2017 Rural Quality and Clinical Conference:  
July 12-14, 2017  
Working Together for Innovations in Quality and Clinical Care  
Sheraton Nashville Downtown  
Nashville, Tennessee

NRHA’s Rural Quality and Clinical Conference is an interactive conference for quality improvement coordinators, performance improvement coordinators, rural clinicians, quality improvement organizations, and nurses practicing on the front lines of rural health care. The 2017 conference offers two tracks: Track 1- Rural Hospital and Clinical Quality Track and Track 2- Innovation Track.

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

1:00 – 1:15 p.m.  
Welcome to the 2017 Rural Quality and Clinical Conference  
Roger Wells, NRHA Clinical Constituency Group Chair

1:15 – 2:30 p.m.  
Keynote Address:  
Ronnie Musgrove, National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services (NACRHHS) Chair  
Description coming soon.

2:30 – 2:45 p.m.  
Networking and Exhibits

2:45- 4:00 p.m.  
Concurrent Breakout Sessions (Choose A or B)

Track A: Rural Hospital and Clinical Quality Track  
1A: Quality Dimensions of MACRA Through a Rural Lens  
Part 1: Rural Dimensions of the Quality Payment Program (QPP)  
Richard E. Wild, MD, JD, MBA, FACEP, Chief Medical Officer, Atlanta Regional Office, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)  
Brock Slabach, Senior Vice President of Member Services, National Rural Health Association.  
Description coming soon.

Track B: Innovation Track  
1B: Reimagining Gestational Diabetes Care for Rural America  
Kristin Laberis, MTS, Operations Coordinator, Service Lines, Avera Health, Sioux Falls, SD  
Kimberlee McKay, MD, Clinical VP, OB/GYN Service Line, Avera Health, Sioux Falls, SD

Agenda as of 4/4/2017
If not managed properly, gestational diabetes has serious, long-term consequences for both mom and baby, including a predisposition to chronic health problems. Avera Health is engaged in an innovative telemedicine approach to gestational diabetes in rural American through a mobile platform that increases compliance, improves specialty access, and decreases costs.

4:00 – 4:15 p.m.
Networking Break/Poster Session/Exhibits

4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.
Federal Office of Rural Health Policy Update
Paul Moore, DPh, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy Senior Health Policy Advisor

FORHP will offer a federal update as well as updates from its quality improvement programs.

Thursday, July 13, 2017

7:00 – 7:55 a.m.
Clinical Constituency Group Meeting

7:00 - 8:00 a.m.
Continental Breakfast/Networking/Exhibits/Poster Session
Foyer

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.
How to Build Consensus and Collaboration for Telemedicine
Talbot McCormick, M.D., Eagle Hospital Physicians, CEO

Telemedicine offers a lifeline that more hospitals and healthcare facilities, especially in underserved rural communities, rely on. This session is designed to use successful rural telemedicine programs to demonstrate best practices on how facilities can build consensus and collaboration among the three key constituent groups: Clinical, finance and administration.

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.
Networking, Poster Session, and Exhibits

9:15 – 10:30 a.m.
Concurrent Breakout Sessions (Choose A or B)

Track A: Rural Hospital and Clinical Quality Track
2A: Quality Dimensions of MACRA Through a Rural Lens
Part 2: A QPP Deep Dive: Rural Specific Solutions to Important Issues
Richard E. Wild, MD, JD, MBA, FACEP, Chief Medical Officer, Atlanta Regional Office, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
Brock Slabach, Senior Vice President for Member Services, National Rural Health Association
Description coming soon.
Track B: Innovation Track
2B: Collaborative Governance: New Linkages for Successful Population Health (Tentative)  
James Rice, PhD, Managing Director Governance & Leadership, Gallagher Integrated, Minneapolis, MN  
Interactive session that describes innovative new ways for boards and community leaders to form and govern community health partnerships for successful health gains and enhance population health. Results from recent studies with National Assoc of Local Boards of Health and MN Assoc of Community Health Centers provides practical tools/techniques.

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.  
Networking Break/Poster Session/Exhibits

10:45am – 11:45 am  
Plenary Session (Invited)  
Linda Lang, Executive Director, National Rural Accountable Care Consortium  
Description coming soon.

11:45 am – 12:55 p.m.  
Lunch/Networking

1:00 pm – 2:15 p.m.  
Concurrent Breakout Sessions (Choose A or B)

Track A: Rural Hospital and Clinical Quality Track
3A: Are you a high value provider?  
Lisa Kilawee, MPA, Regional VP, Caravan Health, Amherst, Wisconsin  
TBD, Rural ACO participant  
This presentation will discuss engaging rural providers in population health and value based payment models. It will highlight performance data from CPC+ and ACOs. Programming aimed to improve quality and result in significant gains in market share and performance scores for rural providers, leading to financial sustainability will be reviewed.

Track B: Innovation Track
3B: Families, Caregivers and Support in Rural Health Care (Tentative)  
Pat Foutz, Director of Clinical Services and Program Development, Bath Community Hospital, Hot Springs, VA  
To present the dynamics of families, clinicians and support or lack of in ensuring compliance with care models. What can be the motivating factors? Integrate behavioral health to be a part of the care model, and how to include veterans. Identify stressors for caregivers in rural caregiving. Interactive with audience.

2:15 – 2:30 p.m.  
Networking and Exhibits
2:30-3:45 p.m.  
Concurrent Sessions (Choose A or B)

**Track A: Rural Hospital and Clinical Quality Track**  
4A: TBD

**Track B: Innovation Track**  
4B: Population Health Management in the Mississippi Delta  
*Shenetta Drone, AVP of Health Information Technology Programs, Delta Health Alliance, Stoneville, Mississippi*

The Mississippi Delta Medicaid Population Health Demonstration Project, led by the Delta Health Alliance, in coordination with the Mississippi Department of Medicaid, drives targeted community, patient, and provider interventions through the use of modern Population Health Management solutions in rural Mississippi.

**Friday, July 14, 2017**

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.  
Continental Breakfast/Networking/Exhibits

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.  
**Beyond the NQF Low-Volume Report – What’s Next? (Tentative)**  
*Curt Mueller PhD, Director of Research and Evaluation, Rockville, Maryland*

This presentation will address challenges and recent experiences faced by low-volume providers, as articulated by the National Quality Forum report, Performance Measurement for Rural Low-Volume Providers, including whether recent payment regulations are consistent with Report recommendations and lessons from programs funded by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy.

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.  
**Washington Update**  
*Maggie Elehwany, JD, NRHA Vice President of Government Affairs and Policy*

Join rural health’s top federal lobbyist for an insider’s update.

10:30 a.m.  
**Adjourn**

See you next year for the 14th Annual Rural Quality and Clinical Conference,  
*July 18-20, 2018 in Washington, DC*