Weekly Update

March 21, 2022

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VRHA News

Join VPHA and VRHA this Saturday for:

"Rural Health in Virginia:
Food Insecurity, Health Equity, Rural Education, Healthcare Access"

Co-Sponsored Conference & Student Research Day
VRHA brings Pride of Rural Virginia to the Appalachian Studies Association Conference
Pictured left to right: VRHA board member Dove Stanley, executive director Beth O'Connor, and past-president Bryan Price at the "Addressing LGBTQIA+ Health Inequities in Rural Appalachia" Roundtable Session 3/25

For more information on our Pride of Rural Virginia project, visit: vrha.org/prime

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**National News**

**AETC National HIV Workforce Study**

The Aids Education and Training Center (AETC) is requesting input from prescribers on the supply of HIV care providers in the United States and its territories. Please complete this anonymous, one-time, 10-minute research survey - your participation will help us understand the factors that influence the HIV care workforce.

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**Calendar**

**National Virtual Rural EMS & Care Conference 2022**

April 19-21, 2022  Virtual
Invited attendees include rural ambulance services, rural EMS directors, medical directors and officers, rural health care providers, ambulatory agencies and staff, state EMS officials, state rural health officials, hospital administrators, federal agency officials, and State Offices of Rural Health.

**Mid-Atlantic Telehealth Resource Center (MATRC) Telehealth Summit**
**April 24-26, 2022**   **Concord, NC (Virtual option available)**


**Healthcare in Appalachia Conference**
**April 28-30, 2022**   **Pigeon Forge, TN**

The Healthcare in Appalachia conference is designed to address the unique needs and circumstances of the Appalachian region. This conference will feature experts in the medical, mental health and public health fields and provide practical advice, tips, and resources to health care providers and public health professionals.

**2022 Appalachian Health Leadership Forum**
**May 6-7, 2022**   **Daniels, WV**

This forum is for health care and public health boards and their leadership as they work collaboratively with other sectors in their communities to address social determinants of health.

**NRHA's 45th Annual Rural Health Conference**
**May 10-13, 2022**   **Albuquerque, NM**

Join NRHA and rural health leaders from across the country in the Land of Enchantment to help raise the standard for rural health with over 80 innovative, practical, and cost-saving sessions and much more.

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**Resources**

**Engaging Communities Through Issues Forums: A How-To Guide for Onsite and Online Community Engagement**

Offers guidance on community forums as a technical education tool, including information on planning and hosting a forum, strategies for engaging communities, and resources to support committees and stakeholders. Features examples from forums on farm vitality, farmer mental health, and family health.

**The Implications of Long COVID for Rural Communities**

Discusses the effect of long COVID on rural populations. Highlights potential long-term health effects as a consequence of having COVID-19 and explores the health disparities associated with rural communities.
Funding Opportunities

**Charlie's Heart Foundation** *NEW*

Charlie’s Heart Foundation supports nonprofit organizations that operate in Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, or West Virginia. The 2022 Charlie’s Heart Family Empowerment Grant will fund innovative human service projects that empower families to stay together when difficult life circumstances challenge the family structure.

**Letter of Intent (Required): April 15, 2022**
**Application Deadline: June 15, 2022**

**NOSORH Rural Health Data Institute** *NEW*

An 8-part, web-based training for individuals who work with rural health data.

**Application Deadline: April 22, 2022**

**National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program** *NEW*

Scholarships for students pursuing eligible primary care health professions training in exchange for a service commitment in an approved site in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA).

**Application Deadline: May 5, 2022**

**Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Adult and Family Treatment Drug Courts** *NEW*

Grants to enhance and expand substance use disorder treatment services in existing drug courts, recognizing the need for treatment instead of incarceration for individuals with substance use disorders.

**Application Deadline: May 9, 2022**

**National Health Service Corps Site Application** *NEW*

Apply to be a National Health Service Corps Site to receive recruitment and retention assistance, networking opportunities, and other benefits.

**Application Deadline: May 10, 2022**

**Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant** *NEW*

Grants to intermediary organizations to provide technical assistance and training for rural organizations and agencies to identify and plan for community facility needs that exist in their area, and once those needs have been identified, locating public and private resources to finance those identified needs.

**Application Deadline: May 23, 2022**

**Second Chance Act Pay for Success Initiative** *NEW*
Grants to provide reentry services and programs to reduce recidivism and combat violence by facilitating the successful reintegration of individuals returning from incarceration, especially those with substance use disorders.

