



NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

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New Orleans, Louisiana

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

7 – 8 a.m.

Breakfast

Room: Bissonet/Carondelet (3rd Floor)

8 - 9:15 a.m.

Opening Session

Room: Acadia (3rd Floor)

Rebekah Gee, MD, Louisiana Department of Health, Secretary

9:15-9:30 a.m.

***All of US* Research Program**

Room: Acadia (3rd Floor)

Lydia Kuykendal, HCM Strategists, Senior Associate

Learn more about the *All of Us* Research Program, including beta efforts and experiences in enrolling participants

9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions (2nd Floor)

1A:

Findings From Chronic Disease and Obesity Prevention Programs

Studio 1

Rachel Campos, PhD, Georgia Health Policy Center Georgia State University, Research Associate

Jeffrey Franklin, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, - Illinois Delta Network, Project Director

Manorama Khare, PhD, University of Illinois College of Medicine Rockford, Associate Director of Community and Evaluation Research in the division of Health Policy and Social Science Research, Research Assistant Professor

Vicki Weidenbacher-Hoper, University of Illinois College of Medicine Rockford, Research Associate

High rates of obesity and chronic disease occur in rural US. Rural communities have limited access to wellness programs that address these issues. Rural Health Care Services Outreach project grantees will present findings from community level, evidence-based or promising practice models that address obesity and chronic disease in rural communities.

1B

Developing Financial Benchmarks for Rural Health Clinics

Studio 2

John Gale, MS, Maine Rural Health Research Center, Senior Research Associate

Relatively little information is available to assist Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) in monitoring and improving their financial performance. This session explores the development of financial performance, staffing, and efficiency benchmarks using Medicare cost reports. It will also present a national snapshot RHC financial performance across relevant peer groups.

1C

Veterans Health Administration Rural Innovations

Studio 3

Thomas Klobucar, PhD, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Rural Health (10P1R), Acting Executive Director

This session explains how Veterans Health Administration works collaboratively to develop high-performing networks made up of community and VHA providers. In the rural space, VHA disseminates innovative best-practice Enterprise-Wide initiatives across the country as a means of enhancing both quality and access to health care for America's most rural Veterans

Community/VA Partnership to Expand PTSD Telemental Healthcare

Stacey Halford, SC Office of Rural Health, Director of Provider Recruitment

Anna Birks, PhD., Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center, Director, Regional TeleMental Health Hub

Graham Adams, PhD., SC Office of Rural Health, Executive Director

The SC Office of Rural Health partnership with the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center increases Veteran behavioral healthcare access to PTSD treatment. This project trains non-VA rural healthcare providers to identify, screen and refer Veterans into homebased telemental treatment, delivered by the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center team.

1D

A Regional Response to the Rural Opioid Epidemic

Studio 4

Angie Bailey, Southern Illinois Healthcare, Community Benefits Manager

Marvin Lindsey, Community Behavioral Healthcare Association of Illinois, Vice-President of Government Affairs
Angie Hampton, Egyptian Public and Mental Health Services, Chief Executive Officer
Kimberly Sanders, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine's Center for Rural Health & Social Service Development, Director

A panel of community leaders describe how one rural region covering 33 counties engaged multi-sector stakeholders to address opioid use disorder (OUD). Learn the steps taken leading to development of county coalition action plans; how the community mobilized for action and what keeps them involved and engaged.

1E

Measuring Medical School Commitment to Rural Primary Care

Studio 5

Davis Patterson, PhD, University of Washington School of Medicine, Research Assistant Professor

Randall Longenecker, MD, Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine, Assistant Dean, Rural and Underserved Programs; Professor, Family Medicine

David Schmitz, MD, University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Professor and Chair, Department of Family and Community Medicine

David Evans, MD, University of Washington School of Medicine, Rosenblatt Family Endowed Professor of Rural Health, Department of Family Medicine

Which medical schools are most successful at producing physicians who choose rural primary care practice? Which rural recruitment and educational strategies do successful medical schools use? Learn about Rural PREP's new study findings and its efforts to foster an evidence-based community of practice in rural primary care health professions education.

1F

Insights from CDC MMWR Rural Health Series (FORHP)

Studio 6

Megan Meacham, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, Senior Advisor

Brigitte Ulin, CDC Office of National Prevention Strategy, Director

This session will highlight the first-ever Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) Rural Health Series. The rural-focused MMWRs, released throughout 2017, represented a significant focus on rural disparities by CDC and brought national attention to the importance and value of rural data. This work has also been instrumental in enhancing the collaboration between FORHP and CDC as both strive to improve the health of rural Americans.

1G

Contributed Research Papers

Studio 7

- **OB Access in Rural Kansas**
Michael Kennedy, MD, University of Kansas School of Medicine, Associate Dean for Rural Health Education and Professor
- **Hospital Obstetric Unit Closures and Obstetric Care - Access, Procedure, and Outcome**
Peiyin Hung, PhD, Yale School of Public Health, Postdoctoral Research Associate
- **Community Development Framework for Rural Maternal Child Health**
Jennifer Whittaker, PolicyLab, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Research Coordinator
- **Rural-Urban Differences in Protective Factors in Respondents exposed to adverse childhood experiences (ACES)**
Elizabeth Crouch, PhD, University of South Carolina, South Carolina Rural Health Research Center, Assistant Professor

10:45 – 11:00 a.m

Poster Session/Break

Studio Foyer

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Plenary Session – HRSA Rural Health Update

Room: Acadia (3rd Floor)

Heather Dimeris, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, Deputy Associate Administrator

Nisha Patel, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, Senior Advisor and Associate Director

This session will provide updates regarding key Federal activities that help improve access to quality health care in rural communities.

12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch

Room: Acadia (3rd Floor)

1:30 – 5 p.m.

Student Track Session/Student Constituency Group Meeting

Galerie 4 (2nd Floor)

Join other students for an interactive rural ethics session and the student constituency meeting.

1:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions (2nd Floor)

2A

Telepsychiatric consultation in rural primary care BH-integration

Studio 1

Marc Avery, MD, University of Washington School of Medicine, Clinical Professor Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

Ian Bennett, MD, PhD, University of Washington Department of Family Medicine and Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Physician and Professor
Sarah Landrum, MD, South Clinics; Valley View Health Center, Assistant Medical Director
Mindy Vredevoogd, University of Washington, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Research Scientist

Telepsychiatric consultation is a cost-effective strategy to integrate behavioral health with rural primary care. This session explore telepsychiatry's impact on building the capacity of care teams in rural health centers in Washington State. Learn about Rural PREP's new findings and the role of this approach in behavioral health integration.

2B:

One Year later; One Clinic's PCMH experience moving from Quantity to Quality

Studio 2

Yvette DeLaune, Health Blue/Anthem, Care Consultant
Kate Hill, RN, The Compliance Team, Inc., VP Clinical Services
Jennifer Moss, MPH, RN, Kirby Medical Center, CCO
Sara Wells MHA, MSN, RN, Kirby Medical Center, Kirby Medical Group Clinic Director

This presentation will be in in-depth discussion of one IL RHC's journey through the PCMH process and the amazing results one year later. Attendees will learn from the lessons which this clinic learned both in planning and implementation.

Balanced Score Card System for Efficiency in RHCs

Kate Hill, RN, The Compliance Team, Inc., VP Clinical Services
Zach Allen, MRHF, Children's International Medical Group, Divisional VP Children's International/ President Louisiana Rural Health Assoc/ President Elect Mississippi Rural Health Association

The balanced score card system helps clinics achieve quality metrics or other goals. We have 18 pediatric clinics (RHC) and I did this presentation to insurance execs on behalf LRHA and it was well received. Power Point avail for review.

2C

Tips for Telling Your Rural Story

Studio 3

Kristine Sande, Rural Health Information Hub, Program Director
Kay Miller Temple, Rural Health Information Hub, Web Writer
Marv Leier, Center for Rural Health, Communications Manager

Storytelling is a powerful tool that can be used to drive change, connect with your community, engage funders, and inspire peers. This session offers tips and tricks on crafting a compelling story with words, pictures, and sound. Learn how to work with media and harness technology to maximize your reach.

2D

Team-Based Population Health Management in Rural Communities

Studio 4

Mollie Scott, PharmD, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Eshelman School of Pharmacy, Regional Associate Dean

Irene Park, PharmD, Mountain Area Health Education Center, UNC-Chapel Hill Eshelman School of Pharmacy, Clinical Pharmacist, Assistant Professor of Clinical Education

Benjamin Gilmore, MD, Mountain Area Health Education Center, Clinical Director, Kenan Primary Care Medical Scholars

Rebecca Grandy, PharmD, Mountain Area Health Education Center, UNC-Chapel Hill Eshelman School of Pharmacy, Clinical Pharmacist, Assistant Professor of Clinical Education

Chronic disease management is a time consuming endeavor that is challenging for rural primary care providers to handle alone. Team-based care improves chronic disease outcomes and access for patients. This session will use three patient populations as examples of interdisciplinary care to improve quality and access in chronic disease management.

2E

Life in the Fast Lane-Accelerated BS/MD Program

Studio 5

Jennifer Plymale, Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, Associate Dean of Admissions and Director of the Robert C. Byrd Center for Rural Health

Deborah Curry, Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, Director of Rural Outreach and Development

Marshall Medical's Schools accelerated BS/MD program has exceeded our expectations, and shows great promise. Three years into the program, we have a 100% retention rate, and students are excelling academically while participating in athletics, masters classes, research and service. Our rural communities will reap the benefits of these future physicians.

2F

Rural Medicare Policy Update (FORHP)

Studio 6

Emily Cook, JD, McDermott Will & Emery, Partner

Carol Blackford, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Hospital and Ambulatory Policy Group director (invited)

Michelle Oswald, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Office of Minority Health program manager (invited)

Wakina Scott, PhD, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, Policy coordinator

This session will provide participants with an overview of recent Medicare policies and regulations that affect rural clinicians and health care facilities including changes related to

services, billing, and quality reporting. Participants will learn about CMS' proposed or upcoming policy changes for inpatient and outpatient hospital services, physician services, chronic care management services for Rural Health Clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers, and the new Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program.

2G

Contributed Research Papers

Studio 7

- **Prevalence and characteristics of colorectal polyps among rural low-income colonoscopy recipients**

Janet Wiegman Helduser, Texas A&M School of Public Health: Southwest Rural Health Research Center, Program Manager

- **A Novel Diabetes Self-Management Intervention for Rural Patients**

Jacob Warren, PhD, Mercer University School of Medicine, Director, Center for Rural Health and Health Disparities

- **Type 2 Diabetes in Rural Appalachia**

Laurie Meschke, PhD, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Associate Professor

- **Payment Differences for Beneficiaries at FQHCs and RHCs**

Alex Schulte, North Carolina Rural Health Research Program (NC RHRP)

2:45 – 3:00 p.m

Poster Session/Break

Studio Foyer

3:00 – 4:15 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions (2nd Floor)

3A

Rural Health Response Following Farm Floods

Studio 1

Natalie Roy, AgriSafe Network, Executive Director

Knesha Rose-Davison, AgriSafe Network, Health Communications Coordinator

Disaster recovery can be dangerous. This is amplified on farms and ranches where inherent farm hazards are displaced and co-mingle. Floods can heighten the risk of health threats such as mold and contaminated well water. This presentation highlights basic precautions to prevent possible diseases and injuries during and after flooding.

3B

Addressing Oral Health among Aging Rural Populations

Studio 2

Shawnda Schroeder, PhD, Center for Rural Health, University of North Dakota, Research Assistant Professor

State regulations for long term care facilities do not consistently, nor adequately, address daily dental care among residents. This session will discuss a successful model for providing dental services to rural long term care residents, while also presenting new national templates for daily oral health care, and rural dental access.

3C

Mobile Health: An Innovative Approach to Pediatric Health

Studio 3

*Chelcie Oseni, Le Bonheur Community Health and Well Being, Clinical Nursing Supervisor
Allison Castleman, Paris and Henry County Healthcare Foundation, Inc., Project
Director/Community Health Coordinator*

Le Bonheur Community Health and Wellbeing provides mobile health services and education to underserved children in West Tennessee. The mobile medical unit travels to different schools to provide health care to children who otherwise lack health care. At-risk children also receive one-on-one education to promote (or encourage?) a healthy lifestyle.

