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Rural Health

COMMUNICATIONS
COMMITTEE
CHANGES CHAIRS

Many thanks to Karen Welle (WI) who has steadily led the Communications Committee through the development of the NOSORH website, adoption of a new logo and other materials. Karen recently stepped down and long term Region E Representative Kenny Doppenberg (SD) has agreed to fill her term this year. Thanks to Karen and Kenny for the hard work and dedication!

NEED HELP PROMOTING YOUR SORH?

We can help with press releases, design brochures, fact sheets and other resources. Contact Teryl Eisinger, Program Director or Donna Pfaendtner, Program Assistant for more information.

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The Branch

An Update for State Offices of Rural Health and our Partners

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CLICK & GET...Top 5 things to do now that your grants are in....

- 1) First give yourself and your staff a pat on the back for a job well done! While you're thinking about that good work take time to recognize a colleague... the deadline for [NOSORH Award nominations](#) has been extended to **Friday, July 13th** ...your lucky day. For more information click on the link below or email [Jennifer Hessert](#) (PA) Awards Committee Chair,
- 2) Make travel plans...Plan to attend the **NOSORH Members Meeting, Sunday, August 26th @ 2 PM** at the Grand Hyatt, Washington D.C.
- 3) Pitch ...a new idea for a partnership...we're looking for SORH strategies to partner with other national organizations or associations of state officials - **proposal due date has been postponed to July 12, 2007** [check out the RFP](#)
- 4) Enjoy some summer reading...check out "[A Strategic Plan in the Works](#)" let us know what you think...
- 5) Plan ahead...check out some great conferences - the [mentoring committee endorses conferences](#) for SORH support

NEW PROJECTS & PEOPLE & POSITIONS

Congratulations to Dr. Graham Adams... nominated by the NOSORH Board to serve on the **National Advisory Committee for Rural Health and Human Services.**

Promising Practices of SORHs...

Rocky Coast Consulting will work with NOSORH to help identify great things that SORHs do that can be modeled by other SORH and to help us document the impact of SORH around the nation. We'll need your help sharing information about your activities and plans for the future - look for an email soon with more information.

Mentoring...What do SORHs have to do with it?

Did you know that in a survey last fall 94% of SORH respondents said that other SORHs are their best source of information and learning? **Betty King** has been contracted to work with the **NOSORH Mentoring Committee** to facilitate mentoring and coordinate learning activities for SORH. Betty has a great background working with the Arizona Office of Rural Health, mentoring and leading public health and rural health projects around the country. If you'd like more information about mentoring contact Committee Chairs Barbara Berger (CT), Kathy Williams (IA) or Betty by email betty.king@juno.com.

Welcome Betty!