**Application Deadline: June 14, 2022**

*Enhancing Social Connectedness and Ameliorating Loneliness to Prevent and Treat SUD and Support Recovery (R21 - Clinical Trial Not Allowed) *NEW**

Funding for exploratory/developmental research to better understand the role of social connectedness and/or loneliness in prevention, treatment, and recovery from substance use disorders. One of the research topics of interest include the dynamics of social connectedness/loneliness between rural versus urban communities and across different racial and ethnic groups.

**Application Deadline: August 15, 2022**

*Grants to Enhance Culturally Specific Services for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking*

Grants to support community-based organizations in providing culturally relevant services to meet the critical needs of victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, as well as the development of innovative culturally specific strategies to enhance access to services and resources for victims who face obstacles to using more traditional programs.

**Application Deadline: April 21, 2022**

*Accountable Care Organization Realizing Equity, Access, and Community Health (ACO REACH) Model*

Payment model to test financial risk sharing options, as well as innovative approaches from Medicare Advantage (MA) and private sector risk sharing arrangements. ACO REACH seeks to improve quality of care and health outcomes for Medicare beneficiaries through alignment of financial incentives to promote effective and appropriate care; the promotion of health equity among all model participants; emphasis on patient choice; strong monitoring to ensure that beneficiaries maintain access to care; and emphasis on care delivery for complex, chronically, and seriously ill populations.

**Application Deadline: April 22, 2022**

*Minority AIDS Initiative: Service Integration*

Grants to integrate evidence-based, culturally competent mental and substance use disorder treatment with HIV primary care and prevention services. The population of focus is individuals of racial and ethnic minorities with a serious mental illness or co-occurring disorder living with or at risk for HIV and/or hepatitis.

**Application Deadline: April 25, 2022**

*Strategic Prevention Framework for Prescription Drugs (SPF Rx)*

Grants to help prevent and address prescription drug misuse within a state, tribe, or locality. The program is designed to raise awareness about the dangers of sharing medications, the risks of fake or counterfeit pills purchased over social media or other
unknown sources, and to work with pharmaceutical and medical communities on the risks of overprescribing.

**Application Deadline: April 25, 2022**

**Sexual Assault Services Culturally Specific Grant Program**

Grants to establish, maintain, and expand sustainable, culturally appropriate services that address the unique needs and challenges of victims of sexual assault from culturally specific communities.

**Application Deadline: April 27, 2022**

**Garrett Lee Smith Campus Suicide Prevention**

This grant program enhances mental health services for all college students, including those at risk for suicide, depression, serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbances, or substance use.

**Application Deadline: April 29, 2022**

**Rural Health and Safety Education Competitive Grants Program**

Funding for community-based outreach education and extension programs at land-grant colleges and universities that provide individuals and families based in rural areas with information on health, wellness, and prevention. Projects should utilize telehealth, telemedicine, and distance learning strategies for education and training in minority rural communities related to opioids, preventing spread of COVID-19, and/or mitigating infection and transmission of COVID-19.

**Application Deadline: April 29, 2022**

**Medication Assisted Treatment - Prescription Drug & Opioid Addiction**

Provides funds for states, organizations, tribes, and tribal organizations to expand or enhance access to medication assisted treatment services for individuals with opioid use disorder.

**Application Deadline: April 29, 2022**

**Minority Aids Initiative: Substance Use Disorder Treatment for Racial/Ethnic Minority Populations at High Risk for HIV/AIDS**

Grants to increase engagement in care for racial and ethnic minority individuals with substance use disorders and/or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders who are at risk for HIV or are HIV positive and that receive HIV services/treatment.

**Application Deadline: April 29, 2022**

**Emergency Awards: RADx-UP - Social, Ethical, and Behavioral Implications (SEBI) Research on Disparities in COVID-19 Testing among Underserved and Vulnerable Populations (U01 Clinical Trial Optional)**

American Rescue Plan Act funding to conduct social, ethical, and behavioral implications (SEBI) research to understand and reduce barriers to COVID-19 testing, as well as COVID-
19 disparities that arise from barriers to testing among underserved and vulnerable populations.

**Application Deadline: May 2, 2022**

**Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education)**

This grant program develops sustainable infrastructure for school-based mental health programs and services. Grant recipients will build a collaborative partnership that includes the State Education Agency, the Local Education Agency, the State Mental Health Agency, community-based providers of behavioral health care services, school personnel, community organizations, families, and school-aged youth.

**Application Deadline: May 2, 2022**

**Substance Abuse and HIV Prevention Navigator Program for Racial/Ethnic Minorities Cooperative Agreement**

Grants to provide substance misuse and HIV prevention services to racial/ethnic minority males at risk for HIV/AIDS.

