark](#), president and CEO at [UnityPoint Health-Iowa Methodist Medical Center](#).
 - [Dave Burd](#), president and CEO at [Methodist Jennie Edmundson](#).
 - [Catherine Hillestad](#), CEO at [Adair County Health System](#).
 - [Ben Davis](#), CEO at [Osceola Regional Health Center](#).
 - [Deb Herzberg](#), president and CEO at [Avera Holy Family Hospital](#).
 - [Chuck Nurdyke](#), CEO at [Clarinda Regional Health Center](#).
 - [Cory Nelson](#), CEO at [Sioux Center Health](#).
 - [Cindy Carstens](#), CEO at [Stewart Memorial Community Hospital](#).



Iowa Hospital Association ASSOCIATE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Grainger provides supplies and solutions for Iowa hospitals

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To learn more about Grainger's products and services, email [Jason Smith](#), central and western Iowa sales, or [Tina Olson](#), eastern Iowa sales, with Grainger.

COVID-19 therapeutics ordering cadence revised for July 4 holiday

The Iowa Department of Public Health notified providers about an [updated COVID-19 therapeutics ordering cadence](#) around the July 4 holiday.

The revised dates are:

- Tuesday, July 5 – Allocation surveys will be sent.
- Wednesday, July 6 – Return allocation surveys to IDPH by 4 p.m.
- Thursday, July 7 – Allocations will be ordered in the federal system.
- Thursday, July 7 – IDPH will notify health care providers about allocation amounts.

The reporting cadence for the week of July 4 will remain the same. Internet Explorer is no longer supported for reporting. Chrome, Firefox, Edge or Safari should be used.

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