

# Spring 2022



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## Spring CAHoots Highlight

Each CAHoots issue will highlight two Business Partner Network members. IRHA's BPN members have chosen to be a major sponsor of IRHA and the Indiana Statewide Rural Health Network (InSRHN). As you explore the member links, you will find uniquely qualified businesses that possess in-depth knowledge of critical healthcare issues. They stand ready to provide high-performing service to you and your organization.



Indiana University Health

IU Health Laboratory Services is a regional reference laboratory, centrally located with hubs throughout Indiana enabling timely results and partners with rural health providers along with various-sized hospitals and clinics. For more information, visit <https://iuhealth.org/pathology-lab-services>



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**IRHA's 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference . . . Record Attendance!  
ACHE Credits Are Being Offered!**



**IRHA 24th Annual Conference  
June 14-15, 2022, in French Lick, Indiana**

**We have over 625 individuals registered so far!  
Do not miss this event!**

24th Annual  
**RURAL  
HEALTH  
CONFERENCE**  
- SILVER ANNIVERSARY  
PREDICTS A GOLDEN FUTURE  
FOR RURAL HEALTH -

**JUNE 14-15, 2022  
FRENCH LICK, INDIANA  
[indianaruralhealth.org](http://indianaruralhealth.org)**

INDIANA  
RURAL  
HEALTH  
ASSOCIATION  
Celebrating 25 years  
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IRHA's Annual Rural Health Conference brings together physicians, nurses, pharmacists, public health professionals, and other rural health professionals. Practitioners from the field and national experts discuss current topics in public health and rural health. The latest information regarding the start-up and on-going

management of rural health care delivery models are presented throughout the Conference. We hope you will join us in 2022. **ACHE Qualified Education credits are available!**

**REGISTER TODAY!**

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## 2022 Keynote Speakers and Sessions



**Keynote Address:**

**“Silver Anniversary Predicts a Golden Future for Rural Health”**  
**Kristina Box, MD, FACOG, Indiana State Health Commissioner**



**Keynote Address:**

**Billy Riggs, MRE, MDIV, CSP, OMG!**  
**“A psychologist masquerading as a comedian and magician”**



**Plenary Session:**

**2022 Session of the Indiana General Assembly Review and Advocacy Update**  
**Kristin Schwartz, MA, Indiana Hospital Association, facilitator**  
**Panelists: State Representative Rita Fleming, MD, NP, RN, IN House District 71**  
**State Representative Ann Vermilion, MBA, FACHE, IN House District 31**  
**State Senator Michael Crider Indiana Senate District 28**

## [Review the agenda HERE](#)

***Exhibitor space is SOLD OUT!***

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## Sponsorship Opportunities

Breakfast Sponsor - \$2,500  
Break Sponsor Tuesday Afternoon - \$1,000  
Student Gathering (Tuesday evening) - \$1,000  
IRHA Fellows' Luncheon - \$2,000  
Final Networking Luncheon - \$3,550

Each sponsorship includes a complimentary Conference registration for one (1) person to attend the full Conference.

[Sponsor an Event](#)

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## Additional Activities

IRHA is Celebrating 25 Years! Join us in the celebration!

**Welcome/Networking Reception** - On Monday, June 13, 2022, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. join us for this ultimate networking opportunity sponsored by our [Premier Business Partner Network Members](#).

**Fun 5K Run/Walk** - Bring your running shoes! Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 6:30 a.m. we get your heart pumping with a fun 5k sponsored by Indiana Health Information Exchange, IU Health, and Healthy Start Communities that C.A.R.E.

**Exhibitor Reception** - Tuesday, June 14, 2022, from 3:45 to 5:00 p.m. we gather for great company among our amazing vendors!

**Silent Auction** - IRHA will host a silent auction to benefit the [Jim Miller Student Scholarship Fund](#). Items will be on display in Exhibit Hall. Mobile bidding will be available. Bidding closes June 14, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

**Photo Booth** - A photo booth will be available, and we encourage everyone to have some fun with this! Post a selfie or group photo to your social platforms and tag IRHA. Use any or all of the following hashtags: #IRHA25Years #WeAreRural #SilverAnniversaryGoldenFuture

**Time Capsule** - IRHA will be sealing a time capsule in celebration of its first 25 years! Stop by the registration desk to see what items were selected for the capsule.

