Community health project educates SW Va. 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.

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**New healthcare provider to take over closed hospital in Patrick County**

A newly formed healthcare provider purchased the former Pioneer Community Hospital last week with the intention of reopening the shuttered facility in the near future – despite a recent study advising against such a move. The new owner will likely be able to take advantage of legislation signed into law by Gov. Glenn Youngkin earlier this week that secured the former hospital's license as an acute care and critical access hospital – which was set to expire at the end of 2017 – for a future provider to resume operating a similar hospital in Patrick. House Bill 305, sponsored by Del. Wren Williams, R-Patrick County, passed both chambers of the General Assembly with unanimous support during its regular session last month.

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**Calendar**

**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

**Public Health's Role in Telehealth**

A podcast that discusses how telehealth became more accessible during COVID-19 and how this may impact public healthcare delivery long-term. Focuses on how the future of telehealth impacts under-resourced communities, including rural.

**What Happens When COVID-19 Emergency Declarations End? Implications for Coverage, Costs, and Access**

Identifies federal health-related COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) declarations, the flexibilities each provides, and implications for ending them. Topics covered include COVID-19 testing, treatment, and vaccination; telehealth; Medicaid coverage; Medicare, and private insurance flexibilities; and more.

**The Codes of Care: How Words and Numbers Have Transformative Power for Rural Healthcare**

Describes the process of translating clinical documentation into medical codes and the impact coding has on healthcare quality and population health. Highlights coding issues specific to rural settings. Also discusses graduate medical education efforts addressing clinical documentation and medical coding.

## Funding Opportunities

**Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) – Planning, Development, and Implementation Grants *NEW***

The intent of the CCBHC-PDI grant program is to (a) assist organizations in the planning for and development and implementation of a CCBHC that meets the CCBHC Certification Criteria, (b) provide a comprehensive range of outreach, screening, assessment, treatment, care coordination, and recovery supports based on a needs assessment that aligns with the CCBHC Certification Criteria, and (c) support recovery from mental illness and/or substance use disorders (SUD) by providing access to high-quality mental health and SUD services, regardless of an individual’s ability to pay.

**Application Deadline: May 17, 2022**

**Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) – Improvement and Advancement Grants *NEW***
The intent of the CCBHC-IA grant program is to improve access to community-based mental health and substance use disorder treatment and support, including 24/7 crisis services, to anyone in their service area who needs it, regardless of their ability to pay or place of residence.

**Application Deadline: May 17, 2022**

**Mentoring for Youth Affected by Opioid and Other Drug Misuse** *NEW*

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.

**Application Deadline: May 23, 2022**

**Strategic Prevention Framework - Partnerships for Success** *NEW*

Funding to use the SAMHSA Strategic Prevention Framework to address one of the nation’s top substance abuse prevention priorities in youth and adults. Awardees will identify the primary substance use concerns in their community and develop strategies and services to prevent substance use and promote mental health.

**Application Deadline: June 13, 2022**

**Community Health Worker Training Program** *NEW*

Grant to support programs to train new community health workers and extend the knowledge/skills of current CHWs and other health support workers in order to better meet the public health needs of underserved communities and strengthen public health emergency response.

**Application Deadline: June 14, 2022**

**AgriSafe Nurse Scholar Program** *NEW*

A distance learning opportunity available to rural nurses designed to increase knowledge base in prevention, identification, and assessment of diseases related to agricultural work exposures. A 50% scholarship is available for nurses working in nonprofit organizations, Rural Health Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers, government agencies, and educational institutions. A full scholarship is available for nurses from Illinois and for nurses from Missouri that work in Rural Health Clinics, government agencies, academia, and nonprofit organizations.

**Application Deadline: May 15, 2023**

**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**

**Healthy Start Supplement: Community-Based Doulas**

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**

**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**
**Building Communities of Recovery**

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.**

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**

**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**

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

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.
**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: June 24, 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 5, 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,
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): Dissemination and Implementation Research to Advance Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral Health Preventive Interventions in School Settings**

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**

**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.
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

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

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

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

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