Nevada Regional Medical Center (MO)

Nevada Regional Medical Center is a 71-bed acute, intensive and skilled care hospital located in Vernon County. It is a hospital with strong community ties and dedicated leadership that seeks creative and sustainable ways to stay viable and optimize services and practices.

The Nevada Regional Medical Center has many things going for it: strong community ties and support, a behavioral health unit and other clinics to provide access points for primary care, designation as the only hospital in a large area where babies can be delivered, and a low post-surgical site infections rate. In addition, it has a committed and engaged workforce and leadership team.

Nevertheless, Nevada Regional Medical Center faces challenges that are far too common among rural hospitals—the struggle to recruit and retain staff, maintain hospital infrastructure, and provide critical medical services over vast distances. At Nevada Regional Medical Center, the workforce has weathered salary freezes and staffing shortages, and now many are being recruited away. Capital expenditures are on hold while funding is sought, and billing systems could be better optimized to improve cash flow.

The Center for Optimizing Rural Health (CORH) will provide tools and resources to help the Medical Center regain its footing, including enrolling hospital leaders in a grant writing course; offering webinars and peer-to-peer mentoring sessions; and sharing resources on telemedicine practices, as well as tailored assistance throughout the upcoming partnership year. CORH will help the Medical Center overcome its challenges so it is better positioned to serve its community for years to come.