



November 2007

Mark  
your  
Calendar!



◆ *December 17th*  
*Submit nominations*  
*for Legislator of the*  
*Year to Policy Chairs.*

◆ *December 17th -*  
*SORH Grant applica-*  
*tion webinar @ 3PM*

◆ *December 21st -*  
*Partnerships & Re-*  
*gional Collaboration*  
*for NOSORH Priority*  
*Areas RFP's due*

◆ *Sunday, Jan. 27th -*  
*NOSORH meeting at*  
*NRHA Policy Institute*

◆ *Mar. 4 - 6, 2008 -*  
*Rural Health Workforce*  
*- The Future is now! -*

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**Have your representatives in the Legislative Branch been helpful to rural health?** Want to get some visibility with your senator or congressional delegate? Think about nominating them for an award from a national organization! The Policy Committee is seeking nominations for Legislator of the Year. This award recognizes a legislator who is/was helpful in advancing the NOSORH legislative agenda. For more information contact Committee Co-Chairs [Lisa Davis](#) (PA) or [John Barnas](#) (MI).

**PLEASE SUBMIT NOMINATIONS TO LISA OR JOHN BY December 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Y**ou're in control! Of your state's listing on the NOSORH website and listserves. Please check out the directory of SORH to make sure all your staff are listed and that the information is correct. Make changes as needed online at your convenience.

**Check out OPR reports** now on Wiki! Four states have shared materials from their HRSA OPR reviews. Check them out, add yours, make a comment and register to be notified of activity on the [OPR Review wiki page](#).

**Policy Institute, NOSORH member meeting will be held Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>** – tentatively planning for 6 PM. Policy Committee is planning a "Make the Most of the Policy Institute" webinars. Plan your visits to our nation's capitol now & watch your email for January webinar date.

**Got staff?** With a flair for marketing, or organizational development? The Strategic Planning and Communications Committees are seeking new members – especially representatives from Regions A and B. For more information contact [Kenny Doppenberg](#) (SD) - (605-773-5883) Communications Committee Chair, or [Heather Reed](#) - (OH) (614-752-8935) Strategic Planning Co-Chair

**Rural Health Workforce – The Future is Now!** We're working with 3R Net, Rural Health Works and ORHP to convene a meeting of SORHs and their invited partners to focus on health workforce issues – not nursing and physician recruitment and retention. Mark your calendar for March 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> in Phoenix.. Some travel support may be available for SORHs and their partners. Check out the draft agenda, think about who you'd like to invite and let us know what you think. [Click here](#) for more information.

If you missed the **HIT Committee Call on Rural RHIO development** you missed a very informative session presented by Dr. Patrick Rossignol and Dr. Kalyanraman Bharathan. The recording is up and posted on the website for a limited time only until December 19<sup>th</sup>. ....[click here](#) to get the recording and the power point slides...

**Getting ready for a Competitive SORH Grant Applications** will be the webinars topic held **December 17<sup>th</sup> 3 PM EST**. If you need help with your application please contact Teryl Eisinger, Program Director. We're also planning for a limited number of "mock reviews" of draft grant applications. The applications need to be submitted at least 5 days before you need it back to allow outside reviewer time to read and provide constructive, friendly feedback to improve your application. For more information contact Teryl [nosorhpd@comcast.net](mailto:nosorhpd@comcast.net) or (586)739-9940. To register for the webinars or more information [click here](#).

**N**OSORH is looking for good ideas for partnership projects which address priority areas for SORH. We're accepting simple proposals from any SORH. [Check out the RFP](#). Deadline for submission is **December 21<sup>st</sup>**.