**History Hall** - Visit the History Hall to learn more about how IRHA became the largest state rural health association in the country.

**[REGISTER HERE](#)**

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## Greene County General Hospital Announces Increased Minimum Wages

Linton, IN - During the April 2022 Board of Trustees meeting, the Board voted unanimously to increase Greene County General Hospital's minimum wage to \$15 per hour. Current employees making less than the new minimum wage will increase to \$15 per hour, or more, beginning May 1, 2022. Employees hired at the minimum wage after May 1, 2022, will be hired at the new rate.

Increasing the minimum wage for employees was important to GCGH's Board of Trustees. Board President Nathan Abrams (Greene County Commissioner) says, "the Board values GCGH employees and wanted to not only retain our current exceptional employees but attract candidates to fill our many open positions."

GCGH is hiring full-time, part-time, and PRN employees at the new \$15 per hour rate for Food Services Aides, Cooks, Environmental Services Technicians, Patient Access Representatives, and Patient Care Technicians. Experience and education also factor in for hiring at rates above the minimum wage. To apply for an open position, visit the GCGH website's Join the Family section at [www.greenecountyhospital.com](http://www.greenecountyhospital.com). GCGH is an equal opportunity employer.



### **Rush Memorial Hospital Offers New CMA Course**

February 16 was the first day of class for the new 12-week Certified Clinical Medical Assistant course currently being offered at Rush Memorial Hospital. The class, which is being offered in conjunction with Ivy Tech Community College, conveys 6 hours of college credit and carries an NHA certification. The course is scheduled to end on May 11. Graduation for the 9 participants will be held on May 20.

Brian Bane, VP of Human Resources at RMH, has wanted to offer this course for some time, and he is very happy to see his goal fulfilled. He said, "This course will help us in two ways. First, it helps us meet hiring goals in a tight job market. Secondly, it gives our employees another avenue for personal development."

The implementation of the new course was facilitated by Savanna Fox, the new Director of Training and Development at RMH. Savanna is well acquainted with adult education, having managed the Family Medicine Residency program at both Franciscan and IU Health.

According to Savanna, most of the students in the program are non-clinical employees who want to receive clinical training. In exchange for CCMA education, which is paid for by the hospital, they have agreed to work at RMH for at least one year after the completion of the course.



### **Greene County General Hospital Hosted Car Seat Check Clinic**

Linton, IN - Greene County General Hospital and the Perinatal Navigator from Healthy Start Communities that C.A.R.E. offered a free car seat inspection by a certified child passenger safety technician on April 22. A total of 11 car seats were checked, and 8 new seats were presented to families.



### **TeamOrtho Orthopedics and Sports Medicine Center and MyClinics**

Greene County General Hospital's TeamOrtho Orthopedics and Sports Medicine Center and My Clinics' providers traveled to each school in Greene County to provide free sports physicals to students while they were in school. Over 500 free sports physicals were provided to students.



## **Rural Health Clinic – Reopened in Brook, Newton County Blessing and Dedication**

Franciscan Health Rensselaer operates the Brook Health Center in Brook, Indiana. The Clinic was temporarily moved to the Hospital in 2019 while demolition and a rebuild could occur. Delays related to COVID caused the temporary location to extend its stay. In the Fall of 2021, the old building was fully demolished, and the new construction began. After a very patient staff and very loyal patients spent nearly three years “displaced,” the day came to re-open the center back in its original location of Brook, Indiana.

On February 17, 2022, a small group of stakeholders joined Carlos Vasquez, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, for a welcome and opening remarks. Sr. Chery Dazey, Director of Mission Integration, conducted a recommitment promise. A reading was provided by Kari Goodman, Director of Patient Care Services. Sarah Myers, NP, shared the prayer of the faithful. Fr. Joshua Bennett, Pastor of the St. Michael the Archangel Pastorate, provided a blessing of the rooms and building. The patients are delighted to have their healthcare close to home. Franciscan Brook Health Center staff is grateful to continue to serve the evolving healthcare needs of families in Newton County.