3D

Care Coordination and Community Health Workers in Appalachia

Studio 4

*Sarah Chouinard, Community Care of West Virginia, Medical Director
Pamela Spradling, Big Sandy Health Care, INC, Director of Special Programs
Richare Crespo, PhD, Marshall University School of Medicine, Professor*

The purpose of this session is to present the outcomes of a model for care coordination of high-risk diabetes patients that includes community health workers on the team. The model has been replicated in 13 rural sites in three Appalachian states. We present outcomes and status of insurance reimbursement.

3E

Addressing Community Health Needs through Student-Driven Patient Education

Studio 5

*David Schmitz, MD, University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences,
Professor and Chair, Department of Family and Community Medicine
Kamille Sherman, MD FAAFP, University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health
Sciences, Co-Director, Family medicine Clerkship and Rural Opportunities in Medical Education*

The Targeted Rural Health Education (TRHE) project connects health professions students with a health concern in the rural community in which they are learning. The goal is educating local residents through publishing an article in a local newspaper. Writing experts work with the student to achieve an understandable publication.

Teaching Residents Community Health to Retain Rural Doctors

Diana Curran, MD, Hendersonville Family Medicine Residency Program, Faculty; Henderson County Department of Public Health, Medical Director

Sarah Thach, Mountain Area Health Education Center, Administrative Director, Rural Health Initiative

Travis Johnson, MPH, MAHEC Hendersonville Family Medicine Residency Program, Interim Director, UNCA/UNC Gillings Joint Programs of Public Health, UNC Academic Health Campus-West Campus; Faculty Physician, MAHEC/UNC Rural Family Medicine Residency

Leading community health initiatives can magnify rural physicians' impact and job satisfaction. Our family medicine residents learn community health skills via community projects. We will describe past projects and their impact on graduates in rural practice and explore how to integrate community health into a rural physician's scope of practice.

3F

Critical Access Hospitals Addressing Community Substance Abuse Challenges (FORHP)

Studio 6

Christy Edwards, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, Project Officer

Sarah Young, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy,, Flex Program Coordinator

Joyce A. Hospodar, Arizona Center for Rural Health Senior Advisor, Rural Programs

Kayla Combs, Kentucky Office of Rural Health, Rural Project Manager

In September 2017, HRSA awarded \$1.8 million in Flex Supplement funding to 13 states to support year-long improvement projects at 40 critical access hospitals (CAHs) serving communities with high rates of poverty, unemployment, and substance abuse. This session will present innovative substance abuse prevention and harm-reduction projects underway in 15 CAHs in Arizona and Kentucky as a result of this funding. Both state Flex programs are working with cohorts of CAHs to address substance abuse problems in their communities.

3G

Contributed Research Papers

Studio 7

- **Safety Net Capacity Enhancements in Rural Dentist Practices**
Amy Martin, DrPH, Medical University of SC, Associate Professor
- **Supporting Rural Hospitals to Become Anchor Institutions**
Susy Salvo-Wendt, University of New Mexico, Program Manager-ACCESS & Telemedicine Program
- **Quality Measures for CAH Swing Bed Patients**
Ira Moscovice, PhD, University of Minnesota, Professor
- **Exploring Service Composition and Financing Among Rural LHDs**
Michael Meit, NORC at the University of Chicago, Senior Public Health Systems Researcher

4:15 – 5:30 p.m.

National Cancer Institute – Rural Cancer Control - Key funding opportunities

Studio 1

Shobha Srinivasan, PhD, NCI Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences, Health Disparities Research Coordinator

Sallie Weaver, PhD, NCI Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences, Director of the Healthcare Delivery Research Program

Currently, the National Cancer Institute (NCI) has few funded projects focused specifically on rural populations. Some of the higher incidence and mortality rates for cancer can be attributed to barriers in accessing health services in rural areas. Research has also shown that some of the cancer disparities relate to financial barriers (e.g., no insurance or insufficient insurance coverage), transportation issues, and lack of preventive and screening services. This long-standing public health challenge calls for sustained support for research along the entire cancer control continuum. This session will provide attendees with an overview of funding opportunities and ways to apply for funding at NCI specifically as it relates to cancer control.

Thursday, May 10, 2018

6 - 7 a.m.

Sunrise Yoga

La Galerie 4-5 (2nd Floor)

Join NRHA's Vice President of Program Services and Registered Yoga Teacher, Amy Elizondo, for a Sunrise Yoga session to help get the day started! Amy has been practicing yoga for over 17 years and has been teaching for 6. All levels are welcome for this session. Expect to experience the health benefits of yoga and start the day off on a healthy note. See you on the mat!

8- 9 a.m.

Constituency Group meetings and continental breakfast (2nd Floor)

Public Health Status/Clinical CG

Studio 1

FQHC CG

Studio 2

Research & Education/An Open Discussion with the Editor of The Journal of Rural Health

Studio 3

Ty Borders, PhD, University of Kentucky professor and department chair

The Journal of Rural Health (JRH) is the official scholarly publication of the NRHA. The Editor will provide an update on current statistics for the JRH and will answer questions about publishing in the journal.

Frontier/RHC

Studio 4

State Association Council

Studio 5

Statewide Health Resources/NOSORH

Studio 6

9 – 10:15 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions (2nd Floor)

4A

The Rural Health Philanthropy Partnership: Early Results and Future Plans

Studio 1

Alan Morgan, National Rural Health Association, Chief Executive Officer

Cindy Padilla, Grantmakers In Aging, Rural Aging Program Lead

Allen Smart, Campbell University Office of Rural Philanthropic Analysis, Project Director

Kim Tieman, Benedum Foundation, Program Director

Public-private partnerships can play a key role in supporting health care in rural communities. This session features early results from two foundations that took part in an aligned funding initiative as part of the Rural Health Philanthropy Partnership, a partnership of the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, the National Rural Health Association and Grantmakers in Health. The session will also feature a discussion of foundation efforts in support of community health workers.

4B

How to implement a sustainable care coordination program

Studio 2

Jodi Bezold, Newport Hospital and Health Services, Care Coordinator

Care coordination programs allow providers to support patients and prepare for value-based purchasing. Implementing these programs successfully and getting paid are both challenging. This session covers lessons learned on staffing requirements, provider engagement, patient outreach, and payer contracting from implementing a care coordination program in four rural health systems.

