



Region B Regional Annual Meeting

Updates from the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy

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Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People



Rural Transportation Takeaways

SORH Led Engagement

- National Rural Health Day
- Annual Rural Health Conferences
- Rural Community Health Needs Assessments and Community Health Improvement Plans
- Strategic Planning Sessions

DOT Led Engagement

- Regional Meetings, Regional Dialogues
- Annual Meetings, Training Events
- State-wide Rural Transportation Studies



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Key Program Activity Areas



Community-Based Efforts

Rural Health Outreach Authority:

- Supports Capacity Building Efforts and Pilots (RMOMs, Healthy Rural Hometowns)
- Public Health Programs
 - Black Lung, Radiation Screening



Hospital Efforts

The Rural Hospital Flexibility and Small Hospital Improvement Programs

Done in partnership with States

Targeted Hospital Assistance

- Delta Systems Initiative
- Transition to Value
- Small Vulnerable Rural Hospital Program



Policy & Research Efforts

Rural Health Research Centers to inform Office's Policy role

- Collaboration with AHRQ, CDC/NCHS
- Administer the Rural Residency Planning Grants
- Staff the National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services
- Rural Health Information Hub



Rural Community Opioids Response

Targeted community-based grants to target the opioid epidemic in rural areas

- Rural Opioid Epidemic Centers for Excellence
- Collaboration with HRSA partners, SAMHSA, CDC and NIDA

Direct Technical Assistance to Hospitals and Clinics

Free Services Available

Rural Healthcare Provider Transition Project

- [Helps](#) organizations in strengthening their foundation in key elements of value-based care: quality, efficiency, patient experience and patient safety.
- Eligible entities include small rural hospitals and Rural Health Clinics.
- **Application Period:** rolling application – [apply now!](#)

Vulnerable Rural Hospital Assistance Program

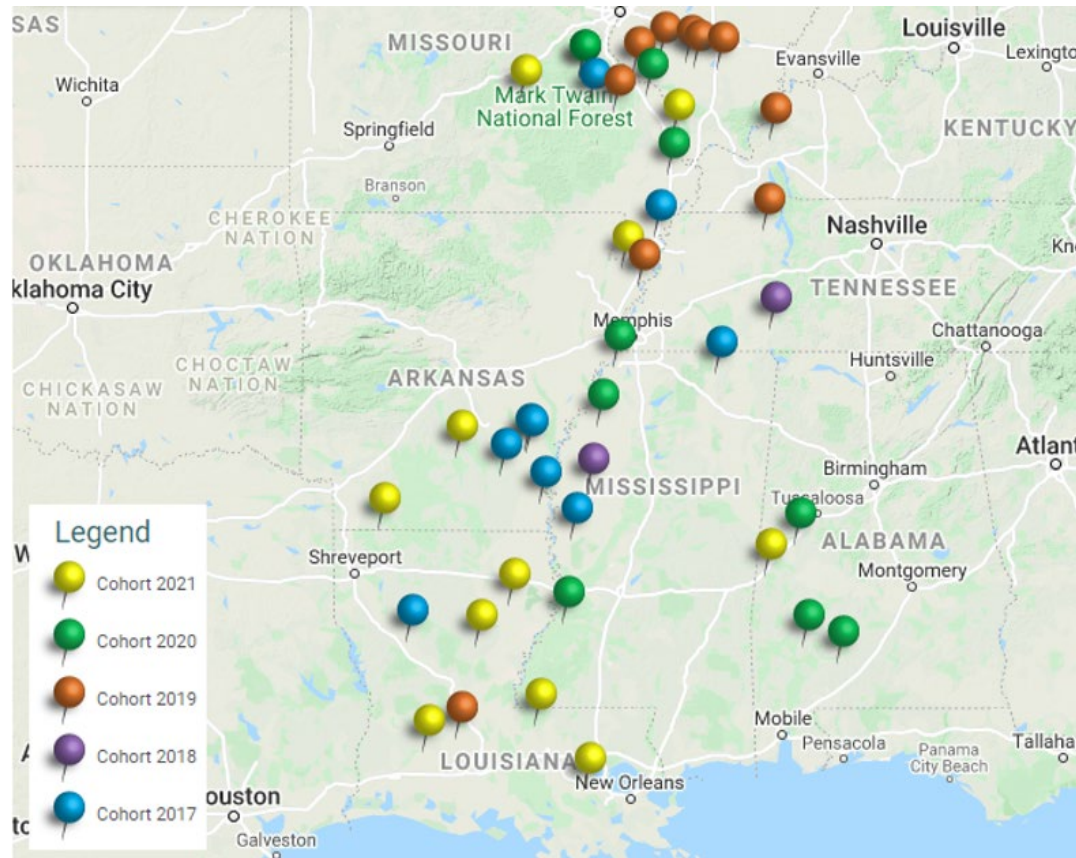
- [Provides](#) targeted assistance to hospitals working to maintain health care services.
- Helps hospitals and communities understand community health needs and how to keep needed health care local.
- **Application Period:** [June 1- July 31, 2022](#)

Delta Region Community Health Systems Development Program

- [Provides](#) intensive technical assistance to healthcare facilities in rural communities in the Mississippi Delta region.
- Helps Strengthen the local health care delivery system to position for population health.
- **Application Period:** rolling application – [apply now!](#)



Delta Region Community Health Systems Development (DRCHSD) Program



- Welcomed Hill Hospital of Sumter County from AL to Cohort 2021!
- 14 sites served in Region B states (AL, KY, MS, TN) since 2017
- Check out the [COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence Toolkit](#) to support rural community-based organizations and health care facilities with developing internal and external communication materials.

Future FORHP Funding

Through 2025

	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Rural Health Care Services Outreach*			NOFO Available Fall of 2024
Rural Health Network Development*	NOFO Available Fall of 2022		
Rural Health Network Development Planning	NOFO Available Fall of 2022	NOFO Available Fall of 2023	NOFO Available Fall of 2024
Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement*			
Delta States Rural Development Network*	NOFO Available Fall of 2022		
Rural Obstetric Management Strategies	NOFO Available Fall of 2022		NOFO Available Fall of 2024
RCORP-Medication Assisted Treatment	NOFO Available Fall of 2022		
RCORP-Tribal Behavioral Health	NOFO Available Fall of 2022		
Rural Residency Planning and Development	NOFO Available Fall of 2022	NOFO Available Fall of 2023	NOFO Available Fall of 2024

*As a result of the 2020 CARES Act reauthorization legislation, beginning in fiscal year 2021 this program will be competed every four years.



Discussion – Partnership Development - RHCs

- How have you developed partnerships with RHCs as you connected with them for all the recent RHC funding? How have you sustained those connections with your RHCs network?
- What challenges or barriers did you experience in developing those partnerships?
- Post pandemic, what do you see as being helpful moving forward in supporting RHCs in the future?



Discussion – Partnership Development - EMS

- How do you communicate with the EMS agencies in your state?
- How have you partnered with EMS agencies? What has that partnership looked like?
- Are you aware of which EMS agencies are facing workforce shortages? Do you play a role in assisting with recruitment efforts or sharing recruitment strategies?



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