

Rural Training Tracks – What SORHs Need to Know

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Objectives:

Participants will learn how State Offices of Rural Health and State Rural Health Associations can support residency programs and following this workshop, will be able to:

- Articulate the importance of RTTs to their constituents
- Advocate for the development of RTTs in their state
- Plan and implement strategies in support of RTTs

What are RTTs and why are they important to State Offices of Rural Health? – Longenecker (5-8 min)

- RTTs are important to the professional development and identity formation of physicians in training (The more time trainees spend learning and training in a rural community, the more likely they are to settle there or in a similar rural place)
 - RTTs create paths for trainees to follow on their way to rural practice
 - RTTs are effective in placing physicians in rural communities and in safety net settings
 - Community connections – spouse, peer and other professional relationships
- RTTs are important to communities
 - Economic impact – The program's costs are the community's revenue center!
 - Educational impact – a nidus for other health professions education, leading to Interprofessional training opportunities
 - Access
 - Quality of care

What are the challenges and opportunities for supporting rural GME? – Patterson (Results of research and RTT Conclave discussion; 5-8 min)

What is the community's role? Schmitz (5-8 min)

20-30 min – All

What are you already doing or what have you done in this area?

What more could be done, and what resources, plans do we need to get there?