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NRHA announces new Health Equity Council members

The National Rural Health Association is pleased to announce new members joining our Health Equity Council. After a competitive review process, 9 new members were selected to the Council.

“We are very pleased to announce the new members of the Health Equity Council and to continue to highlight issues related to LGBTQIA+, veteran, and homeless populations in addition to multiracial and multicultural populations living in rural areas. This Council represents various levels of rural health expertise,” NRHA CEO Alan Morgan says. “With the successes achieved by the Council, we look forward to continuing the tradition of promoting and enhancing the physical and mental well-being of rural and frontier underserved populations.”

The new NRHA Health Equity Council members are:

Bryan Price, UVA Cancer Center Research Assistant for Community Outreach, Danville, Va.

Sarah Beehler, Assistant Professor at University of Minnesota Medical School, Duluth Campus, Duluth, Minn.

Agnes Attakai, Director of Health Disparities Outreach at The University of Arizona Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, Tucson, Ariz.

Kay Miller Temple, M.D. Physician Writer and Journalist for Rural Health Information Hub, Center for Rural Health, Grand Forks, N.D.

Sarah Brinkman, Program Manager at Stratis Health, Bloomington, Minn.

Heather Whetsell, Administrative Director at SIU Medicine Population Science and Policy, Springfield, Ill.

Sarah Huling, Sonographer and Doctoral Student at Forks Community Hospital, Forks, Wash.

Carla Gibson, Vice President of Programs at REACH Healthcare Foundation, Overland Park, Kan.

Maricela Vallejo, Medical Student at Michigan State University, Traverse City, Mich.

About NRHA

NRHA is a nonprofit organization working to improve the health and wellbeing of rural Americans and provide leadership on rural health issues through advocacy, communications, education, and research. NRHA's membership is made up of diverse individuals and organizations from across the country, all of whom share the common bond of an interest in rural health.