



October 7-9, 2007

Make your reservations now to attend the NOSORH annual meeting in Charleston, South Carolina. Topics include Oral Health, Workforce, HIT and more.

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Communications Committee

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Want to make sure you know more about what's going on with the Board - check out the [Board](#) minutes.

Coming Soon -

[NOSORH's](#) wiki space, it's still in it's raw stages, but if you have any suggestions on what to add please let [Donna Pfaendtner](#) know.

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The Branch

An Update for State Offices of Rural Health and our Partners

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Dr. Duke notes NOSORH collaboration - NOSORH was definitely up front at the Office of Rural Health Policy All Programs meeting this week thanks to the creative work of Kathy Williams and the State Offices of Rural Health around the country. It was a colorful, creative tribute to the 20th anniversary of ORHP. CONGRATULATIONS!



Mentoring

By SORHs for SORHs

NOSORHs first successful webinar "Putting a Face on Rural Health" in August. Many thanks to Keith Clark for this effort and the great motivations.

Upcoming Webinars

Will be delivered by State Offices for State Offices... or to share with your SRHA, or others in your state. You can participate "live" or later... to hear and see "Putting a Face on Rural Health" from Keith Clark, [click here](#).

"Reaching out to Rural Health Clinics" webinar

When: September 17th @ 2 PM (est) [Click here](#) for more Information

"Strategic Planning for SORHs" webinar

When: October 24th @ 2 PM (est) [Click here](#) for more information

Impact

SORHs recently were sent a survey about the SORH grant mentoring done last January. Respondents say:

- ◆ 83 percent felt that the grant workshop helped them perform better.
- ◆ 76.9 percent indicated interest in a mock review of their grant application.

We're now planning how to best assist with the next grant application and want to hear from you if you have not yet responded to the survey. [Click here](#) for the survey.

Quick clips from the Committees

Policy - getting down to contracting with a Legislative Liaison to build the SORH voice on the hill.

- ◆ contact [John Barnas](#) or [Lisa Davis](#)

FLEX - gathering comments on CMS proposed regulations to reduce cost based reimbursements for Rural Health Clinics.

- ◆ contact [R. Scott Daniels](#)

Bylaws - working on updates for membership vote.

- ◆ contact [Karen Madden](#)

HIT - will be proposing activities for SORHs at Annual Meeting.

- ◆ contact [John Eich](#)

Nominating - seeking nominations for NOSORH Executive Committee.

- ◆ contact [Graham Adams](#)

Finance - working with the Board to improve fund stewardship.

- ◆ contact [Lynette Dickson](#)

Performance Measures - Gearing up to review Promising Practices report from Rocky Coast Consulting. A Region B rep is needed.

- ◆ contact [Mark Schoenbaum](#)

EMS - Collecting EMS Workplans. Great success with CIT Budget Model Training - more coming soon!

- ◆ contact [Chris Tilden](#)

Workforce - still starting up.

- ◆ contact [Kris Juliar](#) or [Pam Smith](#)