

NOSORH Region D Meeting, June 23 – 24, 2010

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State Sharing Form

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Conferences and Forums

- August 3-4, 2009 - Conducted 36th Annual Rural Health Conference “Coming Out of the Recession Stronger & Healthier: Opportunities, Solutions and Collaborations” – keynote speakers were Alan Morgan & Dena Pushkin
- August 2009 - Held Community Health Forums in Nogales (rural/border community) and Globe-Miami (rural sister communities) and produced summary reports with actions items for both forums
- December 2009 - Arizona Rural Health Policy Assembly – this event drew rural health advocates, policy experts, and legislators to discuss current challenges in rural health, and make policy recommendations
- January 2010 - Arizona Rural and Public Health Policy Forum (Arizona State Capitol, Phoenix, AZ), “Responsible Leadership: Reasoning Our Way Out of the Recession”
- The Arizona Rural Health Association and the Arizona Public Health Association cosponsored the Forum, with attendance from 24 legislators and 82 participants
- Planned 37th Annual Rural Health Conference, August 2-3, 2010 “Partnering for Solutions: A New Decade for Rural Health”

Network Development Technical Assistance

- Member of **Arizona Rural Women’s Health Network** serving as board secretary and providing project and grant development technical assistance.
- Member of **Santa Cruz County Adolescent Wellness Coalition** providing guidance on their network planning process and application for a Rural Health Network Development grant, as well as expertise and resources regarding health literacy, which is a focus of the network.
- Member of **Arizona Border Communities Health Network** “*Redes Sin Paredes*” providing guidance on their network planning process and application for a Rural Health Network Development grant, as well as planning and coordinating their efforts to consolidate existing community health needs assessments along the Arizona-Mexico border.

Projects

- Bringing stakeholders together to provide telepsychiatry long-term care center psych unit at Northern Cochise Community Hospital (CAH) in Willcox, AZ
- Conducting Arizona Rural Behavioral Health Assessment utilizing toolkit from NOSORH with projected completion date of November 2010
- Working on major RHO website upgrade and modernization
- Developing Grant Writing Online Workshop to be up by October 2010
- Wrapping up Rural Health Office Strategic Planning Process that began in November 2009
- Continuing work under the W.K. Kellogg Rural People, Rural Policy Initiative with 14 partners in Arizona, New Mexico and Southern Colorado to develop the Southwest Rural Policy Network as an emerging voice with access to \$200,000 over the next 3 years to address health, economic, and environmental policy issues regarding the needs of children and families living in the rural American Southwest.

Educational Activities to Increase Rural Health Workforce

- Conducted the **Rural Health Professions Program**, a partnership of the University of Arizona College of Public Health, the Rural Health Office, and the Arizona Area Health Education Centers Program. This program offers one-week intensive service learning courses to graduate public health students that often culminate in a community health forum designed, conducted, and documented by the students. The objective is to create opportunities for the students *to have positive experiences* in rural and underserved communities that will impact their career choices upon completion of their degrees.
 - **Rural Health Service Learning Institute** in Globe/Miami/San Carlos Apache Tribal area for 8 students
 - **Border Health Service Learning Institute** in both the US and Mexico sides of the *Ambos Nogales* area for 12 students
 - **Rural Maternal & Child Health Service Learning Institute** in Navajo and Hopi Tribal areas for 15 students
- Placed MPH and DrPH students in **Rural Practicum** experience to examine the status of rural health issues, and produce reports for their practicum sponsor. Sponsors have included the Governor's office, the Arizona Department of Health Services, the Indian Health Service, and the AZ Association of Community Health Centers. Some student reports are posted on the RHO website.
- Working on bringing stakeholders together to assign medical residents to IHS hospitals in Sells and San Xavier

Flex Activities

- Two Member Governing Board Education Workshops, May 21 in Tucson and May 22 in Phoenix, facilitated by Darlene Bainbridge
- “Medical Directors in Arizona: The Role and Function of the Medial Director and Pre-Hospital Coordinator in a Challenging Environment” conference in collaboration with Arizona State Bureau of EMS, attended by over 80 people
- Partnered with Arizona Emergency Medical Systems, Inc. to develop rural track for their 2010 EMS Odyssey conference, including a presentation on “Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorders: Impaired Communication and Odd Behaviors”
- Three pronged Quality Improvement effort with CAHS
 - Flex/HSAG Infection Prevention Training using face-to-face and Webex – 10 CAHS including 3 Tribal/638 hospitals
 - Darlene Bainbridge Quality Training – Focus on Quality Calendars with 5 hospitals including 2 Tribal
 - Kansas Hospital Association Quality Health Indicators Multi-State Benchmarking ongoing with 7 hospitals including 2 tribal [1 IHS and 1 Tribal/638] and one larger rural hospital
- Funded 2 courses on Rural Trauma Team Development in Ganado (north) and Bisbee (South), conducted by Banner Health
- Hosted 2010 Western Regional Flex Conference, June 10-11, in Tucson
- Planning for upcoming Performance Improvement Summit, Conditions of Participation conference call, and 4-part series of calls on the use of swing beds

