**Steal Sheet - November 2014**

NOSORH offers Steal Sheet articles for SORHs to distribute in emails, in your (or your partners’) newsletter, on web sites, Facebook pages, etc. The November Steal Sheet includes:

* National Rural Health Day
* RAC Resources
* National Rural EMS Leadership Conference
* NOSORH Media Toolkit
* AHRQ Webinar on Using Health IT to Measure Practice Transformation

**Dr. Wakefield Scheduled to Participate in NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH DAY Webinar on November 20th**

Join NOSORH for a series of webinars on November 20th, National Rural Health Day! A wide array of topics will be covered including the “ACA and You” webinar, which will feature Dr. Mary Wakefield, Director of HRSA and other HRSA leaders. State Offices of Rural Health, their community partners and Kristine Sande of RAC will deliver “Rural Health 101, States and Communities at Work” webinar. The National Health Services Corps, 3RNet and NCHN will speak to some of the projects they have been working on and the importance of networks and recruitment issues facing rural health care providers. For more information about the webinars, please visit the NOSORH website at <http://nosorh.org/calendar-events/events/>. For more information about how you can celebrate NRHD or to let us know what you have planned, please contact Matt Strycker at [stryckerm@nosorh.org](mailto:stryckerm@nosorh.org)

Rural Assistance Center Update

The Rural Assistance Center is a great resource to help rural communities and other rural stakeholders access the full range of available programs, funding, and research that can enable them to provide quality health and human services to rural residents.

Here are a few of the new things you’ll find on the [RAC website](http://www.raconline.org):

**Responsive Design** – SORH staff are always on the go, so the RAC website is now mobile-friendly. Try it on your phone or tablet today!

**New and Updated Topic Guides** –

* [Healthcare Access in Rural Communities](http://www.raconline.org/topics/healthcare-access) (NEW) – This topic guide provides an overview of challenges to healthcare access in rural America and ways communities and policymakers can address these community needs.
* [Rural Health Disparities](http://www.raconline.org/topics/rural-health-disparities) (Updated) – This topic guide now features rural/urban comparisons of health status, mortality rates, and life expectancy.

**New in the Rural Health Models and Innovations Hub** – If you’re looking for examples of successful rural projects, check out the Hub. Five new project examples have been added in the last month:

* [Appalachian Preceptorship Program](http://www.raconline.org/success/project-examples/768/?utm_source=&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=)
* [Heart-Healthy Lenoir Project](http://www.raconline.org/success/project-examples/769/?utm_source=&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=)
* [HOMBReS HIV Prevention Program](http://www.raconline.org/success/project-examples/767/?utm_source=&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=) **(for rural Latino men)**
* [Safety Net Medical Home Initiative (SNMHI)](http://www.raconline.org/success/project-examples/771/?utm_source=&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=)

[Stone Mountain Health Services Behavioral Health Internship](http://www.raconline.org/success/project-examples/772/?utm_source=&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=)

**National Rural EMS Leadership Conference**

NOSORH’s JCREC (Joint Committee on Rural Emergency Care) in association with the National Association of State EMS Officials is planning the first ever meeting for rural EMS leaders and advocates on May 5-6 in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Topics include: Rural and Frontier EMS Agenda for the Future, Important Role of EMS with CAH, Community Paramedicine, Ambulance Service Sustainability, Legislative Update and more.

**NOSORH Media Toolkit Released**

NOSORH released a Media Toolkit at the annual meeting last week in Omaha. The toolkit was designed to equip each SORH with the right tools to tell their unique story to the media. The guide contains information and resources that will help support SORHs in communicating key messages to television, radio and print professionals. You can find this valuable resource [here.](http://nosorh.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/Media-Toolkit-Draft.pdf)

**HIMSS Rural Health IT Community Webinar**

CMS pre-payment and post-payment audits are now underway for hospitals and professionals who have attested to meeting Meaningful Use criteria. The new HIMSS Rural Health IT Community is hosting a webinar on November 10th from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm Eastern Time. This session will take a CPA’s perspective on understanding the types of audits, best practices, common pitfalls and mitigation strategies related to EHR in addition to EHR reimbursement opportunities.

For more information, please visit [www.himss.org/ruralhealth](http://www.himss.org/ruralhealth).