



Greetings from the Virginia Primary Care Office & State Office of Rural Health

Community Photo Feature

Laura Trull captured this beautiful scene of sunflowers in bloom in Rapidan, Virginia.

Laura submitted this photo to the 2021 VA-SORH Photo Contest.



VA-SORH Updates

Updated COVID-19 Resources

For a compiled list of Virginia Department of Health, Communication, and External COVID-19 Resources, please visit our website linked below.



New resources include:

- [NRHA research seeks to measure attitudes among rural adults, rural parents, and rural teenagers regarding the COVID-19 vaccine, trusted sources of vaccine information, and barriers to COVID-19 vaccine uptake](#)
- [CMS Returning to Certain Pre-COVID-19 Policies in Long-term Care and Other Facilities](#)
- [CDC Update on COVID-19 Vaccines webinar , TODAY, April 26 from 2-3 PM ET](#)

[COVID-19 Resources](#)

Information & Resources for Providers & Healthcare Facilities



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Sliding Fee Scale Guide for CAHs and RHCs

In this guide, the HRSA-supported National Rural Health Resource Center presents an

overview of how to develop a Sliding Fee Scale Discount Program for Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs). It also provides information on how sliding fee scale discount programs relate to Internal Revenue Code Section 501(r) compliance and participation in the National Health Service Corps.

[To Access the Guide](#)

Health Wagon Dental Clinic Groundbreaking

Friday, May 13, 2022 from 12 - 1:30 PM ET



The Health Wagon will be hosting the groundbreaking for the new ten-chair Health Wagon dental clinic. Light refreshments will be served.

[For More Information](#)

The Persistence of Poverty in Rural America

The Housing Assistance Council (HAC) is a national nonprofit focused on improving conditions in the poorest rural places. In this policy brief, HAC identifies 377 persistent poverty counties in the United States – those classified by the Census Bureau as having poverty rates of 20 percent or more for three consecutive decades. Approximately 81 percent of these counties are outside of metropolitan areas.

[For More Information](#)



Community Health Project Educates Southwest Virginia Health Workers and Residents

"The program has brought together GMEC, UVA Wise's medical Pre-Professional Club, Virginia Rural Health Association; Feeding Southwest Virginia; Virginia Tech's Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine and its counterpart, DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine; and the Appalachian School of Pharmacy to teach students the importance of logical compassion. The organizations have worked with Inman Village residents to develop monthly events centered on learning ways to improve nutrition and access needed medical care. Feeding Southwest Virginia's coordination of its regional Mobile Market with the project starting in October 2021 gave many local residents monthly access to buy more fresh food. Inman Baptist Church has also opened its facility to help with events, which has been a big help in connecting with the community." -VRHA

[For More Information](#)

Medical Education Interventions Influencing Physician Distribution into Underserved Communities: A Scoping Review

Physician maldistribution is a global problem that hinders patients' abilities to access healthcare services. Medical education presents an opportunity to influence physicians towards meeting the healthcare needs of underserved communities when establishing their practice. Understanding the impact of educational interventions designed to offset

physician maldistribution is crucial to informing health human resource strategies aimed at ensuring that the disposition of the physician workforce best serves the diverse needs of all patients and communities.

[For More Information](#)

White House Announces "Rural Playbook" and 30-Community Tour, which Started in Iowa



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

The “[Rural Playbook](#)” provides rural communities with information on the “what, when, where, and how to apply” for infrastructure funds. The administration is promoting the initiative with a 30-stop rural infrastructure tour led by the president and cabinet officials. The first leg of the tour went through Iowa on April 12, 2022.

[For More Information](#)

Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project (MBQIP) Quality Reporting Guide

This guide offers Flex Coordinators, Critical Access Hospital staff, and others who are working with the Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project (MBQIP) information to better understand the measure reporting process. Discusses how to register for the reporting site, which measures are to be reported to the site, and how to submit measures. Groups measures by how and where the data is to be reported.

