



Rural Health Policy Institute Agenda

Tuesday, February 5

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

Registration

7:15-7:45 a.m.

Breakfast

7:45-8:00 a.m.

Your Voice Louder

Tim Putnam, NRHA 2019
President

8:00-8:15 a.m.

Your Voice in Washington

Maggie Elehwany
Vice President of Government
Affairs and Policy

8:15-8:30 a.m.

Senator John Barrasso, R-WY

Chairman, Senate Republican
Policy Committee

8:30-8:45 a.m.

Senator Doug Jones, D-AL

2019 Rural Health Champion
Award Winner

8:45-9:00 a.m.

Member of Congress to be
announced

9:00-9:15 a.m.

Rep. Jodey Arrington, R-TX

2019 Rural Health Champion
Award Winner

9:15-10:15 a.m.

**Medicaid: Waivers, Requirements,
and New Opportunities**

Rebecca Jolley, Executive Director,
Rural Health Association of Tennessee
Others to be announced

10:15-10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30-11:00 a.m.

**Innovation and Sustainability:
New Models for Care**

11:00-11:40 a.m.

**Addressing the Opioid Crisis:
A Toolkit Towards Progress**

Betty-Ann Bryce, Senior Policy Advisor,
USDA
Michael Meit,
Senior Fellow, NORC
Local Leaders

11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Lunch with a performance from the
Capitol Steps**

1:00- 1:10 p.m.

Social Media Discussion

Jessica Seigel, Government
Affairs Communications Coordinator

1:10-1:25 p.m.

Rep. Adrian Smith, R-NE

Member of Ways and Means
Committee

1:25-2:00 p.m.

**Medicare Cuts and Impacts on Rural
Providers**

Michael Topchik, National Leader for
the Chartis Center for Rural Health.
Mark Holmes, Director, UNC Cecil G.
Sheps Center for Health Services
Research

Tim Wolters, Director of
Reimbursement, Citizens Memorial
Hospital

2:00-2:15 p.m.

Member of Congress to be announced

2:15-2:45 p.m.

**Rebuilding Rural America: Health Care
Infrastructure**

Robbie Boone, SVP of Government
Affairs, Farm Credit Council
Michael Daniels, Director of Government
Affairs, NTCA
Tim Putnam, President and CEO,
Margaret Mary Health

2:45-3:15 p.m.

Accessing Care: What Happens

When Providers Close? Moderated by
Jack Healy, New York Times
John Henderson, CEO and President,
TORCH

Ann Peton, Director, National Center
for Rural Health Works

3:15-3:30 p.m.

Break

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Tuesday, February 5 Concurrent Sessions

3:30-3:45 p.m.

Rep. Markwayne Mullin, R-OK
Member of Energy and Commerce
Committee

3:45-4:00 p.m.

Senior Leader from FCC

4:15-4:45 p.m.

**Reasons for Optimism: Key Findings
from the Life in Rural America Poll**

Mary Gorski, Research Associate,
Harvard Opinion Research Program at
the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public
Health

Joe Neel, Deputy Senior Supervising
Editor, NPR

Carolyn Miller, Senior Program Officer,
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

4:45 - 5:45 p.m.

**A: Rural Funding Toolkits: Accessing
Grants and Government Backed Loans**

Speakers to be announced

**B: Telehealth: What's New and Next in
Reimbursements, Licensure, and Access**

Speakers to be announced

**C: Aging in Rural America: Unique
Needs in Rural Areas from Longterm
Care to Workforce Shortages**

Speakers to be announced

Wednesday, February 6 Advocacy Day

7:00-10:00 a.m.

Registration

7:00-7:30 a.m.

Breakfast

7:30-8:00 a.m.

Capitol Hill Strategy

Maggie Elehwany, VP of Policy and Government
Affairs, NRHA

Diane Calmus, Regulatory Counsel, NRHA

8:00-8:30 a.m.

Member of Congress to be announced

9:00-10:00 a.m.

**Capitol Hill Strategy Questions and
Discussion**

Speak with NRHA's Government Affairs Staff
about any questions you may have before your
meetings on Capitol Hill

9:00-6:00 p.m.

Congressional Meetings on Capitol Hill

6:00-8:00 p.m.

**Congressional Reception at the U.S. Botanic
Gardens**

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Thursday, February 7

Rural Health Disparities Summit

8:00-8:30 a.m.

Breakfast

8:30-8:50 a.m.

Dr. George Sigounas, Keynote
Administrator, HRSA

8:50-9:10 a.m.

**An Interactive Discussion Among Rural
Health Leaders**

Cara James, Director, Office of Minority
Health, CMS

9:10-9:30 a.m.

**CDC Discussion of Research on Substance
Use Disorders and Life Expectancy in
Rural America**

Speakers to be announced

9:30-9:50 a.m.

**Chronic Disease Challenges in Rural
America**

Speakers to be announced

9:50 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

**Workforce Shortages and their Impact on
Rural Health**

Julie Wood, Senior Vice President for Health
of the Public, Science and Interprofessional
Activities, American Academy of Family
Physicians

Other speakers to be announced

11:30-11:45 a.m.

**Bright Spots in Rural America: Stories of
How Rural America is Doing More With
Less**

Speakers to be announced with the
Appalachia Regional Commission and Robert
Wood Johnson Foundation

11:45-12:00 p.m.

NIH - All of Us Research Program

Dr. Dara Richardson-Heron, M.D

12:00-12:20 p.m.

Oral Health Equity

Marcia Brand, Senior Advisor, Dentaquest
Pat Finnerty, Senior Advisor, Dentaquest

12:20-12:30 p.m.

Hope for Rural America

Cara James and Alan Morgan

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