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*  
*Platinum Ballroom A*

1:15 – 2:30 p.m.  
**Keynote Address**  
*Robert Frost & American Health Care: A Former Governor’s Perspective on Health Care Policy & Its Impact on Rural America*  
*Ronnie Musgrove, National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services (NACRHHS) Chair*  
*Platinum Ballroom A*

2:30 – 2:45 p.m.  
**Networking and Exhibits**  
*Platinum Ballroom A*

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*  
*Platinum Ballroom A*
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
Melody B

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
Platinum Ballroom A

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
Platinum Ballroom A

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
Melody B

7:00 - 8:00 a.m.
Continental Breakfast/Networking/Exhibits/Poster Session
Platinum Ballroom A

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

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  
Platinum Ballroom A

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*

**Track B: Innovation Track**
**2B: Collaborative Governance: New Linkages forSuccessful Population Health**  
*James Rice, PhD, Managing Director Governance & Leadership, Gallagher Integrated, Minneapolis, MN*
*Melody B*

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 Association of Local Boards of Health and MN Association of Community Health Centers provides practical tools/techniques.

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

10:45am – 11:45 am
**Turning Clinical Data into Effective Action**  
*Tim Putnam, DHA, President/CEO, Margaret Mary Health, Batesville, IN*  
*Hannah Putnam, Intern, Margaret Mary Health, Batesville, IN*

**Platinum Ballroom A**

The plethora of data available today provides us the ability to know more about our patients, providers and communities. Having data is a good first step but making the data useful more important. This presentation will focus on creative ways the new data accessible to healthcare providers is put into action.

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

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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
Platinum Ballroom A

This presentation will discuss engaging rural providers in population health and value based payment models. It will highlight performance data from 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
Pat Foutz, Director of Clinical Services and Program Development, Bath Community Hospital, Hot Springs, VA
Melody B

This interactive session will present the dynamics of families, caregivers and the provision of healthcare in rural America. Ms. Foutz will discuss how and what to integrate for the delivery of care that will impact communities. These can include the integration of behavioral health or special services for veterans. Additionally, Ms. Foutz will discuss how caregivers in rural areas should be integrated into the health care model, paying special attention to the impact this role plays on their health, whether caused from the stress of caregiving or from the compounding effect it has on their own health conditions.

2:15 – 2:30 p.m.
Networking and Exhibits
Platinum Ballroom A

2:30-3:45 p.m.
Concurrent Sessions (Choose A or B)

Track A: Rural Hospital and Clinical Quality Track
4A: Rethinking the Rural Dental Safety Net
Amy Martin, DrPH, Director, Division of Population Oral Health Department of Stomatology, James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC
Platinum Ballroom A

We will present the stories of how three rural communities are rethinking how community dentists, RHCs, FQHCs, hospitals, and residency programs work together to strengthen the rural dental safety net. Participants will identify strategic partnerships and collaborations for addressing unmet dental needs of priority patient populations. They will also learn about policy pathways for institutionalizing system transformation activities.

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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*

**Melody B**

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
Platinum Ballroom A

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
**Beyond the NQF Low-Volume Report – What’s Next?**
*Curt Mueller PhD, Director of Research and Evaluation, FORHP, Rockville, Maryland*
*Yvonne Chow, Public Health Analyst, FORHP, Rockville, Maryland*

Platinum Ballroom A

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*

Platinum Ballroom A

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*

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