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Thank you for subscribing to "PPOVA Updates," a service that provides updates about opportunities posted on Virginia's FREE healthcare recruitment website, Primary Practice Opportunities of Virginia.

Current Opportunities

For a list of current opportunities in Virginia, please visit our page on 3RNet. We currently have **65 opportunities** listed in Virginia.

Upcoming Events

September 9-11
Medication Use in Rural America (NRHA)

September 10-11
Advancing Health Equity: From Theory to Practice

September 14-15
Virginia Rural Summit

View more events on our calendar

Recruitment and Retention Collaborative Team Updates

Funding Available for Health Care Jobs in Needy Communities

$200 Million in Recovery Act funds are expected to support 3,300 clinicians in health centers, rural health clinics, and other health care facilities that care for the uninsured and underserved people. In exchange for two years service with the National Health Services Corp, clinicians will receive loan repayments of up to $50,000.

- National Health Service Corps
- Number of jobs by State
- Locate Vacancies
- Apply for the program

Please contact Kai Turner at the Virginia Department of Health if you have questions (804) 864-7423.

Important Information on the National Health Service Corp (NHSC) Loan Repayment Program

New Money available now!!

The Health Resources and Services Administration is now accepting new applications to support loan repayment for bonafide educational debt for primary care medical, dental and certain behavioral/mental health clinicians who want to work at National Health Service Corps (NHSC) sites. In exchange for the loan repayment assistance, clinicians serve for two years with the Corps. The new funds, totaling almost $200 million, are expected to support about 3,300 clinicians that will serve in health centers, rural health clinics and other health outpatient/ambulatory care sites that care for uninsured and underserved people.

HRSA is encouraging fully trained primary health care clinicians who are dedicated to working with the underserved and have qualifying educational loans to apply for this

opportunity. In addition to an initial award of up to $50,000 for loan repayment, each clinician receives a competitive salary and a chance to have a significant impact on a community. Primary health care clinicians interested in applying for the NHSC loan repayment program should visit: http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment/apply.htm.

2009 Faculty Loan Repayment Program

The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Bureau of Clinician Recruitment and Service is pleased to announce that it is seeking applicants for the 2009 Faculty Loan Repayment Program.

The Faculty Loan Repayment Program provides a financial incentive for degree-trained health professionals from disadvantaged backgrounds to pursue academic careers. Individuals selected agree to serve on the faculty of an accredited health professions college or university for a minimum of two years.

In return, the Federal government agrees to pay, for each year of faculty service, up to $20,000 of the outstanding principal and interest on the participant's educational loans. To learn more about the Faculty Loan Repayment Program and for application information, please visit http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/dsa/flrp/ or contact the HRSA Call Center at (800) 221-9393.

Foot Levelers Donates Footwear for Global Health Program

Foot Levelers continues to extend its commitment to healthcare causes by donating 35,000 pairs of footwear to those in need. Foot Levelers has teamed up with the Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) to take part in a VCOM global health initiative. The free footwear is part of VCOM's health program that includes education and preventive health efforts to decrease the prevalence of infection and improve the quality of life for many communities throughout the Dominican Republic, Honduras and El Salvador.

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Changing Times, Changing Strategies

Working Together to Strengthen the Health Safety Net

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WORKING TOGETHER TO STRENGTHEN THE SAFETY NET.

The Virginia Association of Free Clinics and the Virginia Rural Health Association are holding a joint conference with the goal of maximizing your opportunities to find the resources you need to make a difference in your community.

For additional information, visit the conference website.

Recovery Act Funding Available to Expand Health Professions Training

HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius today announced the availability of $200 million to support grants, loans, loan repayment, and scholarships to expand the training of health care professionals. The funds are expected to train approximately 8,000 students and credentialed health professionals by the end of fiscal year 2010.

Today's funds are part of the $500 million allotted to HHS' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), to address workforce shortages under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

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New Program at VCOM

28 students started classes in The Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine's new post-baccalaureate program. The new pre-medical studies program is an excellent preparation for individuals who are changing careers and/or are interested in applying to an osteopathic (D.O.) or allopathic (M.D.) medical program.

Students who are successful in the program will be provided with an opportunity to be admitted to the D.O. program at VCOM and unique features of the one-year program include providing an international medical mission opportunity and an MCAT preparatory component. Field experiences and professional workshops are also incorporated into the intense biomedical curriculum.

For more information about this new program, visit: http://www.vcom.vt.edu/post-baccalaureate/

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