**CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL NETWORK (CAHN)**

**Executive Summary**

The Critical Access Hospital Network (CAHN) is an integrated network of hospitals and rural health clinics in eastern Washington that collaborate to achieve significant administrative, operational and clinical efficiencies that would not otherwise be possible for the members acting individually. These hospitals face common challenges and opportunities in the areas of government regulation, organizational administration, and service delivery. By developing solutions in unison, the members aim to improve the quality of patient care; improve the health of their rural population; and reduce the per capita costs of health care services.

**Mission Statement:** To enhance the quality of care and test an infrastructure designed to stabilize and strengthen the local rural health care delivery system.

**Purpose:** To implement the principles of care coordination among rural and urban settings and promote the exchange of health information to optimize quality health outcomes.

**Services:** The CAHN contributes to the success of rural healthcare in eastern Washington by delivering on three essential categories of services: rural advocacy, care coordination, and health information technology. As a result, the CAHN organizes professional peer groups, supports aggregate data sharing, participates in quality improvement initiatives, and assists with grant opportunities. Together, these services foster a learning collaborative in which the members can share best practices and leverage resources to improve performance both individually and collectively.

**Structure/Governance:** As a non-profit corporation, the CAHN is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) from their respective Hospital Districts. Meeting monthly, the Board operates according to formal by-laws that identify the delegation of authority and defines roles and responsibilities.

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