Pictured from L to R: Shannon Zacharias, Jana Vyhnaneck, Sarah Myers, MP, Cathy Larson, NP, Father Bennett, Carlos Vasquez, Belinda Robinson, Kari Goodman and Sr. Cheryl Dazey



## Achieving Birth Equity Statewide Conference

Indiana Rural Health Association's Connecting Kids to Coverage-IN (CKC-IN) program recently attended the inaugural Achieving Birth Equity conference in South Bend on April 14. The conference was intended for providers and social services with a focus on maternal and infant mortality outcomes. Disparities in birth experiences and outcomes was discussed with data demonstrating the need for improvement. IRHA's CKC-IN team provided an exhibit table with information displayed about the program's available services. The team also presented a breakout session during the all-day conference entitled, "Medicaid 101; Before, During, and After Pregnancy." The presentation was in collaboration with all five Managed Care Entities in the State of Indiana. The presenters explained Indiana Medicaid programs, eligibility criteria for each program, and benefits offered to members through each Managed Care Entity. The presentation was offered during all four breakout sessions throughout the day and was well attended. For more information about the Connecting Kids to Coverage-IN program, visit the webpage at [www.indianaruralhealth.org/CKC-IN](http://www.indianaruralhealth.org/CKC-IN).

Photos include the following individuals:

Ann McCafferty, CKC-IN Program Director, CHW, CAC, SHIP Counselor, Licensed Indiana Navigator

Collette Rhoads, CKC-IN Program Coordinator, BA, CAC, Licensed Indiana Navigator

Kathy Walker, CKC-IN Program Coordinator, BA, Licensed Indiana Navigator

Lori Riester, Anthem, RN BSN, Indiana OB Practice Consultant

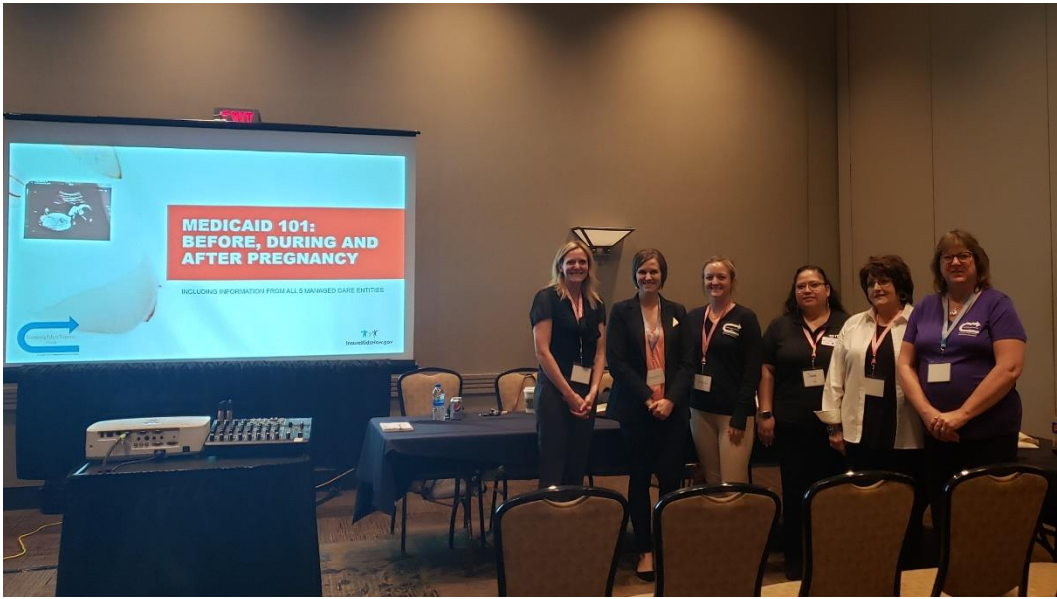
Christiane Soultz, CareSource, RN,BSN

Rachel Maxey, MDwise, Community Outreach Supervisor, CHW (not included in group photo)

Juana Ramirez Rocio, MHS, Member Connections Representative, Certified Medical Interpreter, CHW

Kim Eldridge, United HealthCare, State Event Manager, Hoosier Care Connect







**IRHA is celebrating its 25th Anniversary in 2022! We are hosting so many great events this year! We hope you will join us at as many as you can!**

*\*IRHA is monitoring COVID-19 and will notify registrants if there are any changes to in-person events\**

## In-Person Events



### Rural Substance Use Workshops

The Indiana Rural Opioid Consortium (InROC) will host a Rural Substance Use Workshop in Jennings County to raise awareness about substance use disorder and to highlight resources available to help with prevention, treatment, and recovery.