4C

RHQ Magazine's 50-State Rural Health Report Card

Studio 3

Scott Phillips, F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Editor in Chief, Rural Health Quarterly

Gordon Gong, F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Senior Director, Study Design and Biostatistical Analysis

Debra Curti, F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Research Associate

The inaugural volume of Rural Health Quarterly (RHQ) concluded in 2017 with a special double issue: “RHQ's U.S. Rural Health Report Card.” This session will detail our findings and discuss lessons learned from this first-of-its-kind attempt to rank and grade every U.S. state and region based on rural health care access and outcomes.

4D

Mortality and End of Life Care issues among Rural Residents

Studio 4

Janice Probst, PhD, South Carolina Rural Health Research Center, Director

Elizabeth Crouch, PhD, University of South Carolina, SC Rural Health Research Center, Assistant Professor

Kevin Bennett, PhD, University of South Carolina, Associate Professor

This session will discuss recent trends in mortality, causes of death, factors related to a higher risk of mortality, and end of life care issues among rural residents. In particular, the impact of the opioid epidemic, rural hospital closures, and other policy impacts upon rural practice will be discussed.

4E

Rural communities investing in home-grown scholarships

Studio 5

Mark Deutchman, MD, University of Colorado, Associate Dean for Rural Health, Rural Track Director, Colorado AHEC Director

Roberto Silva, MD, University of Colorado, Rural Track Assistant Director

Melanie DeHerrera, University of Colorado, Rural Track Program Coordinator

Medical school Rural Tracks provide ideal pools of future physicians; a long-term view is required. The University Of Colorado School Of Medicine's Rural Track partners with rural communities that create home-grown scholarships and provide clinical experience that is offered to medical students who commit to practice in the sponsoring community.

4F

Addressing Oral Health Disparities: School-Based Telehealth Services (FORHP)

Studio 6

Carlos Mena, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, Public Health Analyst

Kori Krueger, MD, Marshfield Clinic, Physician

Chris Meyer, Marshfield Clinic, Director of Virtual Care and Telehealth

Tammy Simon, Marshfield Clinic, Administrator

Sarah Wovcha, JD, Children's Dental Services, Executive Director

This session will focus on school-based telehealth networks that are using innovative telehealth solutions to address oral health disparities by using telehealth networks to expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of health care services; improve and expand the training of school nurses and providers; and/or expand and improve the quality of health information available to children's parents for decision-making.

4G

Contributed Research Papers

Studio 7

- **Mental health provider perspectives on access to care**
Patrik Johansson, MD, Rural Health Education Network, Director
Joe Blankenau, PhD, Wayne State College, Professor
- **Unmet Mental Health Treatment Need among Rural Residents**
Ty Borders, PhD, University of Kentucky, Professor
- **Exploring Diseases of Despair in the Appalachian Region**
Michael Meit, NORC at the University of Chicago, Senior Public Health Systems Researcher
- **Maine Lung Health Study: Rural Mainers at Risk**
Erika Ziller, PhD, Maine Rural Health Research Center, University of Southern Maine, Senior Research Associate and Deputy Director

10:15 – 10:45 a.m.

Poster Session/Break

Studio Foyer

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions (2nd Floor)

5A

Protecting Indiana's Newborns

Studio 1

Hicham Rahmouni, Richard G Lugar Center for Rural Health, Executive Director

Jaimee Goodman, Union Hospital, Director of Maternal/Child Services

Learn the successes and challenges of implementing a perinatal nurse navigation program to decrease infant mortality in West Central Indiana, where several Critical Access Hospitals no longer offer OB services. Replicable evidence-based interventions are used to stratify and target patients based on risk of infant death.

5B

Performance Measurement and Improvement Strategifor Rural Primary Care Practices

Studio 2

Joyce Hospodar, Mel & Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, Senior Program Coordinator

Tammy Norville, National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health, Technical Assistance Director

Gregory Wolf, Stroudwater Associates, Principal

In an environment where the payment system is transitioning from fee-for-service to fee-for-value, primary care practices and networks have already taken on greater strategic importance. Therefore, it is imperative that rural practices apply effective measurement systems to better understand and compare staffing, financial, compensation and productivity performance.

5C

Identifying & Discussing Key Rural Health Topics

Studio 3

Jennifer Burges, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, Research Coordinator

Eric Larson, PhD, WWAMI Rural Health Research Center, Deputy Director

Shawnda Schroeder, Ph.D., Center for Rural Health, University of North Dakota, Research Assistant Professor

The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, Rural Health Research Gateway, and rural health researchers will discuss key rural health topics, and how to find current information. The panel will share rural fact sheets on behavioral health, critical access hospital financial risk and closures, and opioid use and treatment.

5D

Negativity Sucks: Focusing on Rural Strengths and Assets

Studio 4

Michael Meit, NORC at the University of Chicago, Senior Researcher, NORC Walsh Center for Rural Health Analysis

Rural health research often tends to focus on problems and deficits, but there are strengths and assets in rural communities that can be leveraged to improve health. This session explores Robert Wood Johnson Foundation funded work to identify asset-based approaches and best practices to highlight and amplify rural community strengths.

5E

Uniting Medical Missions with Rural Recruitment: Innovative Strategies

Studio 5

Benjamin Anderson, Kearny County Hospital, Chief Executive Officer

Joyce Grayson, Rural Health Education and Services, KUMC, Director

A network of rural hospitals in Kansas are collaborating to improve recruitment and retention by implementing a unique strategy that targets physicians with a mission to care for patients in underserved areas in Kansas and around the world. This collaborative mission-focused model has increased access to care and hospital stability.

5F

Building the Rural Evidence and Research Base (FOHRP)

Studio 6

Stephanie Begley, Health Resources and Services Administration, Public Health Analyst

Jamie Kisse, UC Davis Health, Pediatric Telemedicine Research Manager

Kelly Rhone, MD, FACEP, Avera eCARE, Medical Director of Outreach and Innovation

This session will focus on HRSA's investments in building the rural evidence base for telehealth services. Attendees will learn about the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy's emphasis on funding grant projects and research/evaluation efforts that identify gaps in the evidence base as it currently exists and have the potential to fill those gaps with promising and best practices or other data driven findings. Speakers from UC Davis Health and Avera Health will describe their HRSA-funded telehealth projects and their research efforts.

