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Round Robin Report Form

State: Illinois	Contact: Julie Casper
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<p>Advisory Board for Critical Access Recruitment Services to recruit for the smallest of IL hospitals with a single recruiter specializing in their needs.</p> <p>Capital grants- Coordinating rule making and application standards for hospital grants including \$50 million to small hospitals for capital projects.</p> <p>Talking with the VA to develop a project for rural veterans.</p> <p>Sitting on committee to oversee the grant making and application process for grants at the department to increase consistency of process for all grants.</p> <p>Participate in the Illinois Hospital Association Small and Rural Hospital annual conference, Illinois Rural Health Association Annual Conference and Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network annual meeting.</p> <p>Awarding nursing scholarships.</p> <p>Awarding State Loan Repayment grants .</p>	

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State: Kansas	Contact: Theresa Welsh
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<p>Being part of a pilot program, the SORH contracted with the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Center for Rural Health customizing a web-based Activity Tracking System for use by the Bureau of Local and Rural Health. This system will allow SORH to easily capture and report all instances of technical assistance provided by staff as required annually in the State Office of Rural Health program. The system will go live in the next couple of months.</p>	

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State: Michigan	Contact: John Barnas
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<p>1. Michigan Center for Effective IT Adoption (M-CEITA)</p> <p>Mission - <i>To provide education, outreach and technical assistance to improve the quality and value of health care delivery in our state.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* 12 Community Meetings Scheduled across rural Michigan* Primary Care Providers and HIT Managers Invited* Presented to Rural Caucus <p>2. North East Michigan Recruitment and Retention Network Collaborative Partnership: 2 CHC's and a Rural Hospital.</p> <p>3. Healthy Lifestyles Grants: Part of the MISORHI Funded 14 Grants this year.</p> <p>4. 3 Part Webinar series on Health Reform in partnership with a Law firm Hall Render</p> <p>5. Statewide Rural Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant R&R Study</p> <p>6. M-SEARCH: Program aimed at developing a pipeline of health professional students committed to providing primary health care to Michigan's underserved populations.</p>	

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State: Missouri	Contact: Barbara Brendel
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The Missouri State Office of Rural Health is conducting outreach through many methods.

- 1) Rural Spotlight Quarterly Publication: The Office continues to publish 4,000 quarterly newsletters with health and wellness topics to rural hospitals, home health agencies, hospice providers, ambulance districts, fire districts and day care providers. The publication is also posted at <http://www.ruralspotlight.com/rural-spotlight-newsletters.html>.
- 2) Rural Spotlight Web Site: To facilitate dissemination of information to rural health care providers, a website was established that contains the latest general health information, research articles, regulatory changes, and funding opportunities. Subscribers receive automatic notification of updates to the site.
- 3) Interactive Health Care Provider Map: While reviewing the types of calls received by the office, there were a number of citizens who called looking for health care providers in their area. An interactive map of all Missouri's hospitals, rural health clinics, and federally qualified health centers was developed. The web address is http://gis.dhss.mo.gov/Website/AGS_healthFacility/healthFacility.html
- 4) Town Hall Meetings: Through a contractor, the Office has hosted 16 town hall meetings throughout the state to gain local perspective on rural health issues, which will be used to expand the 3-Year Rural Health Plan for CAHs into an in-depth 3-year Rural Health Plan. The final report is due August 15, 2010 and will be posted on the Office' web site.
- 5) Rural Hospital Health Information Technology Conference: On May 27, a conference focusing on HIT was held for all rural hospitals. Speakers included CMS, Stratis Health, Dr. Paul Kleeberg, Keith Williams, Terry Hill, and Missouri hospitals. The presentations covered the definition of "meaningful use", tools available, physician's perspective of implementing HIT, Citizen's Memorial Hospital in Bolivar, Missouri, who received an award for reaching Level VII HIMSS, how HIT will impact HIPAA, and HIT networking.
- 6) Trauma/Mass Casualty Training: Meetings are being held with the Missouri Hospital Association, the State's EMS Director and the Department's Center for Emergency Response and Terrorism regarding providing trauma/mass casualty trainings to rural hospitals and their partners. The trauma/mass casualty trainings will be coordinated with the Rural Trauma Team Development courses, currently being provided through contract with the University of Missouri, Columbia.

- 7) Access to Care: The PRIMO/Access to Community Care Services program increased primary care encounters in FY10 by 102,633 through health care delivery systems contracts. During 2009-2010, 19 primary care providers were placed in health care facilities using the Practice Sites Opportunity and Placement database. Missouri facilities have entered 155 primary care opportunities into the Practice Sites Opportunities and Placement database. Missouri continues to participate in the 3RNet Program.
- 8) National Health Service Corp: Through ARRA funding, 152 applications have been reviewed and processed. Staff has conducted 41 Site visits and 80 Provider visits. There are currently 243 Providers in the state: 232 Loan Repayors and 11 Scholars, and 462 approved Service Sites.
- 9) Loans and Loan Repayment: The PRIMO Student Loan Program is a competitive State program that awards forgivable loans to students pursuing health care training leading to Missouri licensure or registration in selected health fields. Currently, there are 24 Undergraduate recipients, three 6-Year Medical recipients, two Masters Program recipients, 36 Medical/Dental recipients and 20 Residency recipients. The Health Professional Loan Repayment Program is the repayment of outstanding educational loans in exchange for providing primary health care services in areas of need in Missouri. A minimum two-year contract is required. When combining general revenue and ARRA funds, there are six Medical recipients, six Dental recipients, nine Nurse recipients, three Licensed Clinical Social Worker recipients and three Licensed Professional Counselor recipients. Additional recipients will not be added during the FY11 fiscal year due to budget constraints.
- 10) Oral Health Preventive Services Program (PSP): The Program provides free supplies necessary to conduct a PSP event, such as screening forms, disposable mouth mirrors, fluoride varnish, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, educational and other promotional materials. From July 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010, 52,648 children were served by PSP.

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Please read the USDA.GOV “Boomer Migration” study before the meeting.	

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State: Ohio	Contact: Heather Reed
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<p>A) Working with office staff and a consultant to provide technical assistance to rural communities interested in pursuing RHC designation and certification. There are 9 certified RHCs in Ohio, 9 pending certification, and an additional 15 communities pursuing designation.</p> <p>B) Undertaking RFP process to significantly expand our quality improvement activities with Ohio's 34 CAHs to include financial and operational performance improvement and benchmarking. We are looking at opportunities to partner with other states in a multi-state benchmarking effort.</p> <p>C) Partnering with the Ohio PCO (the SORH and PCO are co-located in Ohio) on an Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) state capacity building effort to address primary care workforce shortages. The HRSA Regional Office in Chicago is collaborating with us on this project. Additionally, we are applying for the Affordable Care Act State Health Care Workforce Development Planning Grant opportunity to supplement these efforts.</p> <p>D) Ohio SORH was reorganized in April of this year. The Primary Care and Rural Health Program (which houses the SORH) is now part of the Bureau of Community Health Services as one of 3 sections. The other 2 sections that comprise this new Bureau include School & Adolescent Health Services and Oral Health.</p>	