COAHEC Near Conference 2020 Canceled due to Covid-19

Due to Covid-19, we have canceled our in person conference but are happy to announce that we will be offering a series of virtual sessions in our NEAR Conference Lite.

A Pathway for Rural Health Care to Thrive in a Post COVID-19 World

Live Session on November 17th, 2020
12:10 - 1:10 PM

In this session, The Farley Health Policy Center and the Colorado Hospital Association partnered to develop a case-based learning playbook for rural hospitals and rural primary care practices to use to anticipate and solve a variety of ongoing COVID-19 related challenges. The playbook features fictional rural hospital and primary care case studies, strategic thinking questions, best practices from the literature, innovative solutions from the field, and available resources, as well as a new self assessment tool for rural health care delivery systems. This playbook not only provides resources to help rural hospitals and primary care practices continue to thrive during COVID-19 but also lays the groundwork for them to identify opportunities for improvement and points toward policy changes that are needed to strengthen rural health care delivery systems moving forward.

Presenters: Benjamin D. Anderson, MBA, MHCDSc
and Lauren Hughes, MD, MPH, MSc, FAAFP

Benjamin Anderson is Vice President for Rural Health and Hospitals at the Colorado Hospital Association, where he provides leadership and direction in the development and execution of the Association’s rural strategies, advocates on behalf of rural hospitals and health systems and works to develop strategic partnerships with organizations that affect the health of rural Americans.

Prior to joining CHA, Benjamin served as CEO of Kearny County Hospital a comprehensive rural health care delivery complex in Lakin, Kan. that serves patients of 30 nationalities within a 180-mile radius. Anderson is a recognized leader in transforming rural health care through a mission-driven approach to recruiting physicians to underserved areas, tying together domestic and international service. Kearny County Hospital is now at the forefront of innovations in health care delivery to improve care to underserved U.S. populations and his work was recently recognized on CBS Sunday Morning, and in POLITICO and Sports Illustrated.

Anderson was named to Becker’s Hospital Review’s Rising Star list of health care leaders under 40 and one of Modern Healthcare’s 2014 Up and Comers. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in English (2004) and a Master of Business Administration (2007) from Drury University in Springfield, Mo. and a Master of Health Care Delivery Science degree from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H.

Dr. Lauren Hughes is a practicing family physician, an associate professor of family medicine in the Department of Family Medicine, and the State Policy Director of the Farley Health Policy Center at the University of Colorado, where she leads initiatives to translate data for policymakers to inform the design and implementation of evidence-based policy. Her research interests include rural health care delivery systems, the future of primary care and public health, and workforce development, financing, and governance. Dr. Hughes previously served as Deputy Secretary for Health Innovation in the Pennsylvania Department of Health, where she launched the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program and the Pennsylvania Rural Health Model, a new payment and delivery model that transitions rural hospitals from fee-for-service to multi-payer global budgets. Dr. Hughes serves on the American Board of Family Medicine and the Rural Health Redesign Center Organization Boards of Directors. She earned her medical degree from the University of Iowa, her MPH in health policy from the George Washington University, and her master’s in health services research from the University of Michigan as part of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Program. In 2018, she was named a Presidential Leadership Scholar by Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush.

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