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## **Nineteen Iowa long-term care facility leaders graduate from Iowa Health Care Association Executive Health Care Leadership Institute**

**West Des Moines, Iowa** – Nineteen long-term care leaders graduated from Iowa Health Care Association’s (IHCA’s) 2023-2024 Executive Health Care Leadership Institute program on July 12, 2024. This year-long leadership program provides Iowa long-term care workers with the leadership fundamentals and specific technical skills needed to provide care in post-acute care settings.

Iowa long-term care facility leaders graduating from this prestigious leadership program include:

- Tabitha Bleich, Copper Shores Village (Pleasant Hill)
- Katie Cox, Virginia Gay Hospital – Home Health (Vinton)
- Karah Dizdarevic, Harmony West Des Moines (West Des Moines)
- Tayla Farrell, Kennybrook Village (Grimes)
- Pam Harned, Karen Acres Healthcare Center (Urbandale)
- Allie Helmuth, Keokuk County Public Health (Sigourney)
- Lisa Hoodjer, Scenic Living Communities (Iowa Falls)
- Cassandra Johnson, Ennoble Nursing and Rehab (Dubuque)
- Gisele Kruger, Edgewood Convalescent Home (Edgewood)
- Jenna Kuechenberg, Scenic Living Communities (Iowa Falls)
- Amanda Luick, Deerfield Retirement Community (Urbandale)
- Noelle McLatchie, Bethany Life (Story City)
- Angela Meyer, Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center (Des Moines)
- Austin Mortvedt, Bethany Life (Story City)
- Blake Nettleton, Accura Healthcare of LeMars (LeMars)
- Amy Norton, Evans Memorial Home - Cresco Assisted Living (Cresco)
- Carrie Reiling, Kennybrook Village (Grimes)
- Stacy Soderstrum, University Park Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (Des Moines)
- Terri Tweedy, Summit House Retirement Community (Britt)

IHCA’s 2023-2024 Executive Health Care Leadership Institute featured training on leadership fundamentals and advancement, including leadership development, population health management, human resources, workforce development and more, for leaders in Iowa skilled nursing facilities, assisted living programs, home health agencies and care continuum communities.

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"I am incredibly proud of the achievements of this year's graduates," said Brenda Irlbeck, IHCA Vice President of Quality Improvement and Regulatory Compliance. "They have shown an unwavering commitment to quality improvement, and I am confident that the insights and innovations from these professionals will positively impact and drive meaningful change in the long-term and post-acute care sector. I look forward to witnessing their continued success and leadership."

The 2023-2024 Executive Health Care Leadership Institute was hosted by IHCA. The presenting sponsor of this program is Healthcare of Iowa, with additional support from NuCara Long-Term Care Pharmacy, Right Dose Pharmacy and Williams & Company P.C.

**About Iowa Health Care Association**

Iowa Health Care Association (IHCA) and its divisions, Iowa Center for Assisted Living (ICAL) and Iowa Center for Home Care (IHC) represent organizations that provide long-term care to Iowans through nursing facilities, assisted living, residential care, senior living communities, home health agencies and care continuum communities.

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