



July 23–24, 2025
Howard County Medical Center
St. Paul, NE

for new graduate nurses who have been a nurse <2 years

WEDNESDAY | JULY 23, 2025

9:30 A.M. – 9:55 A.M.

REGISTRATION

9:55 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

WELCOME

Amber Kavan, BSN, RN, CPHQ, Director of Quality, NHA

Dana Steiner, MSN, MBA, CPHQ, Senior Director of Medicaid Quality Improvement, NHA

10:00 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

CURRENT STATE OF PRACTICE FOR NEW NURSES IN NEBRASKA

Dana Steiner, MSN, MBA, CPHQ, Senior Director of Medicaid Quality Improvement, NHA

11:15 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

FLIPPING THE SCRIPT: TRANSITIONING FROM ACADEMICS TO WORKFORCE

Donna Armknecht, RN, MSN, Director of Quality and Compliance, Syracuse Area Health

12:30 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.

LUNCH

1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

TALK THE TALK: EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES

Molly Herzberg, MSN, RN, Chief Nursing Officer Community Hospital (McCook)

2:30 P.M. – 2:40 P.M.

BREAK

2:40 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

WALK THE WALK: WHY IS QUALITY IMPORTANT?

Amber Kavan, BSN, RN, CPHQ, Director of Quality, NHA

Dana Steiner, MSN, MBA, CPHQ, Senior Director of Medicaid Quality Improvement, NHA

4:00 P.M.

WRAP-UP, TAKE AWAYS | SOCIAL HOUR AT TBD

THURSDAY | JULY 24, 2025

9:00 A.M. – 9:05 A.M.

DAY 1 REVIEW – Q&A

Amber Kavan, BSN, RN, CPHQ, Director of Quality, NHA

Dana Steiner, MSN, MBA, CPHQ, Senior Director of Medicaid Quality Improvement, NHA

9:05 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

PULLING IT ALL TOGETHER: APPLY WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED

Jenna Watson, RN, BSN, Director of Quality, Memorial Hospital (Aurora)

10:30 A.M. – 10:40 A.M.

BREAK

10:40 A.M. – 11:40 A.M.

TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK

Amber Kavan, BSN, RN, CPHQ, Director of Quality, NHA

11:40 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

WRAP-UP, TAKE AWAYS

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