

**National Rural Health Association
Policy Institute
Feb. 6-8**

**TUESDAY, FEB. 6 – LEARN ABOUT THE ISSUES IMPORTANT TO
RURAL AMERICA**

7:30 a.m.
Registration and Breakfast

7:50-8:10 a.m.
Your Voice Louder, Smarter, Now.
With NRHA's New President: Tommy Barnhart

8:10-8:30 a.m.
Rural Speaks. Ensure Washington Listens.
With NRHA's Vice President of Government Affairs and Policy, Maggie Elehwany

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

8:45 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
Member of Congress (Still to be Announced)

9:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.
Markets and Mandates: The Future of the
ACA in Rural America

9:45-10:00 a.m.
Member of Congress (Still to be Announced)

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

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

10:30-10:50 a.m.
HRSA Rural Health Update w/ HRSA Administrator Dr. Sigounas

10:50-11:10 a.m.
Rural Medicare Extenders: Reauthorization and the Rural Hospital Closure Crisis
Tentative: Speaker from Chartis

11:10- 12:00 p.m.
Learn about the issues and hear from Members of Congress and other experts

12:00-1:00 p.m.
Lunch

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Teledermatology Session

1:00-1:15 p.m.

Rural Development with Key Speaker from USDA

1:15-1:45 p.m.

More from Members of Congress and the Administration

1:45-2:30 p.m.

The Many Faces of the Opioid Crisis

Dr. Michael Brumage

2:30- 3:00 p.m.

Break

3:00-3:15 p.m.

Rep. Larry Buchson, MD, (R-IN)

3:15-3:30 p.m.

Member of Congress (Still to be Announced)

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 Morgridge Fellow in Poverty Studies, AEI

4:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Rural Voice in the 2018 Election: Looking Forward

Dan Diamond, Politico

4:30-5:30 p.m. Concurrent sessions

A: Veterans: Serving those Who Served

B: Rural Economic Development

C: Attacks on Rural Hospitals

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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7 – MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD ON CAPITOL HILL

7:00-10:00 a.m.

Registration

7:00-7:30 a.m.

Continental breakfast

7:15-7:45 a.m.

Capitol Hill Strategy

7:45-8:00 a.m.

Member of Congress (Still to be Announced)

8:00-8:15 a.m.

Senator Dan Sullivan, R-AK

8:15-8:30 a.m.

Member of Congress (Still to be Announced)

8:30-8:45 a.m.

Mental and Behavioral Health in Rural America
Dr. Elinore McCance Katz from SAMHSA

8:45-9:00 a.m.

Member of Congress (Still to be Announced)

9:00-9:30 a.m.

Power of Rural Health

9:30 a.m.

Senator Steve Daines, R-MT

10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Congressional Meetings on Capitol Hill

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Congressional Reception
Botanic Gardens

THURSDAY, FEB. 8 - RURAL HEALTH DISPARITIES SUMMIT

8:00-8:30 a.m.

Continental breakfast

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8:30-9:00 a.m.

Health Disparities: The Widening Mortality Gap Between Urban and Rural

9:00-10:00 a.m.

CDC Panel: Story and Findings on Rural Health Disparities and the Widening Mortality Gap

10:00-10:30 a.m.

**Why Are Rural Americans Dying from Curable Cancers?
Experts from National Cancer Institute**

10:30-11:15 a.m.

Rural Hospitals are Dying and Pregnant Women are Paying the Price

11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

CDC Office of Minority Health Discussion

12:00-12:30 p.m.

Border Health and Rural Hispanic Communities Susan Kunz

12:30-12:45 p.m.

NRHA in 2018 and Beyond: Hope for Rural America

12:45 p.m.

Policy Institute adjourns