

*Sustainable Hospitals | Strong Communities
A Healthier Rural Illinois*



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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS REGIONAL MEETING



Tuesday,
August 11, 2026



8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Central Time



Deaconess Illinois
Crossroads | 8 Doctors
Park Rd | Mt. Vernon, IL

Join fellow ICAHN member hospital C-suite leaders from across Southern Illinois for a morning of collaboration, innovation, and peer-to-peer learning focused on strengthening Critical Access Hospitals and rural health systems.

This complimentary regional meeting offers hospital executives the opportunity to connect with colleagues, engage with ICAHN, and exchange practical ideas for addressing shared challenges and advancing rural healthcare. Through meaningful discussion and collective problem-solving, attendees will gain insights and strategies to strengthen their hospitals and the communities they serve.

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AGENDA

8:45 a.m. | Welcome

Will Davis, CEO

Deaconess Illinois Crossroads Hospital

9:00 a.m. | Better Together

Tracy Warner, Executive Director, ICAHN

Learn more about ICAHN's strategic focus areas and how efforts in these areas will advance the strength, sustainability, and transformation of ICAHN member hospitals.

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. | Strategy & Innovation Panel Discussion

Hear from a panel of CEOs, CFOs, and CNOs as they share real-world leadership experiences and practical innovations currently being implemented in CAHs.

Discussion topics will include growth opportunities, strategic initiatives, partnership development, and planning for the future of rural healthcare, including Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) opportunities.

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. | Peer Roundtable Discussions

Facilitated by regional hospital CEOs, these interactive roundtable conversations provide an opportunity for rural healthcare leaders to exchange ideas, discuss challenges, and share successful approaches with peers. Attendees will rotate among discussion tables and participate in conversations on topics of greatest interest to them, including:

- Workforce recruitment and retention
- Revenue cycle and reimbursement challenges
- AI governance and oversight
- Service line optimization
- Patient experience

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. | Lunch, Key Takeaways & Closing

Wrap up the morning with lunch, highlights from the day's discussions, and key insights to take back to your organization.