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your  
Calendar!

◆ *Feb. 6-8, 2008*  
Board Retreat (San Francisco, CA)

◆ *Wed., Feb. 13, 2008*  
"Technology webinar"

(Dial in: 866-910-4857 •access code: 983448 • web link: <http://nosorh.acrobat.com/techtips/> )

◆ *March webinar*  
Pharmacy Issues  
(more info to follow)

◆ *Mar. 4 - 6, 2008*  
Rural Health Workforce  
- The Future is now! -  
(Phoenix, AZ)

**Mentoring Tips** –  
want to figure out how to  
use NOSORH mentoring  
resources better? [Click here](#)

**CONGRATULATIONS...**  
Chris Tilden, Kansas Office  
of Local and Rural Health  
and our EMS partner Gary  
Wingrove on their appoint-  
ment to the new Depart-  
ment of Transportation,  
National EMS advisory  
council.

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# The Branch

An Update for State Offices of Rural Health and our Partners

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**R**egister now for...not your everyday Workforce Meeting, hear great speakers, collaborative agenda, meaningful take home programs - at the NOSORH, 3R Net and Rural Health Works upcoming workforce meeting. Be part of an important partnership meeting to look into the future and ask:

- ◆ What are the trends that impact our health workforce needs?
- ◆ What kind of health care professionals are going to be needed?
- ◆ What are some model programs we can start implementing now to really make a difference?
- ◆ What are some solutions we can recommend to policy makers to improve the future?

Bring a partner and join us in Phoenix March 4-6. [Click here](#) to see the agenda and registration information! Please forward the website link to invite your partners.

Register by: **February 15, 2008**



If you'd like more input contact [Lisa Davis](#) or [John Barnas](#), Policy Committee chairs. Congratulations to NRHA and State Offices of Rural Health on a successful meeting.

**What would you ask a panel of SORH staff?** As State Offices of Rural Health, it's sometimes challenging to feel like you're really doing enough. So we're gathering a panel of experienced SORH staff, and plying them with questions like...

- "How do you handle or draw the line on the workload?"
- "How do you balance state needs with federal ones?"
- "How have you 'learned it all' ?

**Who should be on this panel, and what questions would you ask them?** We'll endeavor to set up a panel of four mentors, ply them with questions, record it, and post the interview on NOSORH's website. If it works, this might become a series. Please email John Eich ([eich@wisc.edu](mailto:eich@wisc.edu)) with your suggestions.

◆ **From John Barnas (MI): *Boom!*** By Tom Brokaw, "One minute it was Ike and the man in the grey flannel suit, and the next minute it was time to "turn on, tune in, drop out." While Americans were walking on the moon, Americans were dying in Vietnam. Nothing was beyond question, and there were far fewer answers than before."

## NOSORH active at NRHA Policy Institute.

Karen Madden, NOSORH President presented Congresswoman Gabrielle Gifford of Arizona's 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District "NOSORH's Legislator of the Year Award". Congresswoman Gifford was nominated by Alison Hughes for her commitment and advocacy for rural America. Also presenting the award were Lisa Davis Policy Committee co-chair (*not pictured*), Teryl Eisinger, Program Director, and Caroline Ford, Treasurer. In addition to the great NRHA sessions and networking, we can happily report that due to the efforts of SORHs, and their partners at least three-quarters of all House and Senate Appropriations, health sub-committees' members were contacted about the good work of rural health dollars in their states. If you couldn't attend the meeting [click here](#) for information from the meeting. **Policy Committee is moving a NOSORH agenda forward.**

## Announcing the New Listserv of the Rural Health Research Gateway

Rural health research findings from 8 national research centers, supported by the federal Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP), are now featured at one convenient location, the *Rural Health Research Gateway Listserv*. This initiative is designed to help move the most up-to-date findings of the Rural Health Research Centers to policy makers, health care providers and others as quickly and efficiently as possible.

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