

**Jed Hansen, Co-Chair of the Rural Veteran Special Interest Group
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Jed Hansen, PhD, APRN, FNP-C, is the founder and Co-Chair of the National Rural Health Association Rural Veteran Special Interest Group. In that capacity, Dr. Hansen has helped shape national conversations on Veteran advocacy in areas of scheduling modernization, strengthening outreach to Veterans through community outreach, and improved access to care.

In Nebraska, he serves as the Rural Health Association's Executive Director and as the Nebraska Hospital Association's senior rural consultant. He is a native

Nebraskan, growing up in the community of Minden, located in rural South-Central Nebraska. His academic background is focused on healthcare utilization facilitators and barriers in ambulatory care settings and actively practices at a clinic he owns in Omaha.

Dr. Hansen currently leads a Rural Health Transformation Program focused on the proliferation of the External Provider Scheduling system and bringing added partnership and awareness to Veteran health and benefits programs. He also works diligently on the rural emergency hospital model, rural dental, mental health initiatives, and rural senior dignity projects. He also leads projects designed to improve interoperability and data flow in rural health care settings and increase workforce pipelining.

He is a Fellow of the National Rural Health Association and the 2023 NRHA Advocate of the Year. He has been recognized as an influential healthcare leader and academic in Nebraska through the Nebraska Action Coalition and the University of Nebraska Medical Center, respectively.