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National Rural Health Association | 23rd Annual Rural Health Policy Institute

TUESDAY, FEB. 6

7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Registration

7:30-8:00 a.m.
Continental breakfast

7:45-8:00 a.m.
Your Voice Louder, Smarter, Now.
2018 NRHA President: Tommy Barnhart

8:00-8:30 a.m.
Rural Speaks. Ensure Washington Listens.
Maggie Elehwany, NRHA

8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
Rep. Cheri Bustos, D-IL

8:45-9:00 a.m.
Rep. Jodey Arrington, R-TX

9:00-9:40 a.m.
Markets and Mandates: The Future of the ACA in Rural America
Julie Appleby, KHN
Mark Holmes, Sheps Center

9:40-10:00 a.m.
Seema Verma, Administrator, CMS

10:00-10:15 a.m.
Senator Joe Manchin, D-WV

10:15-10:30 a.m.
Break

10:30-10:50 a.m.
RADM Dr. Michael Weahkee, Acting Director, Indian Health Service

10:50-11:40 a.m.

The Many Faces of the Opioid Crisis
Dr. Michael Brumage, West Virginia University
Rebecca Crowder, Lily's Place

11:45-12:45 p.m.
Lunch

12:45-12:55
20th Anniversary of CAHs: Where have we been and where are we going?
Tim Size, Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative

12:55-1:15 p.m.
Anne Hazlett, Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development, USDA

1:15-1:30 p.m.
Dr. George Sigounas, Administrator, HRSA

1:30-1:45 p.m.
Rep. Buddy Carter, R-GA

1:45-2:40 p.m.
The Threats Keep Coming: Impact of Medicare and Medicaid Cuts on Rural Providers
Michelle Mills, CEO, Colorado Rural Health Center
Michael Topchik, Chartis
Tim Wolters, Citizens Memorial Hospital

2:40-3:00 p.m.
Innovations in Teledermatology
Dr. Karen Edison, AccessDerm

3:00-3:15 p.m.
Rep. Larry Bucshon, MD, R-IN

3:15-3:30 p.m.
Rep. Adrian Smith, R-NE

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3:30-3:45 p.m.

Rep. Clay Higgins, R-LA

3:45 p.m.-4:15 p.m.

The Great Recession: Where is Rural America 10 years later?

Robert Doar, Resident Fellow and Morridge Fellow in Poverty Studies, AEI

Lauren Weber, Huffington Post

4:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m.

Rural Voice in the 2018 Election: Looking Forward
Dan Diamond, Politico

4:45-5:45 p.m. Concurrent sessions

A: Veterans: Serving Those Who Served

B: Health Care is Infrastructure in Rural America

C: Protecting Rural Providers from 340B Attacks

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7

7:00-10:00 a.m.

Registration

7:00-7:30 a.m.

Continental breakfast

7:15-7:30 a.m.

Capitol Hill Strategy Part I

7:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.

Senator Cory Gardner, R-CO

7:45-8:00 a.m.

Senator Amy Klobuchar, D-MN

8:00-8:15 a.m.

Senator Dan Sullivan, R-AK

8:15-8:30 a.m.

Senator John Barrasso, R-WY

8:30-8:45 a.m.

Opioid Crisis: A Rural Call to Action
Dr. Elinore McCance Katz, SAMHSA

8:45-9:00 a.m.

Capitol Hill Strategy Part II
Maggie Elehwany

9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Congressional Meetings on Capitol Hill

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Congressional Reception
U.S. Botanic Gardens

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THURSDAY, FEB. 8

RURAL HEALTH DISPARITIES SUMMIT

8:00-8:30 a.m.

Continental breakfast

8:30-9:00 a.m.

Health Disparities: The Widening Mortality Gap Between Urban and Rural

Heather Dimeris and Paul Moore, FORHP

9:00-10:00 a.m.

CDC Panel: Story and Findings

Rural Health Disparities: CDC Injury Disparities

Dr. Debra Houry and Sara Patterson

The Widening Mortality Gap

Dr. Ernie Moy

10:00-10:30 a.m.

Why Are Rural Americans Dying from Curable Cancers?

Robert Croyle, National Cancer Institute

10:30-11:15 a.m.

Rural Hospitals are Dying and Pregnant Women are Paying the Price

Lisa Rab, Politico, Diane Calmus, NRHA

11:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

CMS Office of Minority Health Discussion

Cara James, Director

11:45-12:00p.m.

Oral Health in Rural America

Dr. Marcia Brand, DentaQuest Foundation

12:00-12:15 p.m.

Border Health and Rural Hispanic Communities

Robert Guerrero, Office of Border Health for the Arizona Department of Health Services

12:15-12:30 p.m.

NRHA in 2018 and Beyond: Hope for Rural America

12:45 p.m.

Policy Institute adjourns

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