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VRHA News

2022 Virginia Rural Health Clinic Summit
June 7-9th
Hotel 24 South - Staunton, VA
(former Stonewall Jackson Hotel)

Free lodging for staff from any RHC in Virginia!*

Topics will include:
RHC Regulation Updates
Chronic Care Management
Telehealth
Quality Measures
Surveys
Patient Centered Medical Homes
Q & A with DMA’s
Virginia Office of Licensure and Certification

Registration Fee: $25.00

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RHC Summit Flyer PDF

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Calendar

Webinar: How to Apply to Become a National Health Service Corps Site
April 13, 2022  3:00 - 4:00 pm
Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and 3RNET will discuss how to apply to become a National Health Service Corps Site. Learn how your organization can meet the eligibility requirements to provide outpatient, primary health care services to people in Health Professional Shortages Areas.

**Dental CME: "How to Perform a Dental Exam for Primary and Acute Healthcare Providers"**  
**April 29, 2022   2:00 - 4:00 pm (Virtual)**

Participants will learn the components of an oral exam, how to identify infections, and how to document patient encounters effectively. Sponsored by the Southwest Virginia AHEC and Graduate Medical Education Consortium.

**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.

**National Telehealth Conference**  
**May 16-17, 2022**

Experts will examine the evolution of telehealth as part of the standard of care and the importance of its continued integration in an overall, integrated care delivery model. Participants will hear from HHS leadership and HRSA Administrator Carole Johnson, along with telehealth experts on a variety of hot topics.

**The Building Rural Recovery Ecosystems Summit**  
**June 8-10, 2022   Memphis, TN/Virtual**

To expand the capacity and effectiveness of Recovery Housing in rural America, the Fletcher Group Rural Center of Excellence will host the 2022 Building Rural Recovery Ecosystems Summit. 24 Breakout sessions to choose from, interactive workshops, and networking and social activities. Attend in person or virtually.

**Resources**

**Mental Health Visits via Telecommunications for Rural Health Clinics & Federally Qualified Health Centers**

Details regulatory changes for Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) regarding mental health visits provided through real-time audio-video and audio-only technologies. Includes information on coding for RHC and FQHC claims, in-person mental health visit requirements, and exceptions to the in-person requirement.

**Rappahannock AHEC Medication Safety & SUD Learning Opportunities**

**Medication Misadventures: Identifying Risks** - April 19, 2022   10-11:30 am  
**Stimulant Use Disorder: Signs & Symptoms** - May 10, 2022   10-11 am
Addressing Social Determinants of Health: Examples of Successful Evidence-Based Strategies and Current Federal Efforts

Provides an overview of efforts to address social determinants of health (SDOHs) that impact people of color, LGBTQ+ persons, individuals living in rural areas, and people with disabilities. Discusses housing, food and nutrition, transportation, social and economic mobility, and social service connections in terms of community (upstream) and individual (downstream) SDOH impacts.

Thrive Rural Framework

Provides information resources to support rural community prosperity through asset-based approaches and collaboration. Publications cover strategies to empower rural communities and facilitate economic development, support community equity, and rural development and health.

Funding Opportunities

Elder Justice Innovation Grants—Enhancing APS Approaches to Cases Involving Opioids and Substance Use Disorders *NEW*

Supports development & advancement of new and emerging issues related to elder justice. Projects will help improvement of the field of elder abuse prevention & intervention at large, such as developing materials, programs, etc. that can be widely disseminated and replicated, or by establishing and contributing to the evidence-base of knowledge. Projects will be sought which identify effective strategies & solutions that are expected to maximize the impact of direct home & community-based social, health, & mental/behavioral health services for APS clients impacted by the opioid epidemic & other substance use disorders.

Application Deadline: May 3, 2022

ACT on Health Equity: Community Solutions Challenge *NEW*

Grants to nonprofit organizations positively impacting underserved populations through regional and local community-based programs focused on community health and well-being and youth STEM education and career readiness.

Application Deadline: May 13, 2022

Healthy Start Supplement: Community-Based Doulas *NEW*

Funding to hire, train, certify, and compensate community-based doulas in areas with high rates of adverse maternal & infant health outcomes. Funding will also increase the total number of Healthy Start doula programs from 25 to 50 nationwide. HRSA’s Healthy Start Initiative works to improve health before, during, & after pregnancy & reduce racial and ethnic disparities in rates of infant deaths & adverse maternal health outcomes.

