

Good Morning,

I wanted to officially thank all of you for the time you spent working with our Critical Access Hospitals during the Accelerated Staffing Fix Program. The program was received very well, the teams had many successes as well as implementing new policies and procedures.

Sharon and I have been doing site visits throughout our state and have received wonderful feedback about the accomplishments and the fun the hospitals had doing the program. They are all very proud of what they were able to do and are excited to continue moving forward with the skills that they learned during the program. We had the opportunity to see some of the boards the teams made. You could still hear their excitement around it.

You can see the pride the staff have in what they were able to accomplish. One of the facilities is even making up a song about bubble wrapping. They promised to share it once it was completed. One facility also shared that their vacancies have decreased from 3 pages to 1.5 pages. Clint and Cheryl are the “magic sauce”.

During our site visits it was suggested that the cohort continue to meet quarterly so they can continue to brainstorm, share accomplishments and keep the momentum going. Rochelle and I will facilitate this for them.

Again, thank you for everything that you did.

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