


Understanding RHCs and How to Work with Them



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Working with Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) – Hands On - DAY 3

We will discuss:

- Depth and Breadth – 3 different examples
- *Ways to learn and engage* –
 - What NOSORH can do NOW!*
 - Modules
 - One on one discussions or coaching by phone or email
 - Mentoring and support – in your state
 - Webinars for your SORH or your RHCs
 - What we could do...if you're interested!*
 - A set hour each month to focus on RHCs – learning, thinking, planning
 - Form a RHC learning group
 - Develop a RHC TA certificate program

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TA Team

We want to acknowledge to work of our SORH Technical Advisory Team.

Thank you so much for all the work you've put into this project!

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The Breadth of SORH Work with RHC

What you can do now if you've never done anything before...

- How to get started
- What to do
- How to do it with what you have now
- Who should you do it with

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Next steps –for your SORH...

- Consider what you've heard, what you've read and what you know the primary care needs are of the rural Medicaid and Medicare beneficiaries are in your state.
- The promise and hope of the Affordable Care Act and improved health is predicated on improved access to primary care. Think about what your SORH can do to either expand or maintain access to primary care.
- Consider how RHCs in your state provide access to primary care for rural people.

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Put it in to Action Steps –for your SORH...

- Clarify objectives, for example:
 - A) Build awareness and connections (yours and the RHC)?
 - B) Increase the number of certified RHC?
 - C) What's best for your state?
- Think about what you need and ask for help:
 - NOSORH has resources to help.
 - Advisory Team members are willing to assist you in your work.
- Amend other work plans.
 - The work should be useful, important and move you toward you objective. Keep in mind that RHCs are major rural health safety-net primary care providers.
 - Make your strategies measurable.
 - Assign specific staff to each.

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Choices, Options, Decisions

- There are many, many demands for your time, expertise and attention.
- State budgets are tight, resources are scarce.
- Working with RHCs will reap significant ROI.
- You have options about how to do this work.
 1. You can work in concert with other states;
 2. You can work with other state partners;
 3. You can develop new partnerships.
 4. You can develop new resources and expertise.

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Choices, Options, Decisions

What are you going to do?

What do you need from NOSORH or other SORHs?

NOSORH wants to track changes in TA you are providing, so please let us know what you do!

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Choosing a direction is tough...
Your colleagues are available to assist.



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