

## Women's Rural Healthcare Executive Network (**WRHEN**)

### ***Purpose***

The Women's Rural Healthcare Executive Network (WRHEN) provides a forum for professional and personal growth, facilitates career development, creates opportunities for networking, and raises awareness and understanding of current healthcare issues for women leaders in rural healthcare. The WRHEN is an opportunity for women executives of rural hospitals and physician groups to learn from and support each other, with opportunities to expand participant groups across the United States.

The WRHEN initiative will provide women rural healthcare executives the opportunity to:

- > Collaborate and network with peers
- > Share learnings and best practices
- > Identify current/ongoing challenges in rural healthcare and potential solutions
- > Hear from guest speakers on “hot topic” issues in rural healthcare

### ***Inaugural Meeting***

Tuesday, November 2, 11-12 EST

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### ***Agenda***

- 1** Welcome and Introductions
- 2** Overview of the WRHEN
- 3** 2022 Rural Health Policy Outlook
  - > Presented by Carrie Cochran-McClain, Chief Policy Officer, National Rural Health Association and Pat Schou, Executive Director, Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network
- 4** Agenda Setting for the Year & Next Steps

## ***WRHEN Speakers***



**Carrie Cochran-McClain**, Chief Policy Officer, National Rural Health Association (NRHA)  
As a seasoned public health policy leader, Carrie brings over 18 years experience working in federal health policy development. She has a wealth of experience driving innovation through cutting-edge policy initiatives, driven to develop and implement a public health vision that improves societal well-being through research and evaluation to advance national healthcare outcomes. At NRHA, Carrie oversees the legislative and regulatory agenda of the organization and provides advocacy on issues that will improve access to health care in rural America.



**Pat Schou**, Executive Director, Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network (ICAHN)  
As Executive Director, Pat has the overall accountability and responsibility for the organization and its subsidiaries and reports directly to the ICAHN Board of Directors. She is also responsible for the Accountable Care Organization / IRCCO (Illinois Rural Community Care Organization), and Pat represents the organizations and its members by serving as Chief Officer.

*If you would like to nominate a female rural healthcare executive to participate in the WRHEN, please email Lindsay Corcoran, [lcorcoran@stroudwater.com](mailto:lcorcoran@stroudwater.com).*