Health Center Program 101
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Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People
Overview

• Health Center Program Mission & Background
• Fundamentals of the Program
• BPHC Rural Health Overview
• BPHC-FORHP Collaboration Activities
• Health Center Program Resources
FY 2019 Funding Opportunities

- Integrated Behavioral Health Services Expansion
  - $200 million
  - 1,208 awards

- Quality Improvement
  - $107 million
  - 1,273 awards

- New Access Points (competitive)
  - $50 million
  - 77 awards

- Oral Health Infrastructure (competitive)
  - $85 million
  - 298 awards

- Health Center Controlled Networks (competitive)
  - $42 million
  - 49 awards

- School Based Health Centers (competitive)
  - $11 million
  - 120 awards
HRSA Health Center Program Mission

Improve the health of the nation’s underserved communities and vulnerable populations by assuring access to comprehensive, culturally competent, quality primary health care services
HRSA Health Center Program Fundamentals

Health centers...

- Deliver **high quality, culturally competent, comprehensive primary care** and supportive services
- Provide services **regardless of patients’ ability to pay**
- **Patient-majority** governing boards of autonomous community-based organizations
- Respond to the **unique and individual needs of the community**
- **Meet requirements** regarding administrative, clinical, and financial operations
Health Center Program Fast Facts

- Nearly 1,400 health centers operate approximately 12,000 service delivery sites
- More than 28 million patients
- Health centers provide patient-centered, comprehensive, integrated care by offering a range of services:
  - Primary medical, oral, and mental health services
  - Substance use disorder and medication-assisted treatment (MAT) services
  - Enabling services such as case management, health education, and transportation

Source: Uniform Data System, 2018
More than **28 million** people rely on a HRSA-funded health center for care, including:

- **1 in 12** people
- **1 in 9** children
- **1 in 5** rural residents
- **1 in 3** living in poverty
- **more than 385K** veterans
- **more than 800K** served at school-based health centers
- **nearly 1M** agricultural workers
- **more than 1.4M** homeless

Source: Uniform Data System, 2018
About the Health Center Program

The https://youtu.be/WUEWNUCyTeTI will take you to the Health Center Program Chalk Talk video located on YouTube.
HRSA Strategic Goals

GOAL 1  →  Improve Access to Quality Health Services

GOAL 2  →  Foster a Health Care Workforce Able to Address Current and Emerging Needs

GOAL 3  →  Achieve Health Equity and Enhance Population Health

GOAL 4  →  Optimize HRSA Operations and Strengthen Program Management
Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC)
• Health centers serve more than 9.7 million rural residents

• In 2018, HRSA provided over $1.9 billion in Health Center Program funding to 590 health centers serving a rural population

• Research shows that rural counties with a HRSA-supported health center site had 33 percent fewer uninsured emergency department visits per 10,000 uninsured residents than rural counties without a health center site

• Rural counties with a health center site also had fewer ambulatory care sensitive emergency department visits

• Rural residents typically have higher rates of age-adjusted mortality, disability and chronic disease than their urban counterparts. Yet despite these challenges, rural health centers exceeded national averages/benchmarks in 2018 for six clinical measures.

• Rural health centers achieved Healthy People 2020 goals for hypertension control and dental sealants. This was due in part to health centers moving toward a more integrated, patient-centered model of care.

• The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 updated Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act to require that New Access Points and Expanded Services awards under the Health Center Program consider the rural and urban distribution of awards, with no more than 60 percent and no fewer than 40 percent of projected patients coming from either urban or rural areas.

• HRSA’s Strategic Plan for Telehealth aims in part to increase the number of individuals and communities in HRSA’s target populations that are served by telehealth. To achieve this goal, the plan proposes to identify and engage health centers that are not currently using telehealth.
HRSA Telehealth Strategy
Bureau of Primary Health Care Support

• Providing funding that can support telehealth
• Providing technical assistance and training
  ▪ Presented BPHC telehealth activities at HRSA All-Hands Meeting
  ▪ HRSA Project Officer telehealth training series
  ▪ Promoting TRCS and other telehealth resources
  ▪ Health Center Controlled Networks and other National Cooperative Agreements
• Expanding telehealth data collection through Uniform Data System (UDS)

Source: Uniform Data System, 2018
In 2018, 43.06% (586) of all health centers provided telehealth services.

Source: Uniform Data System, 2017-2018 - Table HIT Information
BPHC-FORHP Collaboration
One HRSA Rural Health Collaborative – Overview

Purpose
To advance HRSA’s mission by improving health outcomes for rural populations through the development of cross-agency partnerships, information sharing, and support of multi-program office initiatives

Collaborative Goals
- Brainstorm ideas, implement collaborative projects, generate solutions with a rural-centered focus
- Increase the effectiveness of HRSA Health Center and Rural Health programs
- Enhance grantee monitoring, oversight and support
- Improve grantee satisfaction and capacity to achieve program goals
- Promote understanding of and improve project officers’ knowledge of each office’s/bureau's goals and initiatives

Focus Areas
- **Opioids**
- **FQHCs**
- **Telehealth**
- **Workforce Development**
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Funded Entities

Funded Entities: 2015-2018
- 1372 BPHC (H80) only
- 712 FORHP
  ✔ 109 = Dually Funded

DUAL FUNDED ENTITIES BPHC

North Midwest Division (NMWD) 7
Northeast Division (NED) 8
Southwest Division (SWD) 8
North Central Division (NCD) 10
Northwest Division (NWD) 12
Southeast Division (SED) 15
South Central Division (SCD) 18
South Plains Division (SPD) 31

DUAL FUNDED ENTITIES FORHP

Policy Research Division (PRD) 1
Office for the Advancement of... 5
Hospital State Division (HSD) 14
Community-Based Division (CBD) 89
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Past & Upcoming Activities

• Identification of Dually-Funded Grantees
• Pilot Joint Site Visit
• Community Health Worker Grantee Webinar
• National Rural Health Day
• Community Based Division All-Programs Meeting
• Small Healthcare Provider QIP Conference
• Rural Health Opioids Conference
• National Association of Community Health Centers Policy & Issues Forum
• Dissemination of information on BPHC-FORHP funding opportunities

• Journal article highlighting dually-funded grantee
• Abstract submission to NRHA
• High-level conference presentations
Guide for Rural Health Care Collaboration and Coordination

- Discusses how rural providers can work together to identify the health needs in their communities, create partnerships to address those needs, and develop a “community-minded” approach to health care
- Illustrates through case studies how providers in two communities created networks and partnerships to improve the efficiency of care, optimize resources, and improve the lives of residents

Health Center Program Resources

- Website: [https://bphc.hrsa.gov/](https://bphc.hrsa.gov/)
- Weekly E-Newsletter: *Primary Health Care Digest*
  - Sign up online to receive up-to-date information
- Strategic Partnerships: [https://bphc.hrsa.gov/qualityimprovement/strategicpartnerships](https://bphc.hrsa.gov/qualityimprovement/strategicpartnerships)
Comments & Questions
Thank You!

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