



Rural Health Workforce: Strategies to Strengthen the Rural Healthcare Workforce in the Age of Health Reform

**LARAMIE, WYOMING
AUGUST 18, 2009**

Hilton Garden Inn

2229 E Grand Ave
Laramie, Wyoming
(307)745-5500

GOAL: State, local, regional and national organizations working together to build vital rural communities!

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: State and local workforce investment partners, rural health colleagues, Area Health Education Centers, higher education training programs and faculty, hospital associations, rural health associations and healthcare professionals

SESSIONS: Not just another PowerPoint! This is a working session where all participants are charged to share strategies and challenged to think creatively

OBJECTIVES OF THE STRATEGY SESSION:

By the end of the strategy session participants will be able to:

- identify collaborative models for workforce development
- identify funding for rural workforce initiatives
- understand how healthcare reform is likely to impact the rural healthcare workforce

Room Rate:

\$70 per night/ single occupancy
(ask for the NOSORH rate)

Reservation deadline:

July 17, 2009

Registration fee:

\$100 per person

(limited funds available to support some SORH & Partners' travel)

AGENDA (6-18-09 Draft)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2009

7:30 – 8:30 AM	BREAKFAST	
8:30 – 9:00 AM	Welcome, Background and Introductions	<i>Teryl Eisinger, Director NOSORH</i>
9:00– 9:30 AM	Rural Health Workforce: Building on What We Know	<i>Sue Skillman University of Washington Rural Health Research Center</i>
9:30 – 10:00 AM	Employment Training Resources: Opportunities to Build the Rural Health Workforce	<i>Department of Labor (invited)</i>
10:00 – 10:15 AM	BREAK	
10:15 – 10:45 AM	Partnering with Community Colleges: Growing the Impact at Home	<i>Roxanne Fulcher American Association of Community Colleges</i>
10:45 – 11:15 AM	State Rural Health Workforce Partnerships and Resources	<i>Kristin Juliar, Director Montana Office of Rural Health / MT AHEC</i>
11:15 -11:45 AM	National Policies on Health Workforce: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly	<i>Bill Finerfrock, Legislative Liaison NOSORH (invited)</i>
11:45-1:00 PM	LUNCH and SPEAKER – The Wyoming Workforce Story	<i>Sharla Allen, WY Office of Rural Health</i>
1:00-4:00 PM	Strategies to Strengthen the Workforce: Optimizing Opportunities for Partnership	<i>Valarie DeFor Healthcare Education Industry Partnership</i>
4:00-4:30 PM	Wrap Up – Next Steps – Commitment and Ownership!	<i>Mary Rothchild Minnesota State Colleges and University System Office</i>

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