5G

Contributed Research Papers

Studio 7

- **Social Capital and Health Outcomes in Appalachia**
Julie Marshall, PhD, Appalachian Regional Commission, Senior Economist
- **Making Mission Statements Meaningful: Strengthening Rural Medical Workforce**
Jim Boulger, Ph.D., University of Minnesota Medical School Duluth Campus, Distinguished University Teaching Professor
Emily C. Onello, M.D., Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota Medical School Duluth Campus
- **Contextualizing rurality for data analysis**
Michael Commons, PhD, U.S. Census Bureau, Geographer
- **Association Between Healthcare Resources and Health Indicators**
Kevin Bennett, PhD, University of South Carolina, Associate Professor

12 – 1:45 p.m.

Rural Health Awards Luncheon

Room: Bissonet/Caroldelet (3rd Floor)

Join NRHA for a tribute to the 2018 Rural Health Award winners.

1:45 – 3:15 p.m.

Terry Reilly Lecture

Room: Acadia (3rd Floor)

Karen DeSalvo, MD, Leavitt Partners, Senior Advisor; former Acting Assistant Secretary for Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

3:15 – 3:45 p.m.

Poster Session/Break

Studio Foyer

3:45 – 5:00 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions (2nd Floor)

6A

Staffing Shortages Demands Innovative Solutions

Studio 1

*Kelly Rhone, MD, FACEP, Avera eCARE, Medical Director of Outreach and Innovation
Bryan Slaba, Wagner Community Memorial Hospital - Avera, Chief Executive Officer*

Workforce sustainability within rural communities continues to be a concern among many health systems. Avera Health will share how they leveraged telemedicine to develop new models of care to help support rural providers, by improving recruitment and retention of providers in some of the most remote communities.

6B

Tools to Support Rural Communities Addressing Overdose Issues

Studio 2

*Alana Knudson, PhD, NORC at the University of Chicago, Co-Director, Walsh Center for Rural Health Analysis
Michael Meit, NORC at the University of Chicago, senior fellow*

Find out about resources available in the Rural Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Toolkit to support rural communities in selecting evidence-based models and promising programs. Learn how the Appalachian Overdose Mapping Tool can support rural planning and implementation efforts using mortality rates and social determinants of health data.

6C

Maximizing Your State Rural Health Association- Strategies /Lessons Learned

Studio 3

*Deborah Curry, JD, WV Rural Health Association, President-Elect
Debrin Jenkins, West Virginia Rural Health Association, Executive Director
Jacquelynn Copenhaver, West Virginia University Institute for Community and Rural Health, Grants Administrator/President of WV Rural Health Association*

The West Virginia Rural Health Association went from 100 members to nearly 700 in five years. This turnaround was made possible with an active director, staff, and a committed volunteer Board. The WVRHA now hosts the premier state rural health conference, sustains a health data portal and is financially stable.

6D

Connecting the Dots: Healthier Food for Rural Families

Studio 4

Susan Kunz, Mariposa Community Health Center, Chief of Program Development

Access to healthy food is imperative for good health outcomes. Mariposa Community Health Center will share how it collaborates across public and private sectors in its rural county to increase the availability of healthy food for its patients and other residents who participate in its community health programs.

Rural Nutrition Practice: A Framework for Intervention Design

Kyle Thompson, DCN, RDN, LDN, Appalachian State University, Assistant Professor of Nutrition
Melissa Gutschall, Appalachian State University, Associate Professor of Nutrition

This session will explore the use of a Rural Health Nutrition Practice Model (RHNPM) in planning effective public health nutrition interventions for rural populations. Effective nutrition interventions promote prevention and improved management of chronic diseases, as well as enhancing overall quality of life for rural residents.

6E

Pre-clinical curriculum for Medical School Rural Tracks

Studio 5

Mark Deutchman, MD, University of Colorado, Professor; Director Rural Track; Associate Dean for Rural Health

Roberto Silva, MPA, University of Colorado, Assistant Director, Rural Track

Melanie DeHerrera, MPA, University of Colorado, Program Manager, Rural Track

Medical school programs for students interested in future rural practice often focus on rural clinical experience. The National Rural Health Association's Rural Medical Educator's group developed a menu of pre-clinical curriculum components that can be used to inform, support and inspire Rural Track students in their early medical school years.

6F

A New Frontier: Developing Rural-Specific Demonstrations (FOHRP)

Studio 6

Kerri Cornejo, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP), Policy Analyst

Paul Moore, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP), Senior Health Policy Advisor

Jeris Smith, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI), Social Science Research Analyst

Rivka Friedman, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI), Division Director

Victoria Cech, Montana Health Research and Education Foundation (MHREF), Director

Theo Stoller, Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center, CEO

Dan Kelly, McKenzie County Healthcare Systems, CEO

Megan Litz, Pennsylvania Department of Health, Executive Policy Specialist - William Penn Fellow

Consider the number of value-based models and initiatives currently being tested, including Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement (CJR), Accountable Health Communities (AHC), and Comprehensive Primary Care Plus (CPC+). How many include participation from rural

providers? In how many is rural participation structurally impossible? This session explains how select ongoing rural health demonstrations actually work and how their process could inform future rural-specific demonstrations. The session will end with an invitation for attendees to offer their feedback to inform future work on payment and delivery reform models specifically serving rural communities.

6G

Contributed Research Papers

Studio 7

- **Opioid-Related Visits to Rural Emergency Departments**
Erika Ziller, PhD, Maine Rural Health Research Center, University of Southern Maine, Senior Research Associate and Deputy Director
- **Effects of the opioid epidemic on rural women and infants**
Katy Kozhimannil, PhD, University of Minnesota School of Public Health, Associate Professor
- **Diabetes Mortality in Rural America: A Significant Cause for Concern**
Janet Wiegman Helduser, Texas A&M School of Public Health: Southwest Rural Health Research Center, Program Manager
Alva Ferdinand, PhD, JD, Texas A&M School of Public Health, Assistant Professor
- **Regional Lung Cancer Incidence, Stage, Mortality, Smoking and Rurality**
Erika Ziller, PhD, Maine Rural Health Research Center, University of Southern Maine, Senior Research Associate and Deputy Director

Friday, May 11, 2018

8 – 8:40 a.m.

