NRHA’s 31st Rural Health Policy Institute
HILTON WASHINGTON, D.C., NATIONAL MALL

Tuesday, February 11th
NRHA Informational Sessions Day

7:30 - 5:00 p.m.  Event Registration
7:30 - 8:00 a.m.  Breakfast
8:00 - 8:15 a.m.  Your Voice. Louder!
                  NRHA 2020 President Pat Schou
8:15 - 8:45 a.m.  Your Voice in Washington, D.C.
                  NRHA VP of Gov. Affairs Maggie Elehwany
8:45 – 9:05 a.m.  Senator Tina Smith (D-MN)
9:05 - 9:25 a.m.  Member of Congress/Admin.
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9:45 - 10:00 a.m.  Break
10:00 - 10:45 a.m.  Rural America Needs Action Now: Understanding the Rural Hospital Closure Crisis & Its Consequences
                    Rural hospitals are crucial to sustaining health care access to small, rural communities, and they have done so for generations. However, a disturbing trend in rural hospital closures is jeopardizing health care access in rural America. Join us to learn more from experts on the state of rural hospitals and why it is so important that Congress and the Administration act now to save rural hospitals. This session will feature remarks from rural hospital leaders and researchers who have followed this issue closely.
10:45 - 11:05 a.m.  HHS Deputy Secretary Eric Hargan
11:05 - 11:50 a.m. **How Will Rural Voters Define the Upcoming Election?**
Rural voters made an impact in the 2016 elections, and both political parties have taken note. Join us to learn more about which issues are most important to rural voters and why representatives on both sides of the aisle are interested in the “rural vote.” This session will feature remarks from national media leaders who have focused on rural voters.

11:50 - 12:05 p.m. **Rep. David Loebsack (D-IA-02)**

12:05 - 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**

1:00 - 1:10 p.m. **NRHA Advocacy: Why Your Voice Matters**
We tout advocacy as an incredibly important part of NRHA’s mission, but now, more than ever before, NRHA members need to understand just how much your voice can make a difference. Your emails, your phone calls, your in-person meetings – they all matter. This session will feature remarks from NRHA Gov. Affairs & Policy Manager Max Isaacoff and NRHA Gov. Affairs Comms. Coordinator Mason Zeagler.

1:10 - 1:25 p.m. **HRSA Administrator Thomas Engels**

1:25 - 1:40 p.m. **Member of Congress/Admin.**

1:40 - 2:00 p.m. **The Maternity Crisis and Workforce Shortages in Rural America**
Rural America needs health care solutions. Workforce, obstetric, and mental health shortages are all prevalent issues for rural communities. This panel featuring congressional staff and rural advocates will discuss emerging solutions to the issues.

2:00 - 2:15 p.m. **Congresswoman Suzan DelBene (D-WA-01)**

2:15 - 2:45 p.m. **Opioids and the Next Generation**
The opioid crisis will create lasting problems beyond this generation. The next generation of Americans will face overwhelming difficulties dealing with challenges from the fallout of the current opioid crisis.

2:45 - 3:15 p.m. **Medicaid Policy and Practice: Rural Opportunities and Concerns**
NRHA will be conducting Medicaid regional stakeholder roundtables in 2020 to address policy concerns and identify best practices. Attend this session to learn more about Medicaid policies and their implications on rural health care practitioners.

3:15 - 3:30 p.m. **Break**

3:30 - 3:50 p.m. **Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO)**
3:50 - 4:10 p.m.  Representative Jodey Arrington (R-TX-19)

4:10 - 5:10 p.m.  Rural Health Breakout Sessions
A: Rural Funding Toolkits
B: Rural Regulatory Issues - Tim Wolters and Kerri Cornejo (HRSA)
C: Aging in Rural America

5:15 - 6:00 p.m.  Hill Day Advocacy 101: How to Make the Most of Your Meetings
Learn the tips and tricks to a successful Capitol Hill meeting from two of NRHA’s lobbyists, NRHA Gov. Affairs & Policy Manager Max Isaacoff and NRHA Gov. Affairs Communications Coordinator Mason Zeagler. In this session, they will discuss conversational strategies, NRHA talking points, and how to handle post-meeting follow-up. Together, they will prepare you to have a productive NRHA Capitol Hill Advocacy Day experience.

Wednesday, February 12th
NRHA Capitol Hill Advocacy Day

7:00 - 10:00 a.m.  Registration

8:00 - 8:15 a.m.  Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL)

8:15 - 8:30 a.m.  U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams

8:30 - 8:45 a.m.  Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-TN)

8:45 - 9:00 a.m.  Representative Brad Wenstrup (R-OH-2)

9:00 - 9:20 a.m.  Acting Director of the CMMI Amy Bassano

9:20 - 9:45 am.  Moment to Momentum: Turning Advocacy into Action on Capitol Hill
NRHA VP of Gov. Affairs Maggie Elehwany and NRHA Gov. Affairs & Policy Manager Max Isaacoff will deliver a brief presentation on the purpose of NRHA’s Capitol Hill Advocacy Day and explain each of NRHA’s policy asks.

9:45 - 6:00 p.m.  Congressional Meetings on Capitol Hill

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  Congressional Reception
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| 8:30 - 8:50 a.m. | **Dr. Cara James**  
|                | Director of CMS Office of Minority Health                |
| 8:50 - 9:20 a.m. | **CDC Session**                                        |
| 9:20 - 9:50 a.m. | **Closing the Gaps & Enabling Health Equity**  
|                | There is a large divide between rural and urban health equity. This session will focus on closing the gap and enabling health equity for all Americans. |
| 9:50 - 10:05 a.m. | **Break**                                               |
| 10:05 - 10:35 a.m. | **AAFP Session**                                      |
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| 11:05 - 11:50 a.m. | **AHA Session**                                        |
| 11:50 - 12:20 p.m. | **Chronic Diseases in Rural America**  
|                | Grace Ann Koppel                                       |
| 12:20 - 12:30 p.m. | **Hope for Rural America**  
|                | NRHA CEO Alan Morgan                                   |