



Mark your Calendar!

◆ **Aug 19 - 20, 2008**
Region E Meeting
The Yarrow - Park City, UT

◆ **September 10th**
**"Addressing Rural Sub-
stance Abuse" webinar**
More information to follow

September 23rd
**HIT for Rural Health
Partners**

Holiday Inn West Bay -
Traverse City, MI

◆ **September 24th-26th**
**NOSORH Annual Meeting
and ORHP SORH Grant-
ees Meeting** are being held
back to back in Traverse
City, Michigan. The
NOSORH meeting will be
held September 24th - Sep-
tember 25th and the ORHP
meeting will convene on the
afternoon of September 25th
and adjourn by 1 PM on
September 26th. Registra-
tion fee \$200. [click here](#) for
registration information

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Promising Practice – For the next few months we'll be featuring the 6 key characteristics of SORH...here's #2....**Adept "Positioner"** some key abilities of the characteristic include:

- Cultivate and market specific areas of recognized expertise as a visible sign of the Office's value
- "Claim the high ground", as non-regulators, through collaboration and facilitation
- Function as "go to" Information Clearinghouse (one that has sufficient recognition to be the place constituents turn for rural health information and data)
- Provide a data repository or conduit to data to support local, regional, and state-level issue analysis, planning, grant applications, evaluations, etc.
- Engage higher level decision-makers in executive and legislative branches to support rural health ...and the Office or rural health funding or gain intergovernmental support from other agencies (e.g., Work with a Legislative Commission on Rural Resources)
- Network and develop relationships with constituents and call upon these relationships to support the Office and other rural health initiatives when necessary
- Engage organizations in collaborative dialogues and to demonstrate interrelationships of health and health services with rural community development

SORH Examples of Practices – Activities

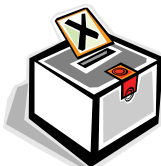
- *Development of a center for data/info gathering, viewed as a valuable source of information that can be drilled down to the community level (LA)*
- *Development of a portion of the SORH website for sharing "successful models" of community projects (MN)*
- *Development of an accessible and substantial rural health information data base (AZ)*

The Oregon Office of Rural Health at Oregon Health & Science University and the Oregon Rural Health Association have released the 2008 Oregon Certified Rural Health Clinics Report. The Report, funded by a grant from the Meyer Memorial Trust, is a comprehensive report on the Certified Rural Health Clinics in Oregon and includes recommendation on potential policy issues as well as internal management practices. Click here for a copy of the report. www.ohsu.edu/oregonruralhealth.

NOSORH supports the proposed Veterans to Paramedics Transition Act, legislation to support training of returning veterans as emergency medical services personnel. The legislation specifically takes into account the previous medical coursework and training veterans received when they were active members of the armed forces. For more information about the bill ...[click here](#)

AWARDS TIME...it's time to nominate SORH and other for recognition there are several different categories of awards...past awards recipients and a listing of all awards categories are posted on the NOSORH website...[click here](#) or contact Alison Hughes.

**Deadline for nominations is:
August 8th**



California State Office of Rural Health shares free CME, CEU and CHES units...from a June 30th the webcast for migrant clinicians entitled "Globalization of Rare Diseases." New York's Clinical Director's Network (CDN) published this clinician education of South American endemic diseases that now are being seen in immigrants to California. This broadcast is archived for one year, allowing 24/7 access to clinicians who serve the migrant population. Here are the links to view the webcast

[Click here](#) to get handout from the CDN library page

[Click here](#) to register for the webcast archive

Did you know? The NOSORH Mentoring Committee has received requests to allow for some support for SORH attendance at 3 conferences:

- **SD Healthcare Workforce Center's Big Splash**
August 19, 2008 - Ft. Pierre, SD
- **Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Grantee Meeting**
August 25-28, 2008 - Washington, DC
- **Minority and Multicultural Health Conference**
December 10-12, 2008 - Albuquerque, NM

If you're interested in attending one of these conferences you must identify apply for funds and identify a mentoring goal from the conference. Please contact [Betty King](#), Program Specialist for more information.

NEW HIT COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR Thanks to John Hanson (WA) for stepping up as new HIT Committee Co-Chair and to John Eich (WI) for his service to the committee.