[For More Information](#)



Solicitation of Nominations for Membership on the Rural Community Economic Development (RCED) Subcommittee of the USDA Equity Commission

Nomination Deadline: Friday, May 6, 2022

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is seeking nominations for membership on the Rural Community Economic Development (RCED) Subcommittee. RCED, a subcommittee of the USDA Equity Commission, will be charged with providing recommendations on issues and concerns related to rural development, persistent poverty, and underserved communities.

[For More Information](#)

Addressing Social Determinants of Health: Examples of Successful Evidence-Based Strategies and Current Federal Efforts



In this series of policy briefs, the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services describes the Department’s strategic approach to SDOH and provides successful examples of current federal programs. Social determinants of health (SDOH) include factors such as housing, food and nutrition, transportation, social mobility, and environmental conditions as having significant impact on health outcomes.

For More Information

Upcoming Meetings & Webinars



Rural LISC "Rural Talks Series"
Broadband & Infrastructure

May 10-11

[To Register](#)



National Rural Health Association

NRHA's Annual Rural Health Conference

May 10-13

[To Register](#)

National Telehealth Conference

National Telehealth Conference

May 16-17

[To Register](#)



United Way of SWVA 2022 Impact Awards

May 17

[To Register](#)

State & Regional Funding Opportunities

Apply now to be part of the 2023 Atlantic Fellows for Health Equity cohort

Atlantic Fellows

FOR HEALTH EQUITY

Application Deadline: Sunday, May 1, 2022

The **Atlantic Fellows for Health Equity** at The George Washington University trains leaders to close the health gaps in communities around the world. They are looking for leaders who have the courage and compassion to confront life-limiting disparities in health. Fellows will be selected based on demonstrated commitment in the area of health equity and leadership potential.

For More Information & To Apply



ACT on Health Equity: Community Solutions Challenge

Registration Deadline: Friday, May 13, 2022

AstraZeneca recognizes health starts in our homes, schools and communities. The ACT on Health Equity: Community Solutions Challenge supports community-based, nonprofit organizations that are advancing health equity among underserved US communities through innovative health, wellbeing, and STEM programs at the local and regional level.

AstraZeneca hosts an annual open call for applications to support eligible 501(c) nonprofit organizations across the US for local and regional community-based programs. In 2022, the ACT on Health Equity: Community Solutions Challenge will provide up to \$1 million in funding. Organizations may apply for \$25,000 for each eligible program.

Small Ambulatory Program (SAP) for American Indians and Alaska Natives



Required Letter of Intent Deadline: Sunday, May 15, 2022

Application Deadline: Friday, July 1, 2022

The Indian Health Service will award funds to Tribes and/or Tribal organizations for construction, expansion, or modernization of ambulatory health care facilities.

[For More Information](#)



Mentoring for Youth Affected by Opioid and Other Drug Misuse

Application Deadline: Monday, May 23, 2022

Grants to support local, regional, or statewide efforts to provide mentoring services to youth ages 17 and under and their family members impacted by opioids and other drug misuse. Rural communities and federally recognized tribes are priority populations.

[For More Information](#)



Building Communities of Recovery

Application Deadline: Friday, June 3, 2022

The purpose of this program is to mobilize and connect a broad base of community-based resources to increase the prevalence and quality of long-term recovery support for persons with substance use disorders (SUD) and co-occurring substance use and mental disorders (COD). These grants are intended to support the development, enhancement, expansion, and delivery of recovery support services (RSS) as well as the promotion of and education about recovery. It is expected that these grant activities will be administered and implemented by individuals with lived experience who are in recovery from SUD and COD and reflect the needs and population of the community being served.

[For More Information & To Apply](#)

Community Health Worker Training Program

Application Deadline: Tuesday, June 14, 2022



This funding is intended to support projects that will increase the number of Community Health Workers (CHWs) and equip them with the skillsets needed to provide effective community outreach, build trust with communities, support connections to and retention in care and support services, and other strategies to increase access to care and to assist individuals in prevention services, and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and other public health emergencies in underserved communities. These combined efforts are intended to advance public health, strengthen the public health workforce, reduce health

disparities, and help underserved populations achieve health equity.

[For More Information & To Apply](#)



[How to Apply to Become a National Health Service Corps Site](#)

In case you missed it, a recording of our recent webinar featuring speakers from HRSA and 3RNET is available now to view!

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