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1. Grants and Contracts
 - A. Veterans Administration-Contract to conduct a rural veteran needs assessment in rural Nevada portion of VISN 21 Sierra Nevada region.
 - B. State of Nevada- Contract to conduct the following:
 - i. Rural Public Health Methodology- This contract will provide funding to develop a potential resource methodology for rural/frontier counties and/or rural public health districts or departments in Nevada;
 - ii. Gap analysis on State bio preparedness plans- Analysis to assess gaps and needs in rural plans on bio preparedness;
 - C. Rural Network Development Planning grant. Partnership between the Office of Rural Health, High Sierra AHEC and submitted by Humboldt General Hospital. Establishes the development of a network as a framework for a Rural Family Medicine Training Track.
 - b. Submitted proposals:
 - i. ARRA equipment grant – Primary Care Family Medicine
 - ii. ARRA Rural Health Workforce Development grant
 - iii. Assisted AHEC in ARRA equipment grant
 - iv. SLRP
 - v. Rural AED
 - vi. FLEX
 - vii. SHIP

2. Boards
 - a. President of Board for National Center for Frontier Communities (C. Ford)
 - b. Chair Task Force for EMR – subcommittee of Gov. HIT task Force (C. Ford)
 - c. Primary Care Advisory Counsel - J1-Visa (C. Ford)
 - d. Gov.'s Rural Health Plan Co-Chair and member (C. Ford and G. Ackerman)
 - e. NOSORH (C. Ford-President Elect and G. Ackerman Regional Representative)
 - f. Rural Health Works (C.Ford, J.Packham)
 - g. Gov.'s Broadband Taskforce (G. Ackerman)
 - h. Frontier Action Agency (G. Ackerman)
 - i. Rural Pediatric Sexual Assault Taskforce Telemedicine Demonstration (G. Ackerman)
 - j. Communities in School Board-Northeastern Office (G. Ackerman)
 - k. State Oral Health Taskforce (K. Clark)
 - l. 3-R Net Advisory Board (K. Clark)
 - m. Health Access Board of Directors (J.Packham)
 - n. Nevada Public Health Association Board of Directors (J.Packham)

3. EMS Quality Improvement Program- Partnership with FLEX. Working to improve QA issues with two rural FLEX hospital and EMS providers.
4. Rural Mental Health - Working with CIS, UNLV and UNSOM to provide rural mental health services to rural Nevada. UNLV, CIS program provides services and training for Masters in Counseling to rural adolescents through the use of compressed video.
5. H1N1 project- Work with State of Nevada to conduct rural Pods for northeastern rural Nevada. Chair committee and served as POD commander.
6. Development of HIT workforce projections and presentations to Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force.
7. Rural Mental Health/Primary Care Integration Network development.
8. Rural GME development.
9. Health Professions Diversity development through the School of Medicine-redefine minority to include rural.

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<p>State: Oklahoma</p>	<p>Contact: Val Schott 405.840.6500 Corie Kaiser 405.840.6505</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing Center for Rural Health/Office of Rural Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ New Joint Project of the Center for Rural Health, OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine • FLEX Program/Critical Access Hospitals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Multi-State Quality Improvement Project • Fourteen Hospitals Participating • Plan to Include all 34 CAHs in two years – budget allowing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Additional Designation • Haskell County Healthcare Systems added <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CALS Training • Five CAHs, 25 participants trained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community Health Engagement Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three communities currently • Five completed this year • IT Applications for Rural Hospitals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Member, Oklahoma Health Information Security & Privacy Council – Governor’s appointment ➤ Oklahoma State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program (OSHIECAP) Member <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Governance Task Force ▪ Advisory Committee ▪ Oklahoma Health Information Trust 	

- American Osteopathic Association Fellows – Lectures
- Rural Residency Program Expansion
- Rural Health Policy & Advocacy
 - National Rural Health Association
 - American Osteopathic Association
 - Oklahoma Osteopathic Association
 - Oklahoma State Legislature
 - Rural Health Association of Oklahoma
- 8th Annual Rural Hospital Conference
 - Focused on IT applications, especially selection and implementation of Electronic Health Records and conversion to such a system
 - 200 participants representing approximately 45 different rural hospitals

