



The Branch

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

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Flex Grant Assistance Call - **June 4th**, 1:30 – 3:30 EST

<http://www.nosorh.org/members/resources/committees/reports.php?committee=flex>

Pitch us an idea for a Partnership – **by June 15th** – we're looking for SORH strategies to partner with other national organizations or associations of state officials – check out the RFP <http://www.nosorh.org/events/news.php>

NOSORH Award nominations open until **June 30th**

<http://www.nosorh.org/members/resources/committees/reports.php?committee=awards>

Mentoring committee endorses conferences for SORH support

<http://www.nosorh.org/members/resources/committees/reports.php?committee=mentoring>



NOSORH 2006 Award Recipients and Nominators... Want to be part of a proud moment like this? There's still time! The deadline has been extended to June 30, 2007. Award presentations will be made at the annual meeting October 8 in Charleston, South Carolina. For more information on award categories, past recipients and the nomination process, click on the link above OR email Jennifer Hessert, Award Committee Chair (that's her on the far right) at juh3@psu.edu. Special thanks to Keith Clark for the photograph.

HIGH HOPES FOR COLLABORATIVE CONTRACTS!

This year NOSORH was able to use ORHP Cooperative Agreement funds to fund contracts for collaborative projects to address key rural health issues. Activities are expected to be completed by August 30th. Plans are in the works to award similar contracts next year. Projects have been awarded thanks to the effort of the following SORHs. Stay tuned this fall for more information.

Pennsylvania & South Carolina - Region A and Region B Mental Health Resource Assessment

Kansas - Region C training tools for rural EMS leaders

Arizona - Region D utilizing common data sets & a toolbox for documenting rural health needs

Nevada - Region D analysis of the impact of EMS licensing standards on rural EMS providers