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Welcome Interim President, Danna Taylor, MHA, FACHE

With over two decades of experience in the healthcare industry, Danna Wagnon Taylor, MHA, FACHE, is a dynamic leader revolutionizing how South Arkansas Regional Hospital serves its community.

As the President of South Arkansas Regional Hospital in El Dorado, Taylor brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to her role. With a proven track record in strategic planning, operational efficiency, and staff management, Taylor is dedicated to delivering exceptional healthcare services.

Taylor is a graduate of West Side Christian School in El Dorado. Her journey in healthcare began at Melvin's pharmacy, where she learned the importance of appreciating the team. From her first boss, Danna learned the valuable lesson that if you take care of your people, your people will take care of your business. Upon graduation from Ouachita Baptist University with a degree in Biology, Taylor joined the local hospital as the Hospitalist Coordinator. Over the years, Taylor has served the local hospital in various roles, including Medical Staff Coordinator, Director of Medical Staff Services, Director of Physician Practices, VP of Operations, Chief Quality Officer, Associate Administrator, and Facility Compliance and Privacy Officer. Taylor also gained experience with UAMS in Physician Recruitment and with the Arkansas Department of Health as the Local Health Unit Administrator.

Most recently, Taylor showcased her exceptional skills in managing specialty clinic operations, staffing, and strategic initiatives. Her commitment to excellence led to implementing innovative solutions that enhanced patient care and streamlined operations. With a master's degree in healthcare administration from Trinity University, Taylor understands the medical and administrative aspects of the industry. Her educational background and practical experience allow her to approach healthcare challenges with a unique perspective.

Outside of her professional endeavors, Taylor is married and has 2 sons. She is an active member of Parkers Chapel First Baptist Church, where she volunteers in the children's ministry. Her commitment to the community and passion for making a difference extend beyond the hospital walls.

With her visionary leadership, unwavering dedication, and ability to drive positive change, Danna is transforming South Arkansas Regional Hospital into a beacon of excellence in healthcare.

ACHE Regent's Award: Nominations Open

Each year, ACHE Regents have the opportunity to provide awards for outstanding healthcare executive leadership in their jurisdiction. The Regent's Awards recognize exemplary leadership of both Early Career and Senior Level healthcare executives. The criteria for both levels can be found in the award information found here.

As indicated on the nomination form, nominations must be received at AHA headquarters by **Friday, August 1, 2025**, to allow adequate time for the selection process to occur. Award winners will be announced at the AHA Annual Meeting Awards Luncheon on October 16, 2025.

Save the Date!

2025 Arkansas Hospital Association Annual Meeting
October 15-16, 2025
Little Rock Marriott

Information coming August 1!

Save the Date: ACHE 2026 Congress on Healthcare Leadership

ACHE will host the 2026 Congress on Healthcare Leadership March 2-5, 2026 in Houston, Texas. More information will be available on the ACHE website soon.

Reminder: New Terminology for ACHE Continuing Education Hours

ACHE Face-to-Face Hours are now ACHE In-Person Education.
As of January 1, 2024, ACHE Face-to-Face Education is now called ACHE In-Person Education under the revised credentialing policy. Offerings such as the Congress on Healthcare Leadership, ACHE Clusters, in-person Choice programs and approved in-person chapter panels are all considered In-Person Education events. The terminology "Face-to-Face Hours" is no longer used.

ACHE Qualified Education is now ACHE Qualifying Education Hours
Also, as of January 1, 2024, ACHE Qualified Education is now ACHE Qualifying Education Hours. You will notice this new terminology being used on ACHE and Arkansas Hospital Association education programs for education that are not providing ACHE In-Person Education hours.

Need to Post a Job Opening or Looking for a New Opportunity?

ACHE's Job Center can be found here. The job center allows members to search for open positions based on location, titles, keywords, and more. If your facility has an opening that you would like to fill, employers and recruiters are able to post jobs to the site. You do not have to be a member to post an open position; however, you must sign up as a new user.