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Small & Rural Leaders: Teaming Up for Success

IHA's 2010 Small and Rural Annual Meeting, held June 22-24 in Springfield, was a great success, with 145 attendees and 86 sponsors. *Small and Rural Leaders: Teaming up for Success* offered updates on quality, change, board leadership, technology, and state and federal issues. Presentations from Tim Porter-O'Grady are available on IHA's [web site](#).

At the meeting, State Sen. Gary Forby (D-59, Benton) and State Rep. John E. Bradley (D-117, Marion) received IHA "2010 Rural Legislator of the Year" awards. The award is presented to elected officials who show strong leadership on rural health policies and efforts to pass legislation and support initiatives that improve the ability of rural hospitals to serve their communities. Sen. Forby and Rep. Bradley were commended for their work on Senate Bill 3264 and House Bill 5765. The house bill, which requires that reimbursement to Critical Access Hospitals for Medicaid outpatient services be based on cost, is awaiting the Governor's signature.



IHA Small & Rural Quality Series

IHA's Small and Rural Quality Series, *Quality Counts: Implementing Quality Improvement Strategies*, continues with two more sessions in 2010. The programs will assist hospital staff with quality improvement changes at the state and federal levels, best practice strategies and a federal and state overall environmental assessment. Sessions will be held Oct. 15 and Dec. 15 at: IHA Springfield office; **Memorial Hospital**, Carthage; **Hammond-Henry Hospital**, Geneseo; and **Washington County Hospital**, Nashville. For more information, contact [Abby Radcliffe](#) at 217-541-1178.

IPC Members Surpass \$10 Million in Savings

Since the Illinois Purchasing Collaborative (IPC) was established in 2006, its 29 member hospitals have reported savings of more than \$10 million on supply chain purchases. These savings were achieved by pairing the advantages and flexibility of IPC's regional contracting with the benefits of national pricing from Premier, IPC's partner in this program.

Mike McManus, COO, **Touchette Regional Hospital**, Centreville, said in a recent news release that, "We've already experienced an average savings of 22% in the med/surg area on exact match items." He also indicated they've seen savings in food and pharmacy, and that IPC has delivered outstanding customized staffing support. Touchette is the most recent IHA member hospital to join the IPC.

Click here to view the [full article](#). For more information, contact [Patrick Sonin](#) at 630-276-5458.

Small & Rural Members In the News

Small & Rural members in recent news articles include:

- **Salem Township Hospital** moves forward with projects;
- **Morris Hospital & Health Centers** takes on new role for EMS providers;
- **St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital**, Effingham, hosts children's health fair
- **IHA** honors Sen. Forby and Rep. Bradley;
- **Mason District Hospital**, Havana utilizes telemedicine; and
- **Carlinville Area Hospital** holds open house.

[Click here](#) to read the complete articles on IHA's web site. Small & Rural hospitals are encouraged to share news by e-mailing [Anne Stilwell](#).

Legal Q & A: Reporting Domestic Violence

Question: Are hospitals required by law to report cases of domestic violence?

Answer: Yes. State law requires reporting, and federal law permits reporting without patient authorization.

Domestic battery is any intentional act that causes bodily harm to any family or household member, or any physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature with a family or household member. Domestic battery is a crime. As such, it is reportable under the Illinois Criminal Identification Act, which creates an exception to laws governing patient confidentiality. The Criminal Identification Act requires medical personnel to inform local law enforcement authorities of any person requesting treatment when their injuries may have been caused by criminal conduct. As noted by one Illinois court, the obvious consequence of reporting is that police officers will begin their investigations at the hospital. This court found it appropriate when hospital staff communicated some basic information to police, such as the patient's identity and the nature of the injury.

In addition, not only does the federal HIPAA Privacy Rule permit disclosures required by state law, but section 164.512(c) in the Privacy Rule permits covered entities to disclose protected health information to appropriate government authorities regarding victims of abuse, neglect or domestic violence. For additional information, contact [Kathleen Pankau](#), 630-276-5598.

Welcome New CEOs to S & R Constituency

Please join us in welcoming two new CEOs to the Small & Rural Hospitals Constituency Section:

Mark Klosterman, President & CEO
St. Joseph's Hospital, Breese, 618-526-4511

Earl Sheehy, CEO
Dr. John Warner Hospital, Clinton, 217-935-9571



CareLearning provides many types of webinars as a quality, cost-effective educational solution, especially in the current economy. It was formed by more than 40 state hospital associations (including IHA) and the American Hospital Association.

Hospitals may sign up to have a group of people participate and pay only one fee for the group, since the price quoted is “per telephone connection.” The webinars are short, one- to two-hour, live, interactive presentations using the internet and telephone conference lines. A list of [July-August](#) webinars is available on the *careLearning* website. For more information [click here](#) or contact [Abby Radcliffe](#) at 217-541-1178.

Links and Resources for Small & Rural Hospitals

[Department of Healthcare and Family Services Provider Releases](#)

[National Center for Rural Health Professions](#)

[USDA Rural Development](#), Illinois Office

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Save-the-Date

[IHA Leadership Summit](#)

Sept. 23-24, 2010, Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa, Galena

IHA Small & Rural Hospitals Annual Meeting

June 14-16, 2011, Crowne Plaza, Springfield