**Application Deadline: May 2, 2022**

**Strengthening Syringe Services Programs**

Funds to increase access to harm reduction services for people who currently inject or have a history of injecting drugs and reduce incidence of infectious diseases and complications. The first component will expand a national network of syringe services programs to facilitate communication & networking; the second will increase support & resources to syringe services programs for implementation of distribution of sterile injection supplies & disposal of used injection supplies; testing, treatment, & prevention of infectious diseases and complications from injection drug use; and mitigation of other harms.

**Application Deadline: May 2, 2022**

**Statewide Family Network (SFN) Program**

This grant program enhances the capacity of statewide mental health family-controlled organizations (i.e., organizations where families help other families improve their lives) to support families and caregivers who are raising children, youths, and young adults with serious emotional disturbances. This program will serve as a catalyst for transforming mental health and related systems in states by strengthening coalitions led by family-controlled organizations, and between family members, policy makers, and service providers.

**Application Deadline: May 2, 2022**

**Firehouse Subs First Responder Grants**

Grants for life-saving equipment, prevention education, and disaster relief for first responders and public safety organizations. The Foundation recognizes the needs of rural and volunteer departments throughout the country and will consider their applications despite not being within 60 miles of a Firehouse Subs restaurant.
Application Deadline: May 4, 2022

**Nurse Corps Scholarship Program**

Scholarships for nursing students in exchange for a minimum 2-year, full-time service commitment (or part-time equivalent), at an eligible healthcare facility with a critical shortage of nurses.

Application Deadline: May 5, 2022

**Susan Harwood Training Program - Workplace Safety and Health Training on Infectious Diseases (Including COVID-19)**

Grants will fund training and education to help workers and employers identify and prevent work-related infectious diseases, including COVID-19. Training topics must focus either on COVID-19 specifically or infectious diseases broadly. The Harwood Training Grant program supports remote and in-person hands-on training for workers and employers in small businesses; industries with high injury, illness, and fatality rates; and vulnerable workers, who are underserved, have limited English proficiency, or are temporary workers.

Application Deadline: May 6, 2022

**Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R01, R03, and R21)**

Funding for research that seeks to identify, develop, test, evaluate, and/or refine strategies to disseminate and implement evidence-based practices into public health, clinical practice, and community settings. This program is featured in the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences Selected List of Funding Opportunities Relevant to Rural Cancer Control.

Application Deadline: May 7, 2022

**Cancer Health Equity Research Centers at Minority-Serving Institutions**

Funding to support the formation of Cancer Health Equity Research Centers (CHERCs) designed to target cancer health disparities that are unique to a local or regional community. Applicants must be from Minority-Serving Institutions and are required to demonstrate that 30% of the planned research participants will be racial and ethnic minorities or live in rural or medically underserved areas.

Application Deadline: May 16, 2022

**Bus and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Program**

Grants to assist in the financing of buses and bus facilities capital projects, including replacing, rehabilitating, purchasing, or leasing buses or related equipment, and rehabilitating, purchasing, constructing, or leasing bus-related facilities. A minimum of 15% of the total program funding will be awarded to projects located in rural areas.

Application Deadline: May 31, 2022

**Pilot Practice-based Research for Primary Care Suicide Prevention (R34 Clinical Trial Optional)**
Grants to support evaluations of factors that impact or account for the effectiveness of existing suicide prevention practices and/or pilot clinical trials that develop, optimize, and pilot test interventions and service delivery approaches at key intercepts in the chain of care. Research that seeks to reduce disparities for racial and ethnic minority groups, individuals limited by language or cultural barriers, sexual and gender minorities, individuals living in rural areas, socioeconomically disadvantaged persons, and other underserved groups is encouraged.

**Application Deadline: June 21, 2022**

**Research on Biopsychosocial Factors of Social Connectedness and Isolation on Health, Well Being, Illness, and Recovery (R01 Clinical Trials Not Allowed)**

Grants for research projects that examine how social isolation and social connectedness affect outcomes in health, illness, recovery, and overall well being.

**Application Deadline: June 21, 2022**

**Surgical Disparities Research (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)**

Grants to support investigative and collaborative research focused on understanding and addressing disparities in surgical care and outcomes in minority and health disparity populations.

**Application Deadline: July 5, 2022**

**AHRQ Small Research Grant Program (R03)**

Supports different types of health services research projects, including pilot and feasibility studies; secondary analysis of existing data; small, self-contained research projects; development of research methodology; and development of new research technology. Rural and frontier areas are considered a priority population.

