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NRHA Announces the 2010 Class for the Rural Health Fellows Program

(Washington, DC . . .) Today, the National Rural Health Association (NRHA) announced the final selections for the 2010 Rural Health Fellows Program. After the completion of a competitive review process, seven fellows were selected to participate in this year-long, intensive program aimed at developing leaders who can articulate a clear and compelling vision for rural America.

"We are very pleased to announce this new class of fellows as this program enters its fourth year. Once again, this class represents various levels of rural healthcare expertise, "With the successes achieved by the previous three classes, we look forward to continuing the tradition of building rural healthcare leaders through this valuable program," said Alan Morgan, NRHA CEO.

Fellows will gain valuable insights and build critical skills in three primary domains:

- 1) Personal, team, and organizational leadership;
- 2) Health policy analysis and advocacy;
- 3) National Rural Health Association governance and structure.

The 2010 Rural Health Fellows are as follows:

- **Janelle Ali-Dinar, PhD**, Vice President, Research & Capital Development, Mary Lanning Hospital/HealthCare Foundation; Hastings, Nebraska
- **Evonne Bennett, MD**, Capacity Building Specialist, Office of Minority Health Resource Center; Rockville, Maryland
- **Patrick Cross, DPT**, Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy, The University of South Dakota; Vermillion, South Dakota
- **Ed Pitchford, CPA**, President and CEO, Charles Cole Memorial Hospital; Coudersport, Pennsylvania
- **Kathleen Quinn, PhD**, Program Director-MU AHEC; University of Missouri School of Medicine; Columbia, Missouri
- **Kathleen Spencer, MS**, Information Specialist; Rural Assistance Center – CRH; Grand Forks, Minnesota
- **Janice Wilkins, RN**, Vice President of Healthcare Services; The Landmark Group; Stuart, Virginia

For more information regarding the NRHA's Rural Health Fellows Program, please contact Amy Elizondo, Vice President of Program Services at Elizondo@NRHArural.org or (202) 639-0550.

The NRHA is a national nonprofit organization, with more than 20,000 members that provides leadership on rural health issues. The Association's mission is to improve the health and wellbeing of rural Americans and to provide leadership on rural health issues through advocacy, communications, education, and research. The NRHA membership is made up of a diverse collection of individuals and organizations, all of whom share the common bond of an interest in rural health.

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