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### **Mercer County Board Member Recognized at Leadership Summit**



The Illinois Hospital Association presented its 2007 Distinguished Service Award to Donald Lee Johnson, Chairman of the Mercer County Hospital (Aledo) Governing Board, at the Association's Leadership Summit, held Sept. 6-7 in Galena. Johnson was honored for his significant

contributions to Mercer County Hospital and the health care needs of Mercer County.

The award recognizes individuals who have made an outstanding commitment to health care delivery. Although he has no formal health care background, Johnson, a retired pilot, is an outstanding example of a good leader who cares about his community and made a great impact on the health of the people of Illinois.

In 2002, Johnson assumed the role of chair of the newly Formed Mercer County Hospital Governing Board. At that time, the hospital was facing serious financial and other challenges. Under his direction the hospital achieved a positive bottom line in four out of the last five years. Johnson was saluted for his work in revitalizing the hospital and expanding outpatient diagnostic and therapeutic services to the local community.

### **Katherine Shaw Bethea President and CEO Recognized at Leadership Summit**

IHA presented its 2007 Excellence in Service Award to Darryl Vandervort, president and chief executive officer of Katherine Shaw Bethea Hospital in Dixon, at the Leadership Summit. Vandervort was honored for his contributions of time, talents and leadership to the association.

Vandervort has served on the IHA board as well as a wide range of committees. He is often the first in the state to support and participate in IHA initiatives. Perhaps most notably, Vandervort has encouraged his staff to be actively involved in the association. Nearly every committee and task force across the state has representation from KSB Hospital, due in no small part to his insistence upon participation by his leadership team.

### **Physician Recruitment and Retention Workshop**

On October 9, IHA and ICAHN will be hosting an education program on [Physician Recruitment and Retention](#). It will be held at The Inn at 835 in Springfield. Topics will include Physician Recruitment, Trends & Keys to Success, Marketing Your Community to Physicians, Physician Retention: Supporting Rural Physicians, and Medical Staffing Plans.

Recruitment and retention panelist will share their successful models. There will also be an update on the Medicaid Reimbursement Task Force. The complete program agenda and registration form is available by clicking here. Contact [Abby Radcliffe](#) at 217-541-1178 for more information.

## Workforce Summit to be Held in Mt. Vernon

It's not too late to register for *Health Occupation Programs - Let Them Work for You* on September 27 at the Holiday Inn in Mt. Vernon. The free, half-day workforce summit offers Region 4 and 5 hospital members and their colleagues a great opportunity to network with peers and share experiences. The summit is designed to assist you and your local partners in implementing a recruitment model currently underway in Illinois that partners area hospitals with local high schools. Please encourage your local education partners to join you to improve recruitment in your community.

For more information about *Health Occupations Programs - Let Them Work for You*, please contact [Cathy Grossi](#) at 630-276-5706.

## Tamper-Resistant Prescription Pads

Starting October 1, Medicaid will require all written (non-electronic) prescriptions to be written on tamper-resistant pads. More information is available from [Department of Healthcare and Family Services](#), Bureau of Pharmacy Services at 1-877-782-5565.



CareLearning is a non-profit organization formed by more than 40 state Hospital Associations and the American Hospital Association to provide its members with quality, cost effective education and tracking abilities through web-based courses and webinars. This web-based learning tool provides just-in-time education specifically for health care providers, including offerings such as, mandatory subjects, continuing education, compliance training, networking communities, and private courses. The tracking system easily allows managers to monitor employees' progress and maintain licensing and certification records.

Several of IHA's Small and Rural Hospitals are currently participating in careLearning's Health and Safety Compliance Series. This series is designed to help healthcare facilities meet their Joint Commission and OSHA mandatory training requirements. Employees have access to the training 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Sharon Clark, the Human Resource Director at Hillsboro Area Medical Center said "the information is very good for the mandatory subjects, the reporting is very easy to use, and careLearning has always been very helpful." She also noted that "even those employees who have little or no computer experience have been able to access this training series and it has not been an issue." Visit the [careLearning web site](#) for more information or contact [Abby Radcliffe](#) with IHA at (217) 541-1178.

## In the News - Small and Rural Hospitals

Small and rural hospitals were highlighted for a variety of accomplishments in August. Newspapers featured stories on **Washington County Hospital's** receipt of federal health information technology grant, awards given to **St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital**,

**Community Hospital of Ottawa and, St. Joseph's Hospital; Illini Community Hospital** commitment to patient safety, and **Community Memorial Hospital's** new CEO . Visit the [Small and Rural Updates](#) page on the IHA web site for the complete articles. If you have a news article that you would like to share, please contact [Anne Stilwell](#).