**Application Deadline: July 6, 2022**

**Cancer Control Research in Persistent Poverty Areas (U54 Clinical Trial Optional)**

Funding for the development of U54 Specialized Research Centers that consist of transdisciplinary, collaborative teams of institutions, clinics, communities, and tribes. Centers will provide support to early career investigators and develop a cancer prevention and control research program that focuses on, and serves, populations living in persistent poverty areas. Preference will be given to applications that include rural persistent poverty census tracts within the scope of their research.

**Application Deadline: July 6, 2022**

**Virginia Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program**

Offers a J-1 Visa waiver to foreign physicians who commit to serving for 3 years in an underserved area of Virginia, allowing them to remain in the United States.

**Application Deadline: August 31, 2022**

**Rural Hospital Leadership Team Award**
Award that honors an exceptional leadership team that has guided their rural hospital and community through transformational change and healthcare reform.

**Application Deadline: August 31, 2022**

**Intervening with Cancer Caregivers to Improve Patient Health Outcomes and Optimize Health Care Utilization (R01 and R21)**

Funding for intervention research designed to support caregivers of adult cancer patients, with the goals of optimized patient healthcare utilization, improved caregiver well-being, and improved patient physical health and psychosocial outcomes. Special consideration is given to studies targeting medically underserved and underrepresented populations, including **patients-caregivers in rural areas**.

**Application Deadline: September 7, 2022**

**Palliative Care in Home and Community Settings Research (R01 and R21 Clinical Trial Optional)**

Grants to support research aimed at determining needs and best practices for the integration of palliative care into home and community settings. Applications should consider approaches that may be implemented in rural/remote areas, as well as urban areas, and that are sensitive to ethnicities and cultures.

**Application Deadline: September 8, 2022**

**Getting To Zero: Understanding HIV Viral Suppression and Transmission in the United States (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)**

Grants for projects designed to improve understanding of viral suppression and HIV transmission in the U.S. using population-level epidemiology, tools from data science approaches, and implementation science research.

**Application Deadline: September 8, 2022**

**Rural Healthcare Provider Transition Project (RHPTP)**

Technical assistance and training for rural healthcare providers to build capacity in value-based care (VBC), with emphasis on efficiency, quality, patient experience, and safety. The program's goal is to guide small rural hospitals and rural health clinics that are not currently participating in VBC to prepare for participation in a health system focused on value.

**Application Deadline: September 30, 2022**

**Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund**

Funds programs that work in the areas of affordable housing and shelter, education and youth development, environmental stewardship, workforce, and human services within the Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation service area. Available in **15 counties** in Virginia.

**Application Deadline: September 30, 2022**

**AHRQ Health Services Research Demonstration and Dissemination Grants (R18)**
Supports the dissemination and implementation of research projects related to AHRQ's mission to produce evidence to make healthcare safer, higher quality, more accessible, equitable, and affordable. AHRQ's priorities include an interest in rural and frontier healthcare delivery.

**Application Deadline: September 30, 2022**

**Rural Family Medicine with Obstetrics Fellowship**

One-year fellowship with Tacoma Family Medicine in Washington for family medicine physicians who plan to care for a rural population with limited access to healthcare services. The fellowship includes expanded scope obstetrics including cesarean sections.

**Application Deadline: October 1, 2022**

**Stand Down Grants**

Provides funding for events that offer homeless veteran populations a variety of social services designed to help them to reintegrate into their communities, such as housing, healthcare, and employment opportunities.

**Application Deadline: December 31, 2022**

**Walmart Foundation Community Grant Program**

Grants to support the unique needs of local communities in the service areas of Walmart and Sam’s Club stores.

**Application Deadline: December 31, 2022**

**Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Research to Address Vaccine Hesitancy, Uptake, and Implementation among Populations that Experience Health Disparities**

Notice of Special Interest for community-engaged research to evaluate strategies to facilitate vaccination uptake in clinical and community contexts and address the barriers to increasing reach, access, and uptake of vaccinations among health disparity populations at high risk and likely to experience vaccine hesitancy.

**Application Deadline: January 8, 2023**

**Long-Term Effects of Disasters on Health Care Systems Serving Health Disparity Populations (R01-Clinical Trial Optional)**

Grants for research focused on understanding the long-term effects of natural and/or human-made disasters on healthcare systems serving health disparity populations. Health disparity populations include, but are not limited to, American Indians, Alaska Natives, and underserved rural populations.

**Application Deadline: September 7, 2023**

**Tobacco Control Policies to Promote Health Equity (R01 and R21 Clinical Trial Optional)**
Funding for observational or intervention research focused on reducing disparities in tobacco use and secondhand smoke exposure. Populations of focus include older individuals, black Americans, Hispanics, people with low socioeconomic status, and people living outside metropolitan areas.

