



Washington, D.C. Feb. 11-13, 2020

**Tuesday, Feb. 11**  
*Informational Sessions Day*

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

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

**8:00-8:15 a.m.**  
**Your Voice. Louder!**  
Pat Schou, NRHA President

**8:15-8:45 a.m.**  
**Your Voice in Washington, D.C.**  
Maggie Elehwany, NRHA Vice President of Government Affairs

**8:45-9:10 a.m.**  
**Senator Tina Smith (D-MN)**

**9:15-10:15 a.m.**  
**Rural America Needs Action Now: Understanding the Rural Hospital Closure Crisis & Its Consequences**  
Michelle Rathman, Rural Matters  
Tim Wolters, Citizens Memorial Hospital  
John Henderson, TORCH  
Michael Topchik, Chartis Center for Rural Health

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

**10:30-10:45 a.m.**  
**Senator Todd Young (R-IN)**

**10:45-11:05 a.m.**  
**HHS Deputy Secretary Eric Hargan**

**11:05-11:50 a.m.**  
**The Rural Vote: How Will We Define the Election**  
Ted Koppel  
Abby Vesoulis, TIME Magazine  
Marilyn Serafini, Bipartisan Policy Center  
Dee Davis, Daily Yonder

**11:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m.**  
**Representative Dave Loebsack (D-IA-02)**

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

**1:00-1:25 p.m.**  
**HRSA Administrator Thomas Engels**

**1:25-1:50 p.m.**  
**FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr**

**1:50-2:00 p.m.**  
**Rebuilding Rural Infrastructure**

**2:00-2:15 p.m.**  
**Representative Susan DelBene (D-WA-01)**

**2:15-2:50 p.m.**  
**Opioids and the Next Generation**  
Anne Hazlett, Senior Advisor for Rural Affairs, Executive Office of the President  
Cindy Chamberlain, West Virginia To the Moon and Back

**2:50-3:15 p.m.**  
**Medicaid Policy and Practice: Rural Opportunities and Concerns**  
Pat Schou, NRHA President  
Patrick Finnerty, Former Virginia Medicaid Director

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



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**3:30-3:50 p.m.**

**Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO)**

**3:50-4:10 p.m.**

**Representative Jodey Arrington (R-TX-19)**

**4:10-4:30 p.m.**

**Mark Green (R-TN-07)**

**4:30-5:30 p.m.**

**Rural Health Breakout Sessions**

**A: Rural Funding Toolkits**

Betty-Anne Bryce, USDA Rural Health Liaison  
Alana Knudson, NORC at the University of Chicago,  
Program Area Director

**B: Rural Regulatory Issues**

Kerri Cornejo, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy,  
Policy Coordinator  
Tim Wolters, Citizens Memorial Hospital, Director of  
Reimbursements

**C: Rural Innovation**

Amy Bassano, Center for Medicare and Medicaid  
Innovation Deputy Director  
Brock Slabach, NRHA Senior Executive Vice President  
of Member Services

**5:30-6:00 p.m.**

**Hill Day Advocacy 101: How to Make the Most of Your Meetings**

Max Isaacoff, NRHA Government Affairs & Policy Manager  
Mason Zeagler, NRHA Government Affairs Communications  
Coordinator

**Wednesday, Feb. 12**  
***Capitol Hill Advocacy Day***

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

**Registration**

**7:00-7:50 a.m.**

**Continental Breakfast**

**7:50-8:00 a.m.**

**Taking Our Fight to the Hill**

Maggie Elehwany, NHRA Vice President of Government Affairs

**8:00-8:20 a.m.**

**U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams**

**8:20-8:40 a.m.**

**Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL)**

**8:40-9:00 a.m.**

**Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-TN)**

**9:00-9:25 a.m.**

**CMS Administrator Seema Verma**

**9:25-9:40 a.m.**

**Representative Brad Wenstrup (R-OH-2)**

**9:40-10:00 a.m.**

**Moment to Momentum: Turning Advocacy into Action on Capitol Hill**

Maggie Elehwany, NHRA Vice President of Government Affairs  
Max Isaacoff, NRHA Government Affairs & Policy Manager

**10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.**

**Congressional Meetings on Capitol Hill**

**5:30-8:00 p.m.**

**Congressional Reception (SH-216 Hart Senate Office Building)**



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## Thursday, Feb. 13 *Rural Health Disparities Summit*

**8:00-8:30 a.m.**

**Continental Breakfast**

**8:30-8:50 a.m.**

**Director of CMS Office of Minority Health Dr. Cara James**

**8:50-9:20 a.m.**

**Deputy Director of CDC Office of Minority Health Dr. Jeffrey Hall**

**9:20-9:50 a.m.**

**Chronic Diseases in Rural America**

Grace Anne Dorney Koppel, Dorney-Koppel Foundation  
Alva Ferdinand, Southwest Rural Health Research Center

**9:50-10:00 a.m.**

**Break**

**10:00-10:45 a.m.**

**Enabling Rural Practice**

Dr. Jack Westfall, Robert Graham Center  
Dr. Randall Longenecker, Ohio University  
Leslie Marsh, Lexington Regional Health Center,

**10:45-11:15 a.m.**

**Maternity Health Disparities in Rural America**

Dr. Zita Magloire, Cairo Medical Care

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

**Dr. Eduardo Sanchez of the American Heart Association**

**12:00-12:30 p.m.**

**Closing the Gaps & Enabling Health Equity**

Robert Guerrero, NRHA Health Equity Council  
Brittany Jablonsky, Farm Credit Council  
Mike Stranz, National Farmers Union  
RJ Karney, American Farm Bureau Federation

**12:30 p.m.**

**Closing Remarks & the Hope for Rural America**

Alan Morgan, NRHA CEO