



## Mark your Calendar!

- ◆ **Mon, April 14th**  
"Making your Case with Data" webinar
- ◆ **Thur, April 17th**  
"Value-driven Health Care Initiative" webinar
- ◆ **Wed, May 7th @ 5 pm**  
NOSORH All Members Meeting @ NRHA; Sheraton New Orleans hotel in the Gallier Room (4th floor)...see you there!
- ◆ **Thur, May 29th**  
"Assessing Mental Health Resources" webinar
- ◆ **September 24th-26th**  
**NOSORH Annual Meeting and ORHP SORH Grantees Meeting** are being held back to back in Traverse City, Michigan. The NOSORH meeting will be held September 24<sup>th</sup> - September 25<sup>th</sup> and the ORHP meeting will convene on the afternoon of September 25<sup>th</sup> and adjourn by 1 PM on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Registration fee \$200. For more information on northern Michigan or the meetings' topics [click here](#), for hotel information, [click here](#).

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### Call for Volunteers for NRHA Exhibit

who's better at promoting the visibility of SORH than you? We need at least 2 volunteers for each reception and break at the NRHA meeting, help is also needed for setting up the booth and taking it down. To sign up for your time contact [Kenny Doppenberg](#), Communications Committee Chair @ (605) 773-5883

◆ **EMS Committee invites you to attend the second "Summit at the Lake"** and focus on Rural and Frontier EMS and Trauma. **Dates:** May 21-23, 2008 in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho. A special pre-conference Learning Session for SORH and state EMS offices will be held May 20<sup>th</sup>. Some funding is available for SORH and their partners. Applications are required. [Click here](#) for complete information on the Summit and the Learning Session. Contact [Betty King](#), Program Specialist or [Chris Tilden](#) for more information.

### Webinars:

- ◆ Making your Case with Data – Lynda Bergsma (AZ), Ann Peyton (Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine) - April 14 @ 1:00 pm (eastern) Dial-in: (866) 910-4857 passcode: 983448 <http://nosorh.acrobat.com/datawebinar/>
- ◆ Value Driven Health Care Initiative and SORH model HIT/Quality Programs – Andrew Croshaw Sr. Exec. Advisor to Sec. M. Leavitt, Alison Hughes (AZ) and Chris Tilden (KS) - April 17 @ 3:00 pm (eastern) Dial-in: (866) 910-4857 passcode: 983448 <http://nosorh.acrobat.com/healthcare/>
- ◆ Assessing Mental Health Resources for Rural Health in Your State: John Gale, Muskie School of Public Health, USM May 29<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00pm (eastern)

**Workforce Summit ...**"I've learned more about workforce in the last 2 days than I've learned in a long time" according to many attendees at the meeting in Phoenix just 3 weeks ago. And what a turn out we had - over 60 participants representing 30 states - way to go! Thanks to the great SORHs who shared their stories and our wonderful partners at 3R Net, Rural Health Works and ORHP. Key recommendations coming out of the workforce include:

- ◆ Ensure and standardize data collection on workforce
  - ◆ Develop tools to help legislators increase accountability of training programs
  - ◆ Encourage the rebuild of programs which meet workforce needs
  - ◆ Identify cross credentialed profession models for training
- Stay tuned for more information and follow up, or join the NOSORH Workforce Committee. [Click here](#) for more information from the summit and the Workforce Committee.

### NOSORH Policy Committee and Legislative Liaison are working hard...

[repairing written testimony on appropriations – 11 states sent their stories of how federal funds improve rural health in their states. We're reviewing legislation to reauthorize the J-1 program, making comment on the Federal Register notice about SORH reporting. And collecting information on what you're doing on new HPSA designations. Check out what other states do for HPSAs and who's going to ask for an extension of the deadlines on the NOSORH wiki...[click here](#)

### HIT Committee planning an HIT Mentoring Day ...

want to learn more about what SORH can do on HIT? The HIT committee is planning a pre-conference learning session September 23<sup>rd</sup> in Traverse City. For more information contact Committee Co-Chairs [John Eich](#) (WI) (608) 261-1890 or [Alison Hughes](#) (AZ) (520) 626-6253.



**D**irector **Off until April 12th** ...While I'm gone contact Donna for any communication or administrative help, Betty for any questions about our educational/mentoring activities or [Karen Madden](#) (518) 474-5565, President for anything else... We're going to wander Germany a few days and visit our "Air Force wife" daughter and her family. They are stationed near the base where many wounded come from Iraq. I am brought to prideful tears every time I think of the sacrifices of these families around our nation. I know, that like our daughter and son many come from the rural communities you serve. I'm thankful for all you do.

*Teryl Eisinger*