

Expanding the Rural Public Health Workforce: An Advance Briefing on New Program Funding

Description: During this webinar, Tom Morris, Associate Administrator for Rural Health Policy at HRSA, will discuss upcoming funding opportunities that will support rural health networks to focus on training and placing workers in a number of high-need public health workforce tracks to serve rural communities. Mark your calendars for a background briefing on this program scheduled for Wednesday, September 29 at 3:00pm Eastern (2:00pm Central).

This program will support rural health networks to focus on training and placing workers in a number of high-need public health workforce tracks to serve rural communities. The networks can include a broad variety of community-based entities including, but not limited to, minority-serving institutions, community colleges, technical colleges, rural hospitals, Rural Health Clinics, community health centers, nursing homes, and substance abuse providers. The networks supported by this program will focus on developing four tracks of workforce activities, and grantees will need to develop a targeted effort to support health care job development, training, and placement. Those tracks are:

- Cross-training and sustaining community health workers in rural communities;
- Expanding the workforce to support electronic health records as well as virtual and telehealth systems;
- Expanding the capacity of emergency medical services reduced by pandemic-driven service reductions by developing Community Paramedicine programs; and
- Training of case management staff and respiratory therapists, who will play a critical role in helping rural clinical sites better serve patients affected by long-term COVID-19 and other breathing related health challenges

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