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Thursday, Feb. 4, 2021

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Local health care leaders tackle disrupters in health care and what's to come

Disruption has been the norm for health care systems for years, from insurance changes, access challenges and digital innovations to a global pandemic. The next webinar in the Business Record's Power Breakfast Series features four health care leaders discussing how they are addressing challenges brought on by COVID-19, industry consolidation, new trends in health care delivery and what we can expect for the future.

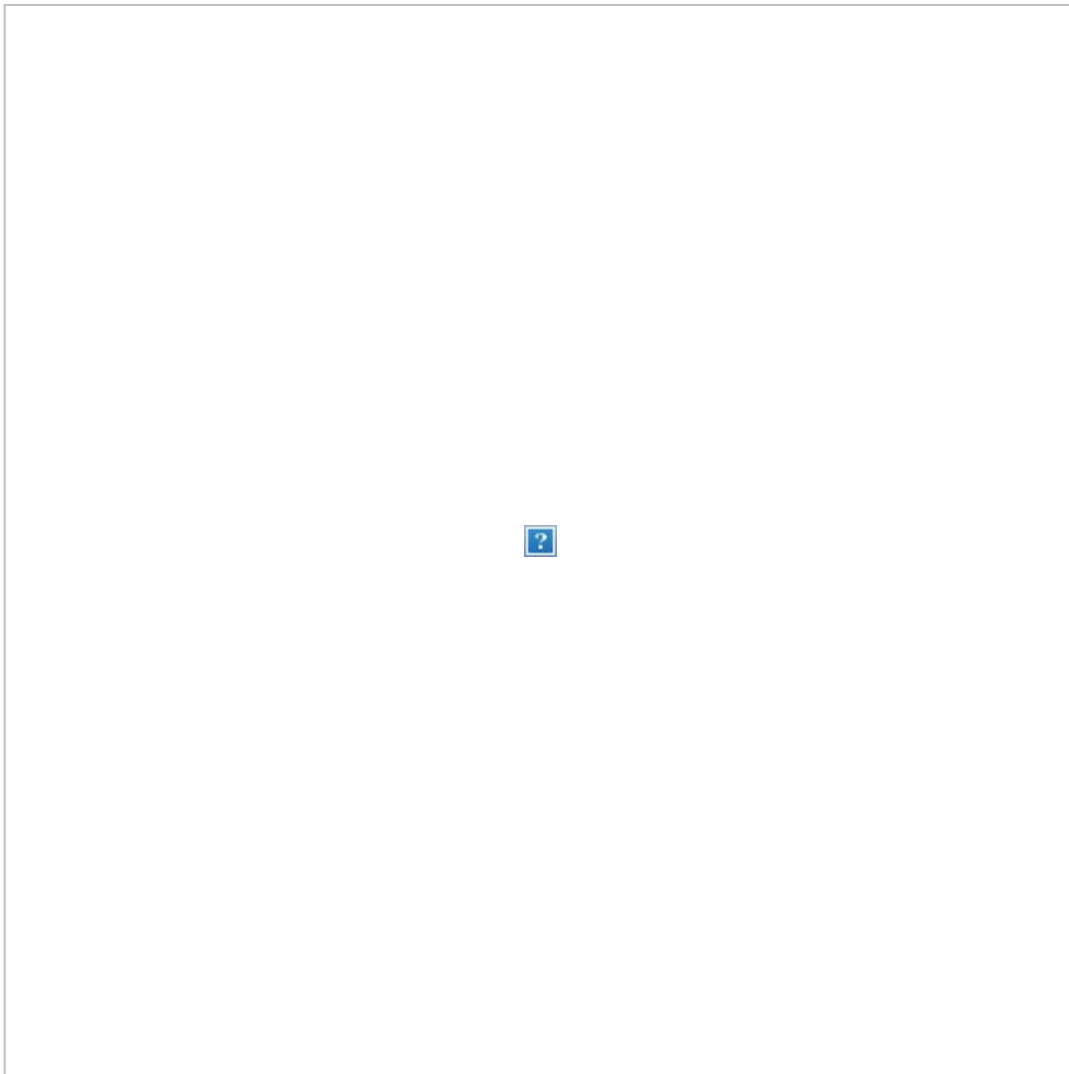
Questions to be addressed include:

- How will technological changes continue to affect health care?
- What lessons have leaders learned about providing services because of COVID-19?
- What will our health care systems look like post-pandemic?

Panelists:

- Tom Evans, MD, President and CEO, Iowa Healthcare Collaborative.
- Suresh Gunasekaran, CEO, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.
- Mary Sparks Thompson, CEO, Clive Behavioral Health.
- David Williams, MD, Chief Clinical Officer, UnityPoint Health.

The virtual event is scheduled from 8-10 am Thursday, Feb. 18. Click [HERE](#) to register.



IHA schedules MCO calls for 2021

IHA has scheduled an every-other-month conference call to connect hospitals with representatives from the state's Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) and the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise. **These calls** provide an opportunity to raise concerns and ask questions about Medicaid issues.

Questions can be emailed to [Susan Horras](#) at IHA.

The calls are scheduled from **2-3 pm**. Dates and registration links are:

- March 10 – <https://dpregrister.com/sreg/10152181/e23a8d2b8c>
 - May 12 – <https://dpregrister.com/sreg/10152211/e25081c200>
 - July 14 – <https://dpregrister.com/sreg/10152217/e2525b414b>
 - Sept. 8 – <https://dpregrister.com/sreg/10152219/e252f9166c>
 - Nov. 10 – <https://dpregrister.com/sreg/10152245/e26a1db0b2>
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Iowa hospital and system CEOs participate in AHA mentor program

Tim Charles, President and CEO, Mercy Medical Center, Cedar Rapids, and **Douglas Cropper, President and CEO, Genesis Health System, Davenport,** have been selected as mentors in AHA's Next Generation of Health Care Leaders program. The Next Generation fellowship focuses on developing and mentoring leaders and empowering them to bring about lasting, positive change in the hospitals and health systems where they work.

The fellowship program is unique in that the high-potential leaders who participate choose a challenge at their organizations and work one-on-one with their mentors to complete a transformative project specific to that challenge. Fellows also have opportunities to interact with other fellows and mentors through discussions, virtual meetings and inquiry-based modules.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about the program.

NewsStand

Iowa news

- [In depth series: Rural emergency hospital designation](#)
- [Notifications about COVID-19 vaccine varies by health system](#)
- [Flu numbers down more than 90% thanks to prevention measures](#)

National news

- [US vaccinations outnumber COVID-19 cases](#)
- [Why telemedicine is much more than a digital doctor's office](#)
- [South Africa variant in second state: vaccines for pregnant women](#)

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Upcoming events

- [COVID-19 Diagnoses, Procedures and Telehealth](#): Thursday, Feb. 4.
- [Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement Program](#): Tuesday, Feb. 16.
- [COVID-19 and CEO Turnover: What's a Board to Do?](#): Wednesday, Feb. 17.
- [Physician Business Leadership Certification Program](#): Tuesday, Feb. 23-Tuesday, Aug. 10.
- [Wage Index: Strategies and Trends in Iowa](#): Thursday, Feb. 25.
- [Iowa Rehabilitation Managers Virtual Spring Conference](#): Thursday, March 4.
- [Special Governance Issues for Public Hospitals](#): Wednesday, March 10
- [Common Life Safety Code Deficiencies](#): Tuesday, March 16.
- [Governance Webinar Series](#): Tuesday, May 11- Tuesday, Nov. 16.



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