FORHP Overview
SORH New Directors Orientation

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Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People
HRSA supports more than 90 programs through grants and cooperative agreements to more than 3,000 awardees.

HRSA provides access to health care for people who are:
- Geographically isolated
- Economically or medically challenged

HRSA programs serve tens of millions of people every year, including:
- Pregnant women, mothers, and their families
- People living with HIV/AIDS
- People living in rural communities
- Those otherwise unable to access quality health care
Leadership Changes

Thomas Engels, Acting Administrator, HRSA

- Deputy Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services from 2015 to 2019.
- Grew up in Rural Wisconsin.
- Addressing the opioid epidemic through the integration of behavioral health into primary care and HIV settings; growing the behavioral health workforce; increasing access to evidence-based prevention and treatment services; and increasing access to health care services in rural communities.
The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy

Organizational Structure

Community Based Division (CBD)
Black Lung, Delta, Opioids, Care Coordination, Network Development and Planning, Quality Improvement, Outreach

Hospital State Division (HSD)
State Offices of Rural Health, Flex and Small Rural Hospital Improvement Programs, Rural QI TA, Small Rural Hospital Transitions

Office for the Advancement of Telehealth (OAT)
Telehealth Resource Centers, Network Grants, Licensure Portability, Rural Child Poverty, Rural Veterans Health Access

Policy Research Division (PRD)
Rural Health Research Centers, Rural Health Value, Rural Policy Analysis, RHC Policy and Clinical Assessment

Rural Community Opioids Response Program Team (RCORP)
Rural Community Opioids Response Programs (Planning, Implementation, MAT Expansion) and Cooperative Agreements
FORHP Priority Areas

- Address the Rural Opioid Epidemic
- Emerging Rural Health Disparities
- Lifting Up Rural Community Health
- Rural Hospital Viability
Lifting the Voice of Rural Community Health
The Hidden Story of Twenty-Plus Years of Rural Creativity and Innovation

The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) has supported:

- at least 750,000 people each year since 2011
- with over 200 grantees
- of which 80% continue services after program ends

The goal of rural community programs is to improve health service delivery by strengthening health networks and encourage collaboration among rural health care providers.
HHS and Rural Health
Creation of the HHS Rural Task Force

- Prioritizing Rural Health Across the Department
- Emphasizing Rural-Focused Solutions
- Responding to Stakeholder Feedback and Needs
Resource to Know: Rural Health Information Hub

- Online Library
- Topic & State Guides
- Rural Data Visualizations
- Case Studies & Conversations
- Tools for Success

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1-800-270-1898
info@ruralhealthinfo.org
Resources to Know: Rural Health Value

- Analyze rural implications of changes in organization, finance & delivery of health care services
- Assist rural communities and providers transition to a high performance rural health system
Resources to Know: Rural Health Research Gateway

Makes FORHP-funded research available to rural stakeholders at the national, state, and local level with the goal of informing and raising awareness of key policy issues

www.ruralhealthresearch.org
Resources to Know: CDC Collaboration

• Developed Resources for SORH on how to engage with CDC
• Presented to CDC Staff on importance of including rural in programs
• Case Study: Help End Addiction for Life Initiative
• National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services
• Collaboration on various grant programs:
  • RCORP
  • RMOMS
  • Outreach
• Mental Health in Agriculture Communities Initiative
Supporting Rural Organizations to Work Together

Develop a “community-minded” approach

- [https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/webinars/collaboration](https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/webinars/collaboration)

FORHP Weekly Announcements

Focus on …
✓ Rural-focused Funding opportunities
✓ Policy and Regulatory Developments Affecting Rural Providers and Communities
✓ Rural Research findings
✓ Policy updates from a Rural Perspective

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