CMS Rural Council Update

Room: Acadia (3rd Floor)

Cara James, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Director of the Office of Minority Health

8:40 – 9:30 a.m.

Washington Update

Room: Acadia (3rd Floor)

Maggie Elehwany, JD, NRHA Government Affairs and Policy vice president

Join rural health's top federal lobbyist for an insider's update about what's going on in Washington, and what to expect in the next year.

9:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Break

9:45-11:00 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions (2nd Floor)

7A

Adolescent Pre-Diabetes Prevention Program – Intervention and Implementation Strategies Studio 1

*Mildred Greer, Richland Parish Hospital, Resource and Program Development Director
Patrick Cowart, Richland Parish Hospital, Project Director - Adolescent Pre-Diabetes Prevention Program*

Attendees will be introduced to the Adolescent Pre-Diabetes Prevention Program intervention implemented in 37 high schools in 20 rural Louisiana parishes. Results and implementation strategies will be examined. Perspectives presented will reflect implementation on campuses with School Based Health Centers as well as on campuses devoid of any health services.

7B

Telemedicine: The Cure for Rural Outmigration?

Studio 2

*Brian Bossard, MD, FACP, FHM, Teledigm Health and Bryan Telemedicine, President & CEO
Carol Friesen, Bryan Health, Vice President, Health System Services*

The implementation of Telemedicine in a critical access hospital improved patient outcomes, increased provider engagement and decreased burnout. Participants will examine telemedicine as a strategy to support nursing and mid-level staff after business hours. Additionally, this partnership provided local specialty care, and maintained the integrity of the local medical community.

7C

Opioid Toolkit: A Rural Community Education Project

Studio 3

*Haylee Heinsberg, , WV School of Osteopathic Medicine Center for Rural and Community Health, Education Director
Drema Mace, PhD, WV School of Osteopathic Medicine Center for Rural & Community Health, Executive Director*

West Virginia has experienced the highest Opioid Overdose death rate in the United States. The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) partnered with the Greenbrier County CARE Coalition to produce an Opioid Toolkit to educate our community about how to recognize Opioid Use and the County resources available.

7D

The Collaborative Care Model: The Next Challenge

Studio 4

Cody Mullen, Indiana Rural Health Association, Policy, Research, and Development Officer

The Collaborative Care Model has been researched for years but starting in 2017, covered by Medicare for all patients. This interactive workshop will assist you in understanding this model,

it's unique requirements, and how to successfully implement in your home facility. The Behavioral Health Integration program will also be reviewed.

7E

Channeling the Flow: Pipeline Strategies for Rural Millennials

Studio 5

David Bramm, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Huntsville Regional Campus, Director Rural Medicine Program Office of Family Health Education and Research
Lamont Dupree, North Alabama AHEC, Program Coordinator

Recruit, train, retain is a common mantra among pipeline programs for rural students. Effective retention begins with intentional recruitment. This session provides framework for health career pipeline programs to recruit, retain and return rural Millennials through continual engagement, coaching and monitoring as they flow from middle/high school to professional training.

7F

Using Telehealth Networks to Improve Health Outcomes and Access to Care (FOHRP)

Studio 6

Carlos Mena, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, Public Health Analyst
Ana Bastos de Carvalho, MD, University of Kentucky, Physician
Eric Higgins, MD, University of Kentucky, Physician
Donna Hale, Bay Rivers Telehealth Alliance, AHEC Executive Director
Kari Law, MD, West Virginia University, Assistant Professor
Ashley Six-Workman, West Virginia University, Research Assistant Professor

The purpose of this session is to highlight the impact of FORHP's funding and the innovative work done by grantees to improve access to and quality of care for rural residents. The FORHP speaker will present an analysis of the data collected through the PIMS measures for the full cohort of grantees. Grantee speakers will describe the outcomes of their projects and also offer lessons learned from their completed projects for conference attendees looking to implement or expand telehealth programs in their communities.

7G

Contributed Research Papers

Studio 9

- **Hospital Closure: Is Patient Time in Ambulance Affected?**
Suzanne Troske, Community and Economic Development Initiative of Kentucky (CEDIK), University of Kentucky, Research Associate
- **Rural-Urban Differences in Costs of End-of-Life Care for in the last six months of life among patients with breast, lung, or colorectal cancer**
Elizabeth Crouch, PhD, University of South Carolina, South Carolina Rural Health Research Center, Assistant Professor
- **Cost-Effectiveness of a Neuro-Emergent Telemedicine Consultation Program**

Julianna Montoya, University of New Mexico, Program Coordinator-ACCESS Program

11:00 a.m.

End of Annual Conference

2018 Annual Rural Health Conference – Accepted Poster Presentations

Rural Native American Veteran Suicide: Analyzing VA Data

Nathaniel Mohatt, PhD, Rocky Mountain MIRECC for Veteran Suicide Prevention, Research Psychologist; Alex Schneider, BA, Research Assistant, Rocky Mountain MIRECC for Veteran Suicide Prevention, Cynthia Goss, MA, Project Specialist, Veterans Rural Health Resource Center, Carol Kaufman, PhD, Associate Professor, Veterans Rural Health Resource Center

Báa nniilah: Living Well with Chronic Illness

Suzanne Held, PhD (Montana State University), Alma Knows His Gun McCormick (Messengers for Health), Shauna Milne-Price (University of Washington School of Medicine)

Medical Students Take Rural Preceptors' Pulse on ECHO

Eve-Lynn Nelson, PhD, Director/Professor, KU Center for Telemedicine; Michael Kennedy, MD, Professor, KUSOM--Kansas City; John Dorsch, MD, Professor, KUSOM--Wichita; Carla Deckert, MA, ECHO Project Director, KU Center for Telemedicine

Spotlighting Innovations in Rural Health System Development

Sara Kahn-Troster, MPH; Amanda Burgess, MPPM; Andrew Coburn, PhD (University of Southern Maine, Muskie School of Public Service, Maine Rural Health Research Center)

