**Tuesday, Feb. 9**

***Informational Sessions Day: Executive Branch***

**9:00 – 10:00 a.m. EST**

**Breakfast Roundtables**

*Start your day discussing emerging issues facing rural communities by joining our breakfast roundtable sessions sponsored by NRHA’s Platinum Vendors.*

* Rural health clinics finance and compliance
* Provider relief fund under the CARES Act and hot regulatory issues facing rural hospitals
* Future of rural health
* Innovations in addressing rural health disparities and SDOH
* Rural behavioral health challenges

**10:00 – 10:15 a.m. EST**

**Your Voice. Louder!**

*Hear from NRHA President Dr. John Gale about the association’s priorities in the coming year.*

Dr. John Gale, NRHA President

**10:15 – 10:45 a.m. EST**

**Your Voice in Washington, D.C.**

*Kick off the Policy Institute with all the key messages and strategies for working with the Biden Administration and Members of Congress.*

Carrie Cochran-McClain, NRHA Vice President of Government Affairs and Policy

**11:00 – 11:30 a.m. EST**

**COVID-19 Response in Rural America**

*Listen to a moderated conversation with the White House Coronavirus Task Force co-chair.*

Dr. Marcella Nunez-Smith, White House Coronavirus Task Force Co-Chair

Alan Morgan, NRHA Chief Executive Officer

Brock Slabach, NRHA Senior Vice President for Member Services

**11:30 – Noon EST**

**The Health Resources and Services Administration**

*Hear about priorities from the Acting Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration.*

Diana Espinosa, HRSA Acting Administrator

**Noon – 12:30 p.m. EST**

**The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services**

*Hear about priorities from the Deputy Director of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Office of Program Operations & Local Engagement.*

John Hammarlund, CMS Office of Program Operations & Local Engagement Deputy Director

**12:30 – 1:00 p.m. EST**

**The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation**

*Hear about priorities from the Director of the CMMI State and Population Health Group overseeing the CHART demonstration.*

Rivka Friedman, CMS CMMI State and Population Health Group Director

**1:00 – 1:30 p.m. EST**

**HHS Federal Office of Rural Health Policy**

*Hear about priorities from the Associate Administrator for Rural Health Policy at the Health Resources and Services Administration.*

Tom Morris, HRSA Associate Administrator for Rural Health Policy

**1:30 – 2:00 p.m. EST**

**The Department of Veterans Affairs**

*Hear about priorities from the Executive Director of the Office of Rural Health at the Veterans Administration.*

Dr. Thomas Klobucar, VA Office of Rural Health Executive Director

**2:00 – 3:00 p.m. EST**

**Telehealth and Broadband in Rural America**

*This session will discuss policies and programs to increase availability of telehealth and broadband in rural areas.*

* Brendan Carr, FCC Commissioner
* Chad Parker, USDA Deputy Administrator Community Programs
* Heather Dimeris, HHS Office for the Advancement for Telehealth Acting Director
* Neal Neuberger, Health Tech Strategies President (Moderator)

**3:00 – 4:00 p.m. EST**

**Advocacy During a Pandemic**

*This session will provide Advocacy 101 for participants on how best to share your key messages and asks to Federal officials.*

NRHA Government Affairs Team

**Wednesday, Feb. 10**

***Informational Sessions Day: View from the Hill***

**8:00 – 9:00 a.m. EST**

**Breakfast Roundtables**

*Start your day discussing emerging issues facing rural communities by joining our breakfast roundtable sessions sponsored by NRHA’s Platinum Vendors.*

* Telehealth innovation in rural
* Payment model innovations
* Crises collide: COVID-19 pandemic and rural hospital closures
* COVID-19 vaccine deployment and testing, tracing, and mitigation strategies in rural areas
* Reimbursement strategies for rural facilities

**9:00 – 9:30 a.m. EST**

**Taking Our Fight to the Hill**

*Welcome to day two as we take our fight to Members of Congress.*

Carrie Cochran-McClain, NRHA Vice President of Government Affairs and Policy

**9:30 – Noon EST**

**Members of Congress**

*Hear directly from the 117th Congress on their rural priorities.*

* Senator Barrasso (live)
* Senator Smith (live)
* Senator Tester (live)
* Senator Grassley
* Senator Manchin
* Senator Thune
* Senator Wicker
* Senator Wyden
* Senator Durbin
* Representative Spanberger (live)
* Representative Sewell
* Representative McMorris Rodgers
* Representative Arrington

***NRHA’s 4th Annual Rural Health Disparities Summit***

**Proudly presented in partnership with the American Academy of Family Physicians**

**Noon – 1:00 p.m. EST**

**Health Disparities in Rural America**

*This session will provide a demographic description of health disparities in rural areas and discuss inequities in access to care and rural disparities across the life span.*

* Dr. Diane Hall, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
* Dr. Carrie Henning-Smith, University of Minnesota
* Dr. Jan Eberth, University of South Carolina
* Alan Morgan, NRHA CEO (Moderator)

**1:00 – 2:00 p.m. EST**

**Closing the Gaps and Enabling Health Equity**

*This session will discuss policy interventions to address inequities in rural health.*

* Justin Hentges, All of Us Research Program
* Dr. Jack Westfall, Robert Graham Center
* Ann Eisenberg, University of South Carolina
* Amy Elizondo, NRHA Program Services Vice President (Moderator)

**2:00 – 3:00 p.m. EST**

**COVID-19 and Rural Communities of Color**

*This session will discuss impacts, best practices, and needed policies to address COVID-19 in rural communities, specific to black, indigenous, and people of color.*

* Dr. Zita Magloire, Cairo Medical Care
* Dr. Don Warne, University of North Dakota
* Dr. Martha Vela Acosta, US Mexico Border Health Commission
* Dr. Julie Wood, AAFP (Moderator)

**3:00 – 3:30 p.m. EST**

**Advocating for Coverage for Rural Populations**

*Learn how to apply new, effective messaging strategies that leverage our nation’s shared values to unite around health and health care.*

Frederick Isasi, Families USA Executive Director

**3:30 – 4:00 p.m. EST**

**Private Sector’s Role in Addressing Inequities in Rural Areas**

*Join a moderated conversation to hear how Centene is addressing factors related to health outcomes and access to care for rural areas.*

Jesse Hunter, Centene EVP for Mergers & Acquisitions and Chief Strategy Officer

**4:00 – 4:30 p.m. EST**

**Closing Remarks & Uniting Rural America**

Alan Morgan, NRHA CEO

**Thursday, Feb. 11**

***Capitol Hill Advocacy Day***

**10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. EST**

**Congressional Meetings on Capitol Hill**

*With state delegation*