



# The Branch

March, 2007 - An update for State Offices of Rural Health & our Partners

## **Policy Committee Update - More Funding for Critical Access Hospital HIT!**

With support from Neal Neuberger, of Health Tech Strategies the Policy Committee is working to get the word out about additional \$7 million in funding for HIT for Critical Access Hospitals. Your help is needed to reach your partners, policy makers and Critical Access Hospitals to support this effort. For more information contact two great leaders, committee Co-Chairs John Barnas [barnas@msu.edu](mailto:barnas@msu.edu) or Lisa Davis [lad3@psu.edu](mailto:lad3@psu.edu)

## **2 Important EMS Meetings – 1 Trip!**

**NOSORH's EMS and Mentoring Committee** proudly ask you to consider attending a "Learning Session for State Offices of Rural and EMS Directors". This session is being held April 25-26<sup>th</sup> in Kansas City. The objective of the session is to help all participants strategize partnerships and utilize model programs to implement EMS solutions. While you're there plan to stay over through April 27<sup>th</sup> for the 2007 EMS Outcomes National Consensus Meeting. **Funding to support your participation in these meetings is provided by the NOSORH Jim Bernstein Mentoring Program.** For more information click on the link <http://www.nosorh.org/events/events.php>

**State Loan Repayment Programs Information** - Supporting the recruitment and retention of rural health professionals is an important function for SORHs and loan repayment programs (LRP) are one way to do this. Much more work and information is needed to improve these programs. Denny Berens and Marlene Janssen from the Nebraska Office of Rural Health ask you to please take just a few minutes to complete a survey to help inform NOSORH and others about LRP issues. **Just click on this link to respond.** <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=975683448240>

**Colorado Rural Health Center** is recruiting new director check it out!

[http://www.coruralhealth.org/crhc/aboutus/Employment/ED\\_Job\\_Description.pdf](http://www.coruralhealth.org/crhc/aboutus/Employment/ED_Job_Description.pdf)

If you'd like to post openings on the NOSORH website or list them in the Branch email Teryl at [nosorhpd@comcast.net](mailto:nosorhpd@comcast.net)

**Last minute news.. great session RURAL HEALTH WORKS TRAINING**, Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> Hosted by Oregon Health & Sciences University Office of Rural Health mentoring funds may be available. Click here - <http://www.ohsu.edu/oregonruralhealth/currDocs/RHW-Training-Flier-Regis-Form-Portland-OR-032707.pdf>

## **Heading "north to Alaska" for NRHA?**

Please plan to attend the **NOSORH Meeting May 15<sup>th</sup> 5-6:30 PM**

We'll be rolling out a new plan for member services, partnerships & activities, your voice is needed!

## **Also - Mark your Calendar to Attend:**

**NOSORH Annual Meeting** October 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Doubletree Guest Suites, Historic Charleston

**HRSA All Programs Meeting** August 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> Grand Hyatt Hotel, Washington DC

**Health Information Technology Conference** September 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Westin Crown Center, Kansas City, MO - Hosted by the Rural Health Resource Center, NOSORH & sponsored in part by the Office of Rural Health Policy