Rural Community Water Fluoridation – A Tale of Resolution

Joseph A. Florence, MD, East Tennessee State University Quillen College of Medicine, Professor, Director of Rural Programs

Perinatal Substance Use Peer Support & Organizational Training

Sarah Thach, MPH, Administrative Director, Rural Health Initiative, MAHEC; Idania Garcia, MSW; Program Manager, MAHEC; Cassie York, Peer Support Specialist, Vaya Health; Jessica McCurry, Peer Support Specialist, Vaya Health

Identifying Access to Maternity and Obstetric Care in Rural Michigan

Valerie Taglione B.S.; Paige Chapman B.S.; Poe Lwin B.S.; Jessica Frost B.S.; Jean Kerver PhD; Andrea Wendling, MD

Geographic Variations in Use of Cardiologist Care

Xian Shen, PhD, Sr Manager HEOR, Avalere Health; Stefan DiMario, PharmD, Manager GHE, Amgen; Jeetvan Patel, PhD, Sr Manager GHE, Amgen; Michael Johnsrud, PhD, Sr Vice President HEOR, Avalere Health; David J Harrison, PhD, Director GHE, Amgen

Addressing Rural Health Challenges of Underserved Texas Counties

Daunte' Cauley, MS; Jane Bolin, BSN, JD, PhD; Shao-Chee Sim, MPA, PhD; Angie Alaniz, BA; Janet Helduser, MA

Project ECHO for School Nurses in Western NC

Lourdes Lorenz-Miller, RN, DHA(c), MSN, NEA-BC, AHN-BC, Project ECHO Coordinator, MAHEC; Susan Alexander, MD, Medical Director, Project ECHO, MAHEC; Alice Elio, RN, MSN, NCSN, School Health Program Manager, MAHEC

Intimate Partner Violence Advocacy in Park County, MT

MaryGlen Vielleux; NRHA Student Constituency Group Social Media and IT Liaison; 2nd Year Medical Student at the University of Washington; Targeted Rural/Underserved Track Scholar

Rural-Urban Differences in Rectal Cancer Treatment

Mary E. Charlton, PhD, University of Iowa; Catherine Chioreso, MPH, University of Iowa; Amanda Kahl, MPH, University of Iowa; Jennifer E. Hrabe, MD, University of Iowa

Social Determinants of Health in Rural Tennessee Clinics

Kaitlyn Shirely, MPH, Student, ETSU; Margaret Smith, BS, Student, ETSU; Kacie Denton, BABS, Student, ETSU; Blair Brandt, BA, Student, ETSU; Ivy Click, EdD, Assistant Professor, ETSU; Joseph Gravel, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Greater Lawrence Family Health Center

Quality Improvement Strategies in Primary Care

Marie Darr MPH Health Systems Consultant LA Office of Public Health; Colleen Arceneaux MPH Chronic Disease Prevention Program Manager LA Office of Public Health

Additive Rural Education: Pre-clinical And Clinical Education Symmetry

Emily C. Onello, M.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Family Medicine and Biobehavioral Health

Low Back Pain Treatment Recommendations in Primary Care

Alexa J. Harris, West Virginia University School of Public Health; A. Brianna Sheppard-Willis, PhD, MA, West Virginia University Institute for Community and Rural Health

Interprofessional Hepatitis C Management in Rural Primary Care

Rebecca Grandy, PharmD, Pharmacist, MAHEC Family Medicine; Carly Owens, PharmD, PGY1 Pharmacy Resident, Mission Hospital; Bayla Ostrach, MA, PhD, Research Scientist, MAHEC; Kevin Sun, PharmD Candidate, UNC School of Pharmacy; Eric Smith, MD, MAHEC

Qualitative Analysis of Disease Self-Management in Rural Patients

K Bryant Smalley, PhD, PsyD, MBA; Associate Dean for Research; Mercer University School of Medicine; Jacob C Warren, PhD, MBA; Director, Center for Rural Health and Health Disparities; Mercer University School of Medicine

Examining rural/urban differences in SC home visiting travel

Charity Breneman, PhD; Victor Kirksey, MPH; Elizabeth Radcliff, PhD (Unic of SC Arnold School of Public Health/SCRHRC) and Icelynn Baldwin, LMSW (Children's Trust of South Carolina)

Tobacco-Related Maternity Complications for Mississippi Medicaid Beneficiaries

W. Brad Jones, PhD, Owner/CEO, Life Well Promotions, LLC; Dorothy K. Young, PhD, MHSA, Deputy Administrator for Health Services, Mississippi Division of Medicaid

Feasibility of a CHW Intervention in Dillon, Montana

Angela Bangs, MS3 University of Washington School of Medicine

Effects of Telemedicine on Rural Pediatric Diabetes Care

John Stacy¹, Tyler Reznick-Lipina², Cierra Sullivan², Laurel H. Messer², John F. Thomas², Robert Slover², R. Paul Wadwa²: ¹University of North Dakota School of Medicine; ²University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

Lessons learned developing a new Rural Fellowship program

Winona Houser, MD - Rural Fellow, MAHEC; Jessica White, MD - Rural Fellow, MAHEC; Robyn Restrepo, MD - Rural Fellow, MAHEC; Benjamin Gilmer, MD MS - Rural Fellowship Medical Director, MAHEC; Sara Kohrt, MS - Rural Fellowship Coordinator, MAHEC

Engaging individuals with disabilities in rural community research

Kathleen M. Sutton, PT, DPT, MPH, CPH, Rehabilitation Sciences Doctoral student, University of Kentucky

Pharmacist-Physician Co-visits in a Rural Primary Care Clinic

Savannah Patel, PharmD, Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacist, Spartanburg Regional Health Care System; Benjamin Gilmer, MD, MS, Clinical Faculty, Assistant Professor, MAHEC and UNC School of Medicine

Irene Park, PharmD, Mountain Area Health Education Center, UNC-Chapel Hill Eshelman School of Pharmacy, Clinical Pharmacist, Assistant Professor of Clinical Education

Lessons in Operationalizing Building Blocks for Primary Care

Amy Schroeder, BA, Revenue Cycle Consultant; Bryan Health; Dawn Brock, MPA, Director of Health System Services, Bryan Health