Join us for a day of learning!

- Hear real-life stories from those with SUD
- Discover what programs are available in your community
- Learn about resources from local leaders and business professionals
- Receive Narcan training and kits

There is no cost to attend this event and lunch will be served. This event is open to persons 15 years of age and up. Please invite your colleagues, friends, family, and business professionals in your area.

**June 22, 2022**  
**9:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
**Jennings County Public Library**  
**2375 IN-3**  
**North Vernon, IN 47265**

**REGISTER HERE**



Find additional workshop dates and locations [HERE.](#)

Thank you to those who joined us at the Jackson County InROC Workshop!



**4th Annual**  
Upper Midwest TRC  
**Telehealth  
Conference**  
September 13-14, 2022

**Registration  
is OPEN**



September 13-14, 2022  
Gillespie Conference Center  
South Bend, IN  
Register now at [umtrc.org](http://umtrc.org)



**4th Annual UMTRC Telehealth Conference**

We are looking forward to our 4th Annual UMTRC Telehealth Conference which will be held September 13-14, 2022, at the [Gillespie Conference Center](#) in South Bend, IN.

[Jeff Butler](#) and [Heather Harris](#) will deliver keynote presentations during the conference and we couldn't be more excited!

Exhibitor and attendee registration is open NOW!

[Get all the details and register HERE.](#)

## Virtual Events

### MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT) WAIVER TRAINING

June 27, 2022  
12:30 pm - 4:00 pm EST  
Virtual Training



AAAAP is the Data Sponsor for this waiver training. pcss@aaaap.org  
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### Take Two! The 2nd InROC MAT Waiver Training is June 27, 2022!

The Indiana Rural Opioid Consortium (InROC) is hosting Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Waiver trainings to help boost the number of professionals providing this service in Indiana. The next virtual training will be held on **June 27, 2022, 12:30-4:30pm EST.**

Dr. Emily Zarse, MD, will present a 4-hour required training virtually; and then attendees will complete the additional 4 hours at their own pace. Upon completion, attendees will receive a certificate to then apply for a MAT Waiver. There is no cost to attend this training.

While this training is primarily aimed at physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants who want to become a Buprenorphine prescriber, it is not restricted to providers who want to become waived only. Participants will get CME credit for attending.

Register [HERE](#).

## Podcasts

### A VIRTUAL VIEW



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### Telehealth Podcast from the UMTRC

Are you caught up on season 2 of "A Virtual View" podcast?

Here is what we have covered so far:

[Episode 1 - "Cara Lawlor - Telehealth Unmuted"](#)

[Episode 2 - "Community Paramedicine with Nicole Watkins"](#)

[Episode 3 - "The Opioid Epidemic and Data Storytelling with Micah Kassahun"](#)

[Episode 4 - "Provider Burnout with Zachary Ward"](#)

[Episode 5 - "The Evolution of Telehealth and Sustainability with Scott Simmons and Billy Sample"](#)

[Episode 6 - "Artificial Intelligence with Jessica Devine"](#)

[Episode 7 - "Navigating Telehealth with Dr. Jonathan Neufeld"](#)

Get caught up now [HERE!](#) Leave a comment, suggest a topic, or request to be a guest [HERE.](#)

[Tune in!](#)

## Membership

### Join IRHA



#### IRHA Membership

The IRHA Membership year ends **June 30th**. Please be sure you stay active with the IRHA. For instructions on renewing your membership [CLICK HERE.](#) Student memberships are free! We welcome new members to join at any time!

**REMINDER:** Attendee registrations for the [2022 Annual Conference](#) come with a complimentary individual membership. This is an easy way to renew if you plan to attend the conference!

If you have any questions, please contact [Heidi Malone.](#)

[Join Now](#)

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