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IHA hires Robb Gardner as chief of staff

IHA President and CEO Chris Mitchell announced IHA has hired former Henry County Health Center CEO Robb Gardner. Gardner will join the IHA leadership team as chief of staff. Gardner's new role will encompass many areas, but his focus will be member outreach.

"Robb is a proven champion and effective advocate for health care and IHA," Mitchell said. "His past experience as a hospital leader and involvement with IHA will bring a unique insight into our path forward as an organization."

Gardner previously was IHA Board treasurer on the IHA Board Executive Committee and was chair of the IHA Council of Health Information. He also received IHA's 2021 Excellence in Leadership Award. He will begin his role at IHA Monday, Aug. 29.

IHA advocacy team weekly roundup

The IHA advocacy team continues getting member input on IHA's 2023 legislative priorities. The workforce work group met for the first time Thursday with members identifying legislative issues and other challenges including violence against health care staff.

The IHA Health System Advisory Group met reviewing matters from earlier work group meetings and had productive conversations about IHA's legislative priorities including Medicaid reimbursement, pharmacy issues and certificate of need.

The advocacy team met with the Governor's office this week discussing opportunities for Iowa hospitals to access and use American Rescue Plan Act funding. Earlier in the week, they also met with Senate Minority Leader Zach Wahls discussing likely 2023 legislative priorities.



340B Day to highlight benefits of drug program

As hospitals struggle to make ends meet, the 340B drug-pricing program can help hospitals meet the needs of vulnerable patients. [ServiShare and ServiShare partner SunRX will host 340B Day](#) to help hospitals learn to best administer and manage the drug-pricing program.

Molly Collins Offner, director for policy development with the American Hospital Association, will provide an update about federal 340B program legislation and regulations. SunRx and AuthorityRx will discuss the benefits of the program and ways to optimize it for hospitals and patients.

The free conference is scheduled from 9:30 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8, at the IHA Conference Center in Des Moines. [Email Reagon Worthington](#) at ServiShare with questions.

Submit Patient Safety Award nominations

The [Iowa Healthcare Collaborative Patient Safety Award and Poster Symposium](#) is an opportunity for promoting and sharing best practices during its [Patient Safety Conference scheduled Wednesday, Nov. 16](#). The Patient Safety Award recognizes outstanding leadership and achievement demonstrated by health care providers, hospitals, communities, clinics and organizations. The award honors champions who support initiatives improving patient safety, promoting population health, reducing the risk of harm and encouraging person-first health.

[Participants must submit a nomination](#) and create a poster using a provided template. Participants also must prepare a five-minute presentation to present to a review panel during the symposium. Submissions are due Thursday, Sept. 15.

[Email the Iowa Healthcare Collaborative](#) with questions.

HeartCorp offers opportunity to impact rural health

The American Heart Association has partnered with the Public Health AmeriCorps program to create HeartCorps. HeartCorps is providing career pathways to new public health employees while meeting the public health needs of local health organizations.

The new service is looking for two to four host sites in Iowa, including rural hospitals,

whose efforts to improve patients and community health would benefit from hosting a member for 10-11 months. HeartCorps members will help people improve and control their blood pressure and promote cardiovascular health.

HeartCorps will place members at no cost at sites and will cover living allowance, health insurance and educational expenses. Sites will receive a \$10,000 capacity-building stipend to purchase additional clinic or home-based blood pressure monitors. In exchange, host sites should be willing to:

- Provide a physical space for the member to work.
- Provide day-to-day supervision.
- Work with the American Heart Association and members to develop work plans.
- Work with the American Heart Association to recruit local candidates.

For more information, [complete a HeartCorps host site interest form](#). [Email Tim Nikolaj](#) at the American Heart Association with questions.

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Iowa news

- [COVID-19 cases in Iowa are down, but hospitalizations are up](#)
- [Care Initiatives, Accura partner with American Health Plans](#)
- [Burlington selected for five-bed intensive residential service home](#)

National news

- [Amazon's presence in health care is growing](#)
- [Moderna sues Pfizer, BioNTech alleging patent infringement over COVID-19 vaccine](#)
- [Got your monkeypox vaccine? Be prepared for these side effects.](#)

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Online education

- [Infection Prevention and Antibiotic Stewardship](#): Tuesday, Sept. 13
- [2022 IHA Governance Webinar Series](#): Tuesday, Sept. 13 - Tuesday, Nov. 15
- [Swing-bed Fundamentals](#): Tuesday, Nov. 8
- [Patient Rights: An Overview](#): Tuesday, Nov. 29
- [Pharmacy Conditions of Participation](#): Tuesday, Dec. 6
- [CMS Updates](#): Thursday, Dec. 15

In-person meetings

- [Iowa Society for Healthcare Engineering Fall Conference](#): Thursday, Sept. 15 - Friday, Sept. 16
- [IHA Annual Meeting](#): Monday, Oct. 3 - Wednesday, Oct. 5
- [Performance and Process Improvement - Leadership "Yellow Belt" Workshop](#): Tuesday, Oct. 18 - Wednesday, Oct. 19
- [2022 CPHQ Review Course](#): Tuesday, Nov. 29 - Wednesday, Nov. 30

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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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