Expanding Rural Training Models in Family Medicine

Jillian Landeck, MD (Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin); Karyn Cecele, MD (Resident Physician, University of Wisconsin); Kelsey Schmidt (Resident Physician, University of Wisconsin); Lou Sanner, MD (Associate Professor University of Wisconsin)

Ambulance Usage by Medicare Beneficiaries: State Differences, 2012-2014

SuZanne Troske, MS, Research Associate, CEDIK; Alison Davis, PhD, Professor and Executive Director, CEDIK

Rural Health Education Outreach

Erik McLaughlin MD, MPH; Travis Schugg MBA, Lisa Bettencourt MHA

Leader Consciousness and Its Influence on Sustainability Initiatives within Non-Profit Healthcare Organizations

Ashley Rivera, DBA, Kittson Memorial Hospital, CEO/CFO

Pharmacist refill improvement process in rural primary care

Brittany Thompson, PharmD, CPP, Jerod Brashcler, PharmD, MS, Christie Dresback, PharmD, CGP, CPP, Stephanie Kiser RPH, Katie Sheldon, PharmD, MS, Elizabeth L. Michalets, PharmD, BCPS, FCCP, CPP

The Economic Impact of Rural Residency Programs on the Oklahoma Economy

Brian Whitacre, PhD, Professor, Agricultural Economics, Oklahoma State University, Chad Landgraf GIS Specialist, Center for Rural Health, Center for Health Sciences, Oklahoma State University

Educating Rural East Texans to Improve Colorectal Cancer Screening Rates

Edward Caldwell BA and Monica Collier BS

Primary Care Career Perceptions: WV Focus Groups Findings

April L. Vestal, MPH, WVU ICRH; Laura Boone, JD, WV Higher Education Policy Commission; A. Brianna Sheppard-Willis, PhD, WVU ICRH; Robert Walker, MD, WV HEPC; Ashley Noland, MS, WV HEPC; Dakota Morris, MPA, WV HEPC

Expanding Rural Training Opportunities in Family Medicine Residency

Jillian Landeck MD (assistant professor), Karyn Cecele MD (resident physician), Kelsey Schmidt MD (resident physician), Lou Sanner MD (associate professor)

Left Ventricular Assist Devices in Rural America

Windy Alonso, PhD, RN, Post-Doctoral Research Associate, 2018 NRHA Rural Health Fellow, UNMC College of Nursing, Bunny Pozehl, PhD, APRN-NP, FHFS, FAAN, Professor, UNMC College of Nursing

Understanding Rural Differences in Youth Tobacco Use

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Social Capital and Rural Health

Ellen Buck-McFadyen, PhD student, McMaster University

When providers leave rural communities: Orthopaedic Hand Surgery

Paige Chapman, Medical Student, MSU CHM; Andrea Wendling, MD, MSU CHM

Access to Psychiatric Care in Michigan's Upper Peninsula

Jenna Bernson, MD candidate 2019, student, MSU; Temmy Brotherson, MD candidate 2019, student, MSU; Peter Hedderich, MD candidate 2019, student, MSU; Andrea Wendling, MD FAAFP Associate Professor and Director of Rural Medicine Curriculum, MSU

Health care problems and provider choice among Virginia chiropractic patients

Virginia Weisz PhD, WHNP and Francis Dane PhD, Professor/ Chair Dept. of Arts and Sciences, Jefferson College of Health Sciences

Community-informed Programming: Win With Wellness Food Demonstrations

Manorama Mocherla Khare, PhD Research Assistant Professor, Associate Director, Community and Evaluation Research Division of Health Policy and Social Science Research Department of Family and Community Medicine University of Illinois, College of Medicine

Results from a Multi-Component Rural Wellness Program

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Adapting Evidence-based Interventions in Rural Settings: Analysis of Community Examples

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Geographic Differences in College Students' Cardiovascular Risk Perceptions

Demetrius Abshire, PhD, RN, Assistant Professor, University of South Carolina; Janessa Graves, PhD, MPH, Assistant Professor, Washington State University; Robin Estrada, PhD, RN, CPNP-PC, Assistant Professor, University of South Carolina

Quality of Life Concerns of Rural Patients with Parkinson's Disease and Their Primary Caregivers

Brooke Vaughan, PT, DPT, NCS, Assistant Professor, Ohio University

What is Rural: Overview of Geographies and Classifications

Jennifer Zaroni, MS, Geographer, U.S. Census Bureau

Toward utilization based network adequacy metrics

Mehdi Jamei, Executive Director, Bayes Impact

Community Gardening: Promoting Health for Persons with Disabilities

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Optimizing Colorectal Cancer Screening in East Texas

Carlton Allen, MS, Program Manager, UT Health Northeast; Gabriela Orsak, PhD, Assoc. Professor, UT Health Northeast; William Sorensen, PhD, Assoc. Professor, The University of Texas at Tyler; Paul McGaha, DO, MPH, Assoc Professor/Chair, UT Health Northeast

Suicidal Ideation and Attempts Among Non-Metropolitan Residents

Ty Borders, PhD, Professor and Endowed Chair, University of Kentucky

Assessing change in the primary care service delivery profile in South Carolina

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The Shift to Alternative Venues of Care in Rural Areas

Robin Gelburd, JD, President, FAIR Health

Understanding Contraceptive Care Practices in South Carolina RHCs

Ashley L. White, MSPH, University of South Carolina; Melinda A. Merrell, MPH, University of South Carolina/South Carolina Office of Rural Health

Ensuring Access with Innovative Delivery and Payment Models

John Supplitt, MBA, MPA, Senior Director, American Hospital Association

Addressing Disparities Through Health Workforce Development

Wei-Chen Lee, PhD, Health Disparities Analyst, University of Texas Medical Branch; Steve Shelton, MBA, University of Texas Medical Branch; Ben G. Raimer, MD, MA, FAAP, University of Texas Medical Branch

Where is the Food? Creating Healthy Food Environments to address Food Insecurity

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Non-opioid Treatment to Chronic Low Back Pain

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ACCESS to Better Health and Clear Skies.

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Optimizing use of AI in Rural Medical Settings

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Food Insecurity Among the Southern 16 Counties in Illinois

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Parallels in Science Education and Physician Shortages

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