**Application Deadline: September 8, 2023**

**Co-infection and Cancer (R01 and R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

Grants for research on the roles of co-infection and cancer to inform prevention and treatment strategies for infection-related cancers. Applicants are encouraged to investigate co-infection and its relation to causes of risk among racially/ethnically diverse populations and those from urban and rural areas who are poor and medically underserved, and populations who may have a disproportionate burden of infection-related cancers.

**Application Deadline: January 7, 2023**

**Notice of Special Interest (NOSI) Hearing Healthcare for Adults: Improving Access and Affordability**

Notice of Special Interest for research to improve access and affordability of hearing healthcare (HHC) in adults, which includes research addressing rural health issues potentially affecting HHC utilization and the unique HHC needs of rural populations.

**Application Deadline: January 7, 2024**

**Technology Development to Reduce Health Disparities (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)**

Funding to develop and translate medical technologies aimed at reducing disparities in healthcare access and health outcomes. Medical technologies should be effective, affordable, culturally acceptable, and deliverable to those who need them. Priority health disparity populations include racial and ethnic minorities, socioeconomically disadvantaged individuals, sexual and gender minorities, and medically underserved populations in rural and urban areas.

**Application Deadline: May 2, 2024**

**Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Telehealth Strategies for Individuals with HIV and Substance Use Disorders**

Notice of Special Interest for research to explore and develop telehealth methods and strategies for diagnosis, prevention, treatment, and population analysis in individuals living with HIV and substance use disorder.

**Application Deadline: September 7, 2024**

**Comprehensive Care for Adults with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus from Populations with Health Disparities (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)**

Funding for research focused on developing and testing strategies that adapt/implement recommended guidelines of comprehensive clinical care for individuals with Type 2 diabetes from health disparity populations.

**Application Deadline: September 7, 2024**
**Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Telehealth Strategies for Individuals with HIV and Substance Use Disorders**

Notice of Special Interest for research to explore and develop telehealth methods and strategies for diagnosis, prevention, treatment, and population analysis in individuals living with HIV and substance use disorder.

**Application Deadline: September 7, 2024**

**Effectiveness of Implementing Sustainable Evidence-Based Mental Health Practices in Low-Resource Settings to Achieve Mental Health Equity forTraditionally Underserved Populations (R01)**

Grants for research to develop and test the effectiveness of strategies for implementation and sustainable delivery of evidence-based mental health treatments and services to improve mental health outcomes for underserved populations in under-resourced settings. Under-resourced settings and populations include members of minority groups, other individuals experiencing disparities in mental health outcomes, and people living in a geographic area with a shortage of healthcare services.

**Application Deadline: September 7, 2024**

**Innovative Mental Health Services Research Not Involving Clinical Trials**

Funding for innovative research that will inform and support the delivery of high-quality, continuously improving mental health services to benefit individuals with, or at risk for developing, a mental illness. Research on innovative service delivery models that seek to reduce disparities in service access, quality, and outcomes for racial and ethnic minority groups, individuals limited by language or cultural barriers, sexual and gender minorities, individuals living in rural areas, socioeconomically disadvantaged persons, and other underserved groups is encouraged.

**Application Deadline: September 7, 2024**

**Health Care Models for Persons with Multiple Chronic Conditions from Populations that Experience Health Disparities: Advancing Health Care towards Health Equity (R01 - Clinical Trials Optional)**

Funding for research to study the effective adaptation, integration, and implementation of recommended guidelines of care of persons with multiple chronic conditions from populations that experience health disparities.

**Application Deadline: September 7, 2024**

**Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Social, Behavioral, and Economic Impact of COVID-19 in Underserved and Vulnerable Populations**

Notice of Special Interest for research in understanding the response to the COVID-19 pandemic to help prepare more effectively for future public health emergencies. Populations that experience health disparities are a particular focus.

**Application Deadline: September 8, 2024**
The Role of Work in Health Disparities in the U.S. (R01 Clinical Trials Optional)

Grants for innovative population-based research in how work or occupation influences health outcomes and health status among health care disparity populations and how work functions as a social determinant of health.

**Application Deadline: September 8, 2024**

**Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Disparities Affecting Healthcare Utilization and Health Outcomes Among Childhood Cancer Survivors**

Notice of Special Interest for research to understand and address the full spectrum of factors that contribute to disparities in survivorship care, healthcare utilization, and health outcomes among childhood cancer survivors. Proposed projects must include populations commonly experiencing disparities based on race or ethnicity, sex, sexual or gender minority status, insurance status, rural residence, socioeconomic disadvantage, or other demonstrated differences.

**Application Deadline: October 9, 2024**

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