

Advocating for Rural Healthcare

WASHINGTON D.C. AND THE AHA RURAL HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

With healthcare consistently in the national spotlight, conversations around budgets, funding cuts, and reforms are ongoing at both the state and federal levels. Rural healthcare remains a key part of these discussions. While outcomes are still uncertain and policy decisions continue to evolve, Wayne HealthCare remains grounded in its mission: delivering quality care and promoting wellness close to home.

The senior leadership team is taking a proactive role in advocating for the future of rural healthcare. Through collaboration with the Ohio Hospital Association (OHA) and the American Hospital Association (AHA), the organization is sharing its story by highlighting the critical role rural hospitals play as care providers, economic drivers, and community anchors.

Recently, Jeff Subler, president and CEO, traveled to Washington, D.C., to meet with federal legislators and explore grant and funding opportunities with the support of a healthcare consultant. Meetings included discussions with Congressman Warren Davidson, Senator Jon Husted, and staff from Senator Bernie Moreno's office. These conversations focused on the importance of sustaining healthcare access in rural communities and the positive impact hospitals like ours have on local economies. The feedback was encouraging, with genuine interest shown in the rural healthcare mission.

In addition to advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill, President and CEO Jeff Subler, Vice President of Marketing and Business Development Terri Flood, and Vice President of Operations Alex Pohlman, also attended the AHA Rural Healthcare Leadership Conference. This nationally recognized event brings together rural health leaders from across the country to share knowledge, discuss common challenges, and explore new strategies. The team had the opportunity to connect with Dan Bucci, AHA regional executive, Mike Abrams, OHA president, and leaders from peer Ohio hospitals during a collaborative dinner meeting. These conversations provided valuable insight into ongoing initiatives and reinforced a shared commitment to rural healthcare advancement.

As the healthcare environment continues to shift, Wayne HealthCare will remain engaged and vocal while amplifying the voice of rural healthcare and working to ensure its sustainability for the future.



OHA was pleased to host those members attending the conference at dinner. From left are: Alex Pohlman (Wayne HealthCare), Dan Bucci (AHA Regional Executive), Steve Benedict, MD (Fisher-Titus Health), Terri Flood (Wayne HealthCare), Brent Burkey, MD (Fisher-Titus Health), Mike Abrams (OHA) and Jeff Subler (Wayne HealthCare).

Exploring the Vital Role of Rural Healthcare and Our Impact as an Anchor in Our Community



Jeff Subler with Congressman Warren Davidson in Washington D.C. during a recent trip to discuss federal grants and other funding opportunities.



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