



NRHA's 35th Rural Health Policy Institute is Feb. 13-15 in Washington, D.C.

Monday, Feb. 12th

Pre-Session Day

All times are in EST

11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

NRHA Rural Health Fellows Meeting

L'Enfant Ballroom A

Initial training session for the new 2024 Rural Health Fellows. (Limited to incoming cohort only)

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Rural HIT Coalition

DuPont Room

Meeting of the Rural HIT Coalition.

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

State Association Council Meeting

Gallery III/IV

Meeting of the State Association Council. (Limited to current members only)

1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Government Affairs Committee

Gallery III/IV

Meeting of the NRHA Government Affairs Committee. (Limited to current members only)

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

NRHA Board of Trustees

Gallery III/IV

Meeting of the NRHA Board of Trustees. (Limited to current Board Members only)

3:30 – 4:15 p.m.

NRHA Constituency Group Meetings

Meeting of the NRHA Constituency Groups:

- Clinical Constituency Group and Federally Qualified Health Center Constituency Group, McPherson Room
- Hospital and Health System Constituency Group, Gallery I
- Public Health Constituency Group, Potomac Room

- Research and Education Constituency Group, DuPont Room
- Rural Health Clinic Constituency Group, L'Enfant Ballroom A
- Statewide Health Resources Constituency Group, Gallery II
- State Office Council, L'Enfant Ballroom B
- Student Constituency Group, Pentagon Room

4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

NRHA Rural Health Congress Meeting

Gallery III/IV

Meeting of the NRHA Rural Health Congress. (Limited to current members and Fellows only)

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

NRHA Rural Health Fellows Graduation

Mt. Vernon Room

Graduation ceremony for the 2023 Rural Health Fellows cohort.

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Tuesday, Feb. 13

Informational Sessions Day

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7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 8:45 a.m.

Welcome

Carrie Cochran-McClain, Chief Policy Officer, NRHA

8:45 – 9:00 a.m.

Your Voice. Louder!

Kevin Bennett, President, NRHA

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

9:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Choosing Rural

Alan Morgan, Chief Executive Officer, NRHA

9:45- 10:00 a.m.

Congressional Speakers

Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR)

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Director Dr. Paul Friedrichs

White House Office of Pandemic Preparedness & Response Policy

10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Deputy Administrator Dr. Meena Seshamani

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Administrator Carole Johnson

Health Resources and Services Administration

11:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

The Remainder of the 118th Congress: A Senate Committee Staff Perspective

Emily Blair-Rubright, Senate Veterans Affairs Committee

Eric Slee, Senate Agriculture Committee

Kripa Sreepada, Senate Finance Committee

Tess Wrzesinski, Senate Veterans Affairs Committee

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Networking Lunch (optional)

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Rural Health Safety Net Faces Deepening Uncertainty Amid Unrelenting Pressure

Michael Topchik, Chartis Center for Rural Health

2:00 – 2:45 p.m.

Congressional Speakers

Rep. Jill Tokuda (D-HI)

Rep. John Joyce (R-PA)

Senator Mark Warner (D-VA)

2:45 – 3:00 p.m.

Under Secretary for Health Dr. Shereef Elnahal

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

3:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Congressional Speakers

Rep. Adrian Smith (R-NE)

3:15 – 3:45 p.m.

Deputy Secretary Xochitl Torres-Small and State Operations Director Dr. Basil Gooden

U.S. Department of Agriculture

3:45 – 4:00 p.m.

Break

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4:00 – 4:50 p.m.

Breakout sessions

Growing the Rural GME Footprint

Gallery I

Emily Hawes, University of North Carolina School of Medicine

Lori Rodefeld, Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative

Sarah Young, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy

Moderator: Alexa McKinley, NRHA

Elevating Community Voices: Approaches to State-Level Rural Health Advocacy

Gallery II

Jed Hansen, Nebraska Rural Health Association

Kelly Hughes, National Conference of State Legislatures

Moderator: Zil Joyce Dixon Romero, NRHA

Cybersecurity for Rural Hospitals

Gallery III/IV

Rahul Gaitonde, Department of Health and Human Services

Michael Hassell, Melissa Memorial Hospital

Scott Trevino, TRIMEDX

Moderator: Brock Slabach, NRHA

5:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Advocacy 101

NRHA Government Affairs team

5:30 – 6:00 p.m.

State Prep Meetings

NRHA Government Affairs team

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Coalition for Rural Medicare Equality Happy Hour

L'Enfant Ballroom

Wednesday, Feb. 14

Advocacy in Practice

All sessions are in L'Enfant Ballroom unless otherwise indicated.

All times are in EST

7:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Registration

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 9:15 a.m.

NRHA Priorities

Welcome to day two as we take our fight to Members of Congress. Learn messages and tools for advocacy.

Carrie Cochran-McClain, Chief Policy Officer, NRHA

9:15 – 9:30 a.m.

Demonstration of the State & Congressional District Rural Health Profiles

Keith Bubblo, Stroudwater Associates

9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Associate Administrator for Rural Health Policy Tom Morris

Federal Office of Rural Health Policy

10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Capitol Hill Advocacy

Opportunities to meet with participants' state delegations on rural health priorities.

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Congressional Reception

B357 Rayburn House Office Building

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Thursday, Feb. 15

Rural Health Disparities Summit

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7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Veterans Interest Group Breakfast

Archive Room

8:30 – 8:45 a.m.

Rural Health Disparities Summit Kickoff

Carrie Cochran-McClain, NRHA Chief Policy Officer

8:45 – 9:00 a.m.

Congressional Speakers

Rep. Derek Kilmer (D-WA)

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.

Deputy Director for Policy, Communications, and Legislation Andi Fristedt

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

9:15 – 9:30 a.m.

Congressional Speakers

Rep. Carol Miller (R-WV)

9:30 – 9:50 a.m.

Appalachian Regional Commission

Gayle Conelly-Manchin, Federal Co-Chair

Brandon McBride, Executive Director

9:50 – 10:00 a.m.

Break

10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

Breakout Sessions

Rural Aging Issues

Gallery I

Kathy Greenlee, ADvancing States

Rani E. Snyder, John A. Hartford Foundation

Rural Emergency Hospitals: Reflections and Looking Forward

Gallery II

Anna Anna, Rural Health Redesign Center

Christina Campos, Guadalupe County Hospital

Christiana Reasor, U.S. Senator Jerry Moran

Moderator: Alexa McKinley, NRHA

Navigating Post-Pandemic Telehealth Policy

Gallery III/IV

Alexis Apple, American Telemedicine Association

Heather Dimeris, Office for the Advancement of Telehealth

Moderator: Zil Joyce Dixon Romero, NRHA

11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Breakout Sessions

The State of Rural EMS: Challenges and Opportunities

Gallery I

Justin Duncan, Washington County Ambulance District

Yvonne Jonk, Maine Rural Health Research Center

Davis Patterson, WWAMI Rural Health Research Center

Moderator: Doson Nguyen, NRHA

The Role of Family Physicians in Rural Maternal Care

Gallery II

Dr. Yalda Jabbarpour, Director, Robert Graham Center for Policy Studies

Dr. Drew Miller, Kearny County Hospital

Moderator: Julie Wood, American Academy of Family Physicians

The Medicare Advantage Impact on Rural Health

Gallery III/IV

Keith Mueller, RUPRI Center for Rural Health Policy Analysis

Brian Stephens, Door County Medical Center

Moderator: Alexa McKinley, NRHA

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Closing Remarks

Alan Morgan, CEO, NRHA

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