

TO: Council of Alliance Affairs, Heartland Health Alliance  
FROM: Mary Kent, President, HHA  
DATE: March 17, 2026  
LOCATION: Holthus Convention Center, York, NE | 3130 Holen Ave. York, NE 68467  
SUBJECT: **Council of Alliance Affairs meeting, Thursday, March 26, 2026**

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The following is the agenda for the Heartland Health Alliance Council of Alliance Affairs meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 26th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Holthus Convention Center – Meeting Room I

### Heartland Health Alliance 2026 Slate of Officers

President:	Mary Kent, CEO – Johnson County Hospital
Vice President:	Chris Nichols, CEO – Fillmore County Hospital
Secretary/Treasurer:	Jeremiah Hanes, CEO – Dundy County Hospital
Immediate Past President:	Lori Mazanec, CEO – Box Butte General Hospital

Please let Karen Herrold know by no later than Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, whether or not you will attend. Karen may be reached by e-mail at [karen.herrold@bryanhealth.org](mailto:karen.herrold@bryanhealth.org) or by phone at 402-481-3182.

Please note the following upcoming meetings:

**Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026** - HHA/Bryan Health Connect Conference  
Holthus Conference Center – 3130 S Holen Ave, York, NE

**Friday, July 24, 2026** – HHA Council of Alliance Affairs  
Bryan East Medical Plaza Conference Center – 1500 S. 48<sup>th</sup>, Lincoln, NE

**Thursday, October 1 – Friday, October 2, 2026** – HHA Governance Institute Retreat  
Younes Conference Center South – 416 Talmadge St, Kearney, NE

The complete HHA 2026 event list is available on our website: <https://bit.ly/HHA2026Events>  
or use the QR code



**AGENDA**

- 10:00 – 10:15 Welcome and Introductions ..... Pat Ganyo
- 10:15 – 11:15 A Roadmap for Building Community Support – How a stronger community impact story moves the needle on perception of hospitals ..... Michael Hildebrand  
Senior Vice President, Public & Community Practice Deputy Lead, Jarrard – a Chartis Co.
- 11:15 – 11:30 Break.....
- 11:30 – 12:15 Board of Nursing .....Ann Oertwich, PhD, RN  
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Program Manager II, Public Health, and Executive Director of the Nebraska Board of Nursing
- 12:15 – 12:45 LUNCH
- 12:45 – 2:00 **BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA**
- Call to Order & Introductions..... Pat Ganyo
- Consent Agenda\* ..... Pat Ganyo
  - January 30, 2026, Council of Alliance Affairs Minutes+
  - January 2026 HHA Financial Statements+
  - February 2026 HHA Financial Statements+
  - 2026 Strategic Initiatives+
- 2025 HHA Audit\*+ ..... Zach Witt
- HHA Strategic Initiatives and Flex Plan Update+ ..... Jayne Van Asperen
- HHA Physician/APP Leadership Academy ..... Pam Nienaber
- AHA Rural Healthcare Leadership Conference Takeaways..... All
- Adjournment..... Pat Ganyo

\*Action Item; + Information is included in the packet