12th Annual Rural Quality and Clinical Conference
July 13-15, 2016
Oakland, California

Wednesday, July 13
1 – 1:15 p.m.
Welcome
David Schmitz, MD, NRHA
President-Elect
Spinnaker I

1:15 – 2:30 p.m.
Keynote Address: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Nursing
Kupiri Ackerman-Barger, PhD, University of California-Davis Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing Assistant Adjunct Professor
Spinnaker I

Dr. Ackerman-Barger’s session will focus on bringing diversity into nursing education and practice and using diversity to promote comprehensive access to health care for rural and other underserved populations.

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

2:45 – 3:45 p.m.
General Session: Integrated Leadership – The Hidden Key to Telehealth Implementation
Kathy Chorba, California Telehealth Resource Center Executive Director
Daniel Kurywchak, California Telehealth Network Chief Technology Officer
Karen Davis, MD, California Telehealth Network Chief Medical Consultant
Spinnaker I

This panel will discuss the critical steps every program should consider when planning or revitalizing a telehealth program. Panelists will provide tools, guidelines and resources to assist in various steps along the way.

4 – 4:15 p.m.
Networking Break, Poster Session and Exhibits
Foyer

4:15 – 5:15 p.m.
General Session: Federal Office of Rural Health Policy Update
Tom Morris, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy Associate Administrator
Paul Moore, DPh, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy Senior Health Policy Advisor
Spinnaker I

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

Thursday, July 14
7:00 – 8:00 a.m.
Networking Breakfast, Poster Session and Exhibits
Foyer

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

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.
General Session: Rural ACO’s and Quality Measures
Lynn Barr, National Rural Accountable Care Consortium Founder and Chief Transformation Officer
Spinnaker I

This presentation will show results from 2014 and 2015 rural quality reporting. We will discuss issues and challenges for rural providers and show successful strategies for maximizing quality performance.

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.
Networking and Exhibits
Foyer

9:15 – 10:30 a.m.
Concurrent Sessions
Rural Hospital and Quality Track
2A: Evolution of Chronic Disease Management
Kathleen Chelminiak, Indiana Rural Health Association Project Liaison
Spinnaker I

Chronic Care Management has been in a state of transition as healthcare systems move from volume-based to value-based care. This presentation will highlight this journey and give an update to attendees on current chronic care management tools, such as the new Medicare reimbursable service.

Innovation Track
2B: Telehealth Technology vs. Face-to-Face Encounters
Craig Caplan, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy Senior Advisor
Boyd Gilman, PhD, Mathematica Policy Research Senior Researcher
Marcia Ward, PhD, University of Iowa College of Public Health Associate Professor
Portside Room

The speakers will present the findings of a federally funded study to identify, evaluate, and test a standardized set of outcome measures that can be used to assess the efficacy, impact, and cost of remote emergency medical care using telehealth technology relative to face-to-face encounters across multiple patient populations and in different program settings.
The Healthy Smiles For All project is a collaboration to address the oral health needs in two rural counties in Oregon. Services include the colocation of an Expanded Practice Dental Hygienists (EPDH) within the medical clinics, providing vouchers for emergency dental needs and coordinating dental vans to support uninsured/underinsured adults.

Innovation Track
3B: Using Connectors to Navigate Resources for Patients
Amanda Arnold, Health Care Collaborative of Rural Missouri Director of Quality
Carla Gibson, REACH Healthcare Foundation Senior Program Officer
Suzanne Smith, Health Care Collaborative of Rural Missouri Director of Network Development
Portside Room

The Health Care Collaborative of Rural Missouri is the first rural health network to own and operate Federally Qualified Health Centers. The Connector’s program has trained over 70 volunteers to connect patients to resources since June 2014. The emergency room diversion program uses Connectors to identify primary care issues and “connects” patients with a primary care health home.

2:15 – 2:30 p.m.
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Rural Hospital and Quality Track
4A: Improving Chronic Disease Management
Cara James, PhD, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Office of Minority Health Director
Tom Morris, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy Associate Administrator
Spinnaker I

CMS and the FORHP are partnering on a national outreach and education campaign on how to support better chronic disease management for rural America, focusing on both rural residents who have chronic diseases and the providers who treat them. New changes to Medicare provide important new tools for clinicians to use in coordinating chronic disease care and this session will provide an overview of HHS efforts in this area.

4B: Patient Activation in Frontier Oregon
Lisa Ladendorff, LCSW, Northeast Oregon Network Executive Director
Portside Room

This project presents three years of outcome data for a Behaviorist Intervention in a primary care setting. Outcomes tracked are A1C, Blood Pressure, LDL, BMI, and Tobacco Use. Participants in the project with poor health outcome indicators and high BMIs have been able to reduce their BMI and Blood Pressure.

Friday, July 15
7:30 – 8:30 a.m.
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8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
The Village Comes Together: How We Are Addressing Prescription and Street Drug Abuse
Freddie L. Jaquez, San Luis Valley Area Health Education Center Executive Director
Spinnaker I

The San Luis Valley Area Health Education Center has mobilized the healthcare workforce, community stakeholders and community in a six-county valley to seriously address prescription and street drug abuse. They are making headway and folks at the state level are paying attention.

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

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

10:30 a.m.
Conference Adjourns

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July 12-14, 2017
for NRHA’s 13th Annual Rural Quality and Clinical Conference.

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