

## September NOSORH Event Partner Updates: NRHA

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## Agenda

- Information about NRHA
- What NRHA offers SORHs and our members
- NRHA Washington Advocacy Message for 2008

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## Who Are We?

- The *voice* for improving the health of rural America.
- A non-partisan, non-profit membership organization.
- A source of information for policymakers and NRHA members.
- A trusted resource for SORHs.

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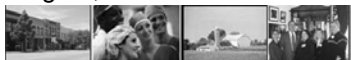
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### History

- Founded in 1978 as the National Rural Primary Care Association.
- Membership structure is due to mergers between rural PC, hospitals, researchers and other constituencies
- Offices in Kansas City, Missouri and Washington, DC.



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### The NRHA Offers...

#### Advocacy and Policy Development

- Legislative development, strategy & tracking
- Action Alerts
- Information Alerts
- Congressional testimony
- Appropriations tracking
- Comments on regulations
- Policy briefs and papers



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## The NRHA Offers...

### Communications and Information Access:

- Bimonthly E-News
- Quarterly magazine: *Rural Roads*
- Journal of Rural Health
- Other publications
- Policy experts
- Organization linkages




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## The NRHA Offers...

### Educational Opportunities

- CAH/RHC Conference: Oct. 2008, Savannah, GA
- Minority and Multicultural: Dec. 2008, Albuquerque, NM
- 20<sup>th</sup> Policy Institute: Late January 2009, Washington DC
- 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference: May 2009, Miami, FL
- Rural Medical Educators: May 2009, Miami, FL
- Skill building workshop: June 2009, ???
- Quality and Clinical Conference: July 2009, Park City, UT

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### The NRHA Offers...

#### Leadership Opportunities:

- Rural Health Fellows Program
- Constituency Groups, Issue Groups
- Develop papers for review by RH Congress
- Provide issue expertise to NRHA staff

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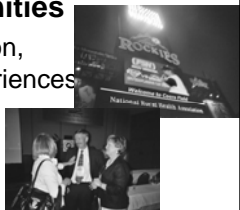
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### The NRHA Offers...

#### Networking Opportunities

- Sharing of information, best practices, experiences
- Innovative ideas
- Research
- Contact info
- Build contacts among peers



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### State Office Relationship

- NRHA organizational members
- One representative per Office on State Office Council (SOC)
- SOC Chair is Board Member of NRHA
- Board Member Serves on Rural Health Congress
- Currently, SOC Chair is Graham Adams (SC)

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## 2008 Rural Health Message

- Landscape in Washington
- NRHA's 2008 Advocacy Agenda
  - Appropriations or funding
  - Medicare bill
  - Regulatory Change - RHCs
- Other things going on in Washington, DC
  - SCHIP in spring, Workforce & health reform?



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