

The Branch

An Update for State Offices of Rural Health and our Partners

October 31, 2007



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Calendar!



◆ Sun, Jan 27th -

NOSORH afternoon meeting at NRHA Policy Institute (*specific time - TBA*).

◆ Mar. 4 - 5, 2008 -

“Workforce Partner Summit - The Future is Now”- for SORH and their partners - being planned in partnership with 3R Net, Rural Health Works, and the NOSORH Workforce Committee...plan for sunny skies in Phoenix, Arizona...confirmation to follow!

◆ Webinar -

November 26th, 2007

“STATE RURAL HEALTH PLAN”

John Barnas (MI), Charles Owens (GA) and Tammi Lichtenberg (Rural Health Resource Center) will share their perspective on developing State Rural Health Plans.

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New Board Members Elected!

Congratulations to newly elected NOSORH Board Members. Denis Barton (VT) will serve as the new Region A Representative; Charles Owens (GA) and Maggie Shipman (LA) will represent Region B. Teresa Cruz (TX) will take on the role of Treasurer beginning January 1st and Lynette Dickson (ND) will step into her new role as NOSORH President Elect. We won't say good bye to our outgoing Board members until they've served their full term in December.



Congratulations to NOSORH Award Winners!

If you weren't at the NOSORH Annual Meeting you might not know the following members have been awarded special recognition from their peers...

Alison Hughes received the Distinguished Andrew W. Nichols Award for her being an ideal leader for NOSORH's current period of growth, according to her nominator, Mark Schoenbaum (MN). She is recognized for her energy and imagination to advancing NOSORH's mission.

Chris Tilden received the James D. Bernstein Mentoring Award for his role as a “flex” mentor to Indiana SORH Director Elizabeth Morgan and being a personal library of rural health information, an encyclopedia for all EMS issues and a shoulder to cry on during grant application time.

Keith Midberry (Federal Office of Rural Health Policy) was nominated by Lisa Davis (PA) for having the patience and persistence to help SORH with a new grant application process and being a competent, caring, and service-oriented Project Officer.

Kathy Williams received the NOSORH Distinguished Service Award. She was nominated by Alison Hughes (AZ) for literally stitching a lasting treasure which so proudly represents the cumulative accomplishments of the ORHP and its partnership with SORHs.

RAC seeks Rural Success Stories...

The Rural Assistance Center (RAC) is compiling rural success stories on its web site (<http://www.raconline.org/success/>). The Success Stories section of the RAC web site features a database of successful rural projects that could serve as model projects for other communities. We would like to hear from you! You can send us your success story online at: http://www.raconline.org/success/success_suggestion.php For more information regarding success stories, contact Holly Gabriel, RAC Information Specialist, 701-777-0772 or holly@raconline.org.

Policy Committee seeks legislative awards nomination...

This award recognizes a legislator who is/was helpful in advancing the NOSORH policy agenda. For more information contact: [Lisa Davis](#) (814) 863-8214 or [John Barnas](#) (517) 432-9216

Online Information

① Unsure about all those “techy” terms - visit the [NOSORH Wiki](#) space and get educated. Thanks to John Eich (WI) and Phyllis Ball (MI) for their help in putting these together.

① Webinar and materials are online now. [Click here](#)