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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 70 opportunities listed in Virginia.

Upcoming Events

September 21

[General Assembly Candidate Forum](#)

Richmond, VA

September 23-25

[3RNet Annual Conference and Membership Meeting](#)

Albuquerque, NM

September 30

[Successes and Challenges of Three Food Systems: K-12](#)

[Schools, Hospitals, and Universities](#)

Lexington, VA

[View more events on our calendar](#)

Recruitment and Retention Collaborative Team Updates

Virginia Health Equity

Conference Was Indeed a Success

From Thursday, September 10 through Friday, September 11, more than 300 people, representing healthcare professionals, grassroots/community organizations, transportation officials, educators, government officials and students committed to public health attended the Virginia Health Equity Conference at the Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen.

Research shows that the health status of low income communities and minority groups lags behind in Virginia and middle class citizens and communities are also impacted. To raise awareness about these health inequities and to move communities to action, the Virginia Public Health Association, the Virginia Department of Health and other partners planned this statewide health equity conference.

The conference provided a forum for people to learn more about root causes and the inter-related social and economic factors that contribute to poor health outcomes. In addition, it provided opportunities for participants to learn about best practices in communities across the state and to share important information about ways to affect change in their respective communities and organizations.

[View presentations from the conference.](#)

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.

The Commonwealth Fund/Harvard University Fellowship in Minority Health Policy (CFHUF)

Supported by The Commonwealth Fund, administered by the Minority Faculty Development Program at Harvard Medical School, this innovative fellowship is designed to prepare physicians, particularly minority physicians, for leadership roles in formulating and implementing public health policy and practice on a national, state, or community level.

Five one-year, degree-granting fellowships will be awarded per year. Fellows will complete academic work leading to a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree at the Harvard School of Public Health, and, through additional program activities, gain experience in and understanding of major health issues facing minority, disadvantaged, and underserved populations. CFHUF also offers a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree at the Harvard Kennedy School to physicians possessing an MPH.

[Visit the website to learn more.](#)

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>.

VCOM's New Class

The Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) matriculated a class of 193 students this Fall. Thirty-seven percent of the new students are Virginia residents, an increase of seven percent over the prior year. Academic benchmarks such as GPAs and MCATs continue to be strong.





Top feeder schools into the VCOM first year class include Virginia Tech (28); UVA (10); North Carolina State University (10); University of North Carolina Campuses (9); Old Dominion University (6); Liberty University (5); College of William and Mary (3); and James Madison University (3). Students from the following Virginia institutions also matriculated to VCOM: George Mason University, University of Richmond, Virginia Commonwealth University; Bluefield College; Emory and Henry ; Hampton University; Hollins University; and Virginia Military Institute.</div>

VCOM graduated its third class (148 graduates) in June and the new matriculants represent the seventh new class of medical students at VCOM.

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The Virginia Rural Health Association will be holding a joint conference with the Virginia Association of Free Clinics November 15-17 at the Homestead.

Monday's featured presentation is, **More Demand, Less Money: How to Cope & Avoid Burnout**, led by Kimberly Douglas, Founder and President of [FireFly Facilitation](#).

In a time of limited resources, clinic staff and volunteers need to do 3 things:

- Get focused on what matters
- Get clear on what you can control
- Get moving to take action

When you leave this presentation, you will feel empowered to use the tools you learned--tools for creative problem solving and action planning--to make a positive impact on those things you can control and influence.

All conference attendees will receive a complimentary copy of Ms. Douglas' book, *The Firefly Effect*.

To learn more, [visit the conference website](#).

GMEC: Head for the Hills, October 16-17

Breaks Interstate Park

Target Audience: FP, IM, Peds, OB/GYN physicians and residents interested/practicing in rural communities

Credits Offered: AMA PRA Category 1 - 8.00; Attendance Credit - 8.00

Objective: The target audience is primary care medical residents interested in, and physicians currently practicing in a rural setting. The objective is to obtain clinical updates on current management of health problems prevalent in an Appalachian primary care practice and to provide residents with an opportunity to identify the challenges and rewards of practicing in a rural setting.

[Learn More >](#)

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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