



## A Message from WHA's CEO

Dr. David Rakel from the University of NM had this to say about rural healthcare: "We the willing, led by the unknowing, have been doing so much with so little for so long that we are now qualified to do anything with nothing".

I'd like to add to that that quote and say, we are qualified to do anything because we collaborate to innovate. That is the theme for our 2019 WHAAS. This will be a one of a kind event in that we are bringing you and your peers together to participate in a day of innovative solutions that you will be able to implement as soon as you return to your organization. It will certainly kick off 2019 with the inspiration to reach our goals for the best in care for our communities.

This year's National Rural Health Day (November 15th) focuses on the *Power of Rural*, how collaborations in rural communities support the delivery of quality healthcare in rural America. For us here at WHA, HCM and CCA, we celebrate that and the collaborations you engage in every day with each other as healthcare leaders. We have more work to do and knowing we are in this together makes it all the more worthwhile and meaningful.

Your staff at WHA, HCM and CCA invite you to celebrate the successes of our rural communities every day, and also to take this time to reflect on how our partnerships, whether at the community, state, or federal level, are transforming rural health outcomes.

Thank you and please have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

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