



# Region C Regional Annual Meeting

## Updates from the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy

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# The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy

## 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](#)



# 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 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
Delta States Rural Development Network*	NOFO Available Fall of 2022		

\*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

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- 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

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- 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?



# Feedback

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- How can HSD do more in terms of outreach and information dissemination that would be helpful to you?
- How do you use your PIMS data to inform the SORH program at the state level?
- What other topic areas are you interested in exploring partnerships?



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