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The October Webinar...
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nars format and learn
more about 2 different
models

strategic planning for
the future of your Office
of Rural Health.

Hear from Denis Barton
(VT), Graham Adams
(SC) and Jonathan Sprague,
Rocky Coast Con-
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The Branch

An Update for State Offices of Rural Health and our Partners

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Annual Meeting to be "semi-green"

NOSORH Annual Meeting October 7-9 in Charleston, SC...Your bags are packed? You're ready to go? Not yet... you might like reading material for your trip!

1. Want speaker handouts?...If you like copies of all the speaker handouts from the annual meeting please plan to download and print them before you arrive. All speaker presentations will be posted to the NOSORH website by Wednesday October 3rd, click here... <http://www.nosorh.org/annualmeeting/>
2. Prepare to vote in new officers...all **Directors are to designate a voting member from their SORH for NOSORH Officer elections.** If you need to designate a proxy or for more information click here... <http://www.nosorh.org/members/resources/committees/reports.php?committee=nominating>

Some changes and nominations from the floor will be accepted at the annual meeting. The slate of Officers recommended by the Nominations Committee are...**President Elect**...Lynette Dickson, **Treasurer** Teresa Cruz, **Secretary** Heather Reed and Chris Tilden. Special thanks to those willing to serve and the diligent efforts of the Nominating Committee: Graham Adams, Barry Backer, Denny Berens, Pat Carr, Lisa Davis and Alison Hughes.

3. Be ready to vote on bylaw changes and check out the latest work of the Board... <http://www.nosorh.org/members/resources/board/>
4. Comment on the strategic plan ...click here to see the latest draft... <http://www.nosorh.org/members/resources/committees/reports.php?committee=strategic>

Partnership Projects and Priorities...

WORKFORCE... consider this quote shared by Alison Hughes and Harvey Licht....*"We're looking at a deficit of approximately 200,000 physicians by 2020... we will still not catch up [to the demand] in the lifetime of anyone in this room or that of our children."* Richard Cooper of the University of Pennsylvania...

Our partners at Rural Health Works and 3R Net agree we can't afford to keep doing more of the same. We're working together now to plan a partnership meeting with SORHs and their partners "Rural Health Workforce Trends: The Future is Now - Act Now!" stay tuned for more information... we're aiming for February 11, 2008! For more information contact Bob Duehmig (OR) at duehmig@ohsu.edu

LEADERSHIP linkages with and for State Rural Health Associations...NOSORH and NRHA are working together to identify needs of SRHAs, models of collaboration and benefits of collaboration between SORHs and SRHAs...for additional information contact Kris Sparks (WA) NOSORH State Rural Health Liaison at Kris.Sparks@DOH.WA.GOV

POLICY...the National Center for Frontier Communities is happy to share comments and analysis on the use of Rural Urban Commuting Areas (RUCA's). See the full comment at <http://frontierus.org/documents/RUCA.html>

Congratulations to SORH awarded funding for partnership activities...(for full descriptions please go to: <http://www.nosorh.org/members/resources/board/>

- ◆ **Kansas Office of Local & Rural Health** - Chris Tilden proposed "Harvesting Quality in Rural America"
- ◆ **Michigan Center for Rural Health** - Steve Shotwell, along with Wisconsin and Minnesota - "Tri-State Project"
- ◆ **University of North Dakota Center for Rural Health** - Lynette Dickson & Brad Gibbens hosted an "Upper Midwest Rural Health Policy Summit"
- ◆ **Alabama Office of Primary Care and Rural Health** - Chuck Lail & Carolyn Bern are putting together "Partnerships for Rural Issues in Alabama"