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Project Description: “Promising Practices” Expert Relationship Development: Partnerships	
Time Frame when program was conducted: Ongoing	State: Vermont
Type of Project: Networking	Pick one: See expertise list from mentoring website
Description of Project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Describe value of project to your Office and if or why you consider it to be innovative ○ What are the short-term (one-year) and longer-term implications of this activity? For example: Are there follow-up activities? Where do you think the results to date will lead? ○ How was the project accomplished? ○ Describe the results of the project or initiative. ○ Describe the effectiveness of the project on building or enhancing collaborative relationships with other parties? <p>The Vermont Office of Rural Health and Primary Care through partnerships with various associations and organizations within the state and regionally has been able to advance many rural health initiatives resulting in products that would have been almost impossible within the limited resources of a state rural health office. These partnerships were achieved through partnership agreements, periodic meeting among stakeholders and common activities.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Bi-State Primary Care Association/VT Office of Rural Health and Primary Care: – <i>The Vermont Rural Health Alliance (FQHCs, CAHs, RHCs), 340B Network, health information exchange, quality improvement collaborative, Farm Health Alliance, rural Tele-psychiatry project</i> – Vermont Healthcare Workforce Committee: <i>Health Careers Awareness Month and website, Healthcare Workforce Needs Report and Conference</i> – VT AHEC/VT Office of Rural Health and Primary Care: <i>State loan repayment (\$1.4 Mill.), state workforce development pipeline activities</i> – New England Rural Health Roundtable: <i>New England and Vermont Rural Health Data Reports, NE Oral Health Conference, NE Rural Health Workforce Initiative, NE hospital PI activities and annual conference, EMS managers training, NE Rural Health Symposium</i> – Ongoing quarterly meetings of the Primary Care Collaborative and the Vermont FLEX Committee: <i>Continued communication and information sharing between stakeholders including medical, dental hospital and primary care associations, Free Clinics, AHECs, Health Department, FQHCs, RHCs, and CAHs.</i> 	
Cost and funding sources	NOSORH mentoring HRSA SORH, FLEX and PCO grants HRSA Network Planning and Implementation Grants
Website where additional information or report may be located.	http://healthvermont.gov/local/rural/rural_health.aspx
Outcome measurement: Any specific impacts on rural health? What are any quantitative and qualitative indicators that indicate the relationship of actions to meeting objectives of the Office?	The qualitative outcomes are related to the activities accomplished through the partnerships to improve patient quality, recruit and retain health professionals in rural area, adoption of best practices by rural providers, HIT advances, and health access for underserved populations (migrant farm workers)
Have any Economic Impact or Return-On-Investment assessments been done for this initiative? If so, please summarize the findings.	
Suggestions for SORH who may try to adapt this project?	Trust, respect, risk and communication go a long way in developing partnerships