### **St. Joseph's Hospital CEO Retires**

Jacolyn Schlautman, chief executive officer at St. Joseph's Hospital in Breese, announced her retirement, effective Aug. 31. "Serving St. Joseph's Hospital and working with the physicians, hospital staff, boards and our communities has been a great experience," Schlautman said in announcing her retirement. "I feel this is an opportune time for me to look forward to retirement and open the door to new leadership." During her 15 years of service, Schlautman was instrumental in expanding the hospital and adding many new services.

Lowell Jones, a healthcare administrator with experience in large and small hospitals, has been appointed the interim chief executive officer of St. Joseph's Hospital in Breese. The transition was announced by Stephanie S. McCutcheon, president and CEO of Hospital Sisters Health System of which St. Joseph's in Breese is an affiliate. HSHS and the Breese hospital are sponsored by the American Province of the Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis in Springfield.

IHA wishes Jacolyn a very happy and healthy retirement.

### **Welcome New CEOs to Small and Rural Hospitals**

Please join us in welcoming new CEOs to the Small and Rural Hospitals Constituency Section.

[Vince Ashley](#), CEO, Harrisburg Medical Center, Harrisburg.  
Effective September 2007. Telephone 618-253-7671.

[Sharon Mumford](#), CEO, Massac Memorial Hospital, Metropolis.  
Effective September 2007. Telephone 618-524-2176.

[Lowell Jones](#), Interim Administrator, St. Joseph's Hospital, Breese.  
Effective September 2007. Telephone 618-526-5300.

### **Resources for Small & Rural Hospitals**

[Medicare Rural Billing Information](#), CMS Medicare Learning Network

[My Care Counts](#), American Hospital Association  
Tell Congress to Keep Quality Health Care in Our Communities and  
Oppose Medicare and Medicaid Cuts - Sign the National Petition

[USDA Rural Development](#), Illinois Office

### **October IHA Regional Meetings**

#### **October Fly Arounds**

Region 3A & 3B Joint Meeting, October 2, 12:00 - 2:30 p.m. with lunch  
Sangamo Club, Springfield

Region 4, October 3, 7:45 - 9:15 a.m. with breakfast  
Holiday Inn, Collinsville

Region 5, October 3, 12:00 - 2:30 p.m. with lunch  
Holiday Inn, Mt. Vernon

Region 2A, 2B, 2C Joint Meeting, October 5  
University Club, Chicago, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. with breakfast or  
IHA, Naperville, 12:00 - 2:30 p.m. with lunch

Region 1B, October 18, 12:00 - 2:30 p.m. with lunch  
Kewanee Hospital, Faull Hall, Kewanee  
Members will have an opportunity to tour the new hospital  
following the meeting.

Region 1A, October 23, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. with breakfast  
Kishwaukee Community Hospital, DeKalb  
Members will have an opportunity to tour the new hospital  
following the meeting.

## Prevent Childhood Obesity

**Parent Power: Healthy Habits for a Lifetime** is a template available to hospitals to educate parents with young children on the importance of good nutrition, adequate physical activity, and an understanding of how to incorporate these strategies into a busy lifestyle. The program is designed to work with local partners in an effort to decrease the incidence of childhood obesity in the community. The program consists of three 4-week modules on nutrition, physical activity, and lifestyles.

This program was developed with funds from the Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network, the Illinois Department of Public Health-Center for Rural Health and Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Grant Program by the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs. The program is currently available to all Critical Access Hospitals in Illinois. Any Small and Rural Hospital that are interested in obtaining a copy of the program, please contact [Abby Radcliffe](#) at the Illinois Hospital Association. To place an order please visit [IIRA's web site](#).



## Save-the-Date

### Health Occupation Programs - Let Them Work for You

Workforce Summit  
September 27, 2007, Mt. Vernon, IL

### Code Stroke Identification of Inpatient Brain Attack

Phone Conference  
September, 27, 2007

### Workshop on Social Marketing, Assessment and Outreach

ISOPHE and IDPH, October 5, 2007

### IHA ICAHN Collaborative Meeting - Physician Recruitment/Retention

October 9, 2007, Springfield, IL

### Health Insurance, Payment and Medicaid Trends Symposium

October 17, 2007, The Hyatt Lodge at McDonald's Campus  
Oakbrook, IL

### The Smart Hospital. The Paperless Hospital. Streamlining the flow of Information Across the Hospital Enterprise.

October 17, 2007, Audio Conference by AHA

### Stroke Patient Education: Improving Compliance

Phone Conference  
October 17, 2007

### 3rd Annual Safety Connections Conference: Working as One for

Quality and Safety

October 24, 2007, Doubletree Hotel, Bloomington, IL

Annual Meeting of Small and Rural Hospitals Constituency Section

June 24 - 26, 2008, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Springfield, IL

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