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Paul Drange Completes MHA Trustee Certification Program

WADENA, Minn. – Aug. 15, 2025 – Astera Health Board Chair, Paul Drange, has completed the Minnesota Hospital Association's (MHA) Trustee Certification Program. He was recognized for this achievement during a recent MHA Summer Trustee Conference.

The certification program is designed to support hospital and health system board members by providing education on healthcare governance, leadership responsibilities, and industry standards. It aims to strengthen board effectiveness and accountability across Minnesota's healthcare organizations.

"This certification reflects the commitment these trustees have made to advancing the mission of the hospitals and health systems they serve," said MHA President and CEO Dr. Rahul Koranne. "It equips trustees with the tools they need to lead with confidence and navigate an evolving healthcare landscape."

Drange was one of four newly certified trustees from across the state to complete the program this summer. The Minnesota Hospital Association acknowledged the trustees' commitment to informed governance and service to their communities.

For more information about the MHA Trustee Certification Program, visit mnhospitals.org.

CUTLINES:

Paul and Joel

Astera Health Board Chair Paul Drange (L) accepted his certificate of completion at the MHA Summer Trustee Conference alongside Astera Health President and CEO Joel Beiswenger (R).



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ABOUT ASTERA HEALTH

Astera Health is an independent, not-for-profit healthcare organization dedicated to improving community health for over 100 years. Guided by our vision to be your trusted partner for life, we provide comprehensive, patient-centered care in orthopedics, oncology, urology, ENT, chiropractic care, women's health, and diagnostic imaging.

Our hospital, clinic, and cancer center in Wadena, along with five satellite and two physical therapy clinics in Bertha, Henning, Ottertail, Sebeka, and Verndale, serve Wadena, Todd, and Otter Tail counties. Our hospital features surgery suites, labor and delivery, lab, rehab services, and 24-hour emergency care. We are committed to expanding specialized care, advancing innovation, and enhancing care.

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