Application Deadline: May 31, 2022
**Building Communities of Recovery** *NEW*

Grants to support the development, enhancement, expansion, and delivery of recovery support services and recovery education for individuals with substance use disorders and co-occurring mental disorders.

**Application Deadline: June 3, 2022**

**Expansion of Comprehensive Suicide Prevention Across the U.S.** *NEW*

Funding for the implementation and evaluation of a comprehensive public health approach to suicide prevention with a focus on one or more disproportionately affected population. Disproportionately affected populations include veterans, rural communities, tribal populations, LGBTQ, homeless, and others that account for a significant proportion of the suicide burden and/or have suicide rates greater than the general population in a jurisdiction.

**Application Deadline: June 6, 2022**

**Research in Transforming Health and Health Care Systems** *NEW*

Funding for research projects that help support and improve policies about the affordability of care. Proposals should focus on a historically marginalized racial or ethnic group, people with disabilities, immigrants, people from the LGBTQ+ community, or another community that has historically faced systemic and persistent barriers to good health.

**Application Deadline: June 24, 2022**

**Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Dissemination and Implementation Research to Advance Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral Health Preventive Interventions in School Settings** *NEW*

Notice of Special Interest for dissemination and implementation research to support innovative approaches to overcoming barriers to the adoption, adaptation, integration, scale-up, and sustainability of evidence-based interventions to support children’s mental, emotional, and behavioral health in school settings. Health disparity populations, including individuals living in rural areas, are a priority.

**Application Deadline: June 5, 2024**

**Leveraging Health Information Technology (Health IT) to Address Minority Health and Health Disparities (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)** *NEW*

Grants for research that examines how health information technology adoption impacts minority health and health disparity populations in access to care, quality of care, patient engagement, and health outcomes.

**Application Deadline: May 7, 2025**

**Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Research Using Implementation Science to Support the Delivery of Evidence-Based Practices in Community-Based Mental or General Medical Healthcare Settings** *NEW*
Notice of Special Interest for mental health services and implementation research to support the adoption and sustainability of evidence-based practices in community-based settings that deliver care to people with mental illness. Health disparity populations, including individuals living in rural areas, are a priority.

**Application Deadline: May 8, 2025**

**Hearst Foundations Health Grants** *NEW*

Program, capital and endowment support grants for organization working to address access to healthcare for high-need populations, healthcare professional shortages, evolving healthcare demands, and medical research. Rural populations are a priority.

**Applications accepted on an ongoing basis**

**Osteopathic Health Policy Fellowship**

A leadership training program for osteopathic physicians and other associated health professionals who would like to learn about and implement health policy at local, state, and national levels. Rural health, disparity populations, workforce, and other related topics are policy areas that will be addressed.

**Application Deadline: May 15, 2022**

**Award for Excellence in Program Innovation**

Awards to recognize innovative best practice models in the field of health and aging.

**Application Deadline: May 16, 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**

**Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program**

Grants and technical assistance to enhance the operations of adult drug courts. Courts should integrate evidence-based substance abuse treatment, random drug testing, equitable sanctions and incentives, and transitional services in judicially-supervised court settings with jurisdiction over offenders to reduce recidivism, substance abuse, and prevent overdoses. Rural communities are a program priority.

**Application Deadline: May 20, 2022**

**Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant**

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**

**Grants for Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects**

Federal funding for highway and freight projects of national or regional significance, including infrastructure projects in **rural areas**, expanded access to broadband, and projects that affect public health.

**Application Deadline: May 23, 2022**

**Provider's Clinical Support System - Universities**

Funding to support graduate-level education for students in medical, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, and other eligible advanced practice nursing programs with a focus on treating opioid use disorders and prescribing medications for opioid use disorder in office-based settings upon graduation. Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Tribal Colleges and Universities, Hispanic-serving Institutions, and Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-serving Institutions are encouraged to apply.

**Application Deadline: May 27, 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**

**Public Health Scholarship Program**

Grants to strengthen the public health workforce by providing support to organizations to develop scholarship programs that incentivize individuals to pursue training and careers in public health. Projects should focus on workforce shortages, populations at highest risk for health disparities, low health literacy, social determinants of health, and infrastructure to provide necessary services in **rural** and underserved communities.

**Application Deadline: June 1, 2022**

**Second Chance Act Pay for Success Initiative**

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**

**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**

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

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**

**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 for Traditionally 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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