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The State Office of Rural Health

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**THE COLORADO RURAL HEALTH CENTER SET TO PRESENT STORYBOARD AT
26TH ANNUAL IHI NATIONAL FORUM IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA NEXT MONTH**

The Colorado Rural Health Center's "Health Disparities in Rural Colorado" storyboard will be displayed next month at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) National Forum

DENVER, Colo. – The Annual IHI National Forum on Quality Improvement in Health Care brings together nearly 5,000 health care professionals to network, gain actionable ideas, and to influence real change in health care quality and safety.

Each year, the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) accepts storyboard proposals from individuals interested in displaying their improvement work on posterboards at their National Forum.

“This is an important conference for us to attend, myself included,” says Michelle Mills, CRHC’s chief executive. “The dialogue at IHI’s National Forum centers on creating a better healthcare system through improved patient safety and health care quality.”

“This focus aligns with our quality improvement initiatives in Colorado,” adds Mills. “Our storyboard describes those initiatives, specifically the iCARE program.”

The title of the storyboard is “Health Disparities in Rural Colorado and the Program Aimed at Reducing Readmissions.” The presentation will focus on positive trends in the rural healthcare delivery system and how the iCARE program has a direct effect on reducing readmissions.

The iCARE program (Improving Communications and Readmissions) focuses on sustainable improvements and outcomes addressing avoidable hospital readmissions and improving communication in transitions of care at Colorado’s Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) and rural health clinics.

This year, the Storyboard Reception will take place on Tuesday evening, December 9th from 4:30 to 6:30. During this time, all storyboard presenters will be available to answer questions and discuss their projects with conference participants.

To preview a copy of the storyboard, [click here](#).

About The Colorado Rural Health Center

The Colorado Rural Health Center was established in 1991 as Colorado's State Office of Rural Health. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, CRHC serves dual roles as the State Office of Rural Health with the mission of assisting rural communities in addressing healthcare issues; and as the State Rural Health Association, advocating for policy change to ensure that rural Coloradoans have access to comprehensive, affordable healthcare services of the highest quality. For more information visit www.coruralhealth.org, call 303-832-7493, or call toll free 800-851-6782 from rural Colorado.

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