

NRHA's 33rd Annual Rural Health Policy Institute is Feb. 8-10 in Washington, D.C.



Monday, Feb. 7th

Pre-Session Day

All times are in EST

8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

NRHA CEO Certification Course

The NRHA Rural Hospital CEO Certification course for rural hospitals through education and engagement of current and future rural hospital CEOs to achieve leadership excellence resulting in healthy rural communities. (Limited to current cohort only)

11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

NRHA Rural Health Fellows Meeting

Initial training session for the new 2022 Rural Health Fellows. (Limited to incoming cohort only)

2:30- 3:30 p.m.

NRHA Board of Trustees

Meeting of the NRHA Board of Trustees. (Limited to current Board Members only)

3:30- 4:30 p.m.

NRHA Constituency Group Meetings

Meeting of the NRHA Constituency Groups:

- *Clinical Constituency Group*
- *Federally Qualified Health Center Constituency Group*
- *Hospital and Health System Constituency Group*
- *Public Health Constituency Group*
- *Research and Evaluation Constituency Group*
- *Rural Health Clinic Constituency Group*
- *Statewide Health Resources Constituency Group*
- *Student Constituency Group*

4:30- 6:30 p.m.

NRHA Rural Health Congress Meeting

Meeting of the NRHA Rural Health Congress. (Limited to current NRHA Rural Health Congress members and Fellows only)

6:30- 7:30 p.m.

NRHA Government Affairs Committee Meeting

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Tuesday, Feb. 8

Informational Sessions Day- Executive Branch

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10:00 - 10:15 a.m.

Welcome

Kick off the Policy Institute to learn key advocacy messages for rural health.

Carrie Cochran-McClain, NRHA Chief Policy Officer

10:15 - 10:25 a.m.

Your Voice. Louder!

Hear from NRHA's 2022 President to learn about the association's priorities in the coming year.

Beth O'Connor, NRHA President

10:25 - 10:35 a.m.

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Hear about priorities for investments in rural economic health and health care for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Tom Vilsack, USDA Secretary

10:35 - 11:00 a.m.

White House Domestic Policy Council

Hear about priorities from the on rural health and infrastructure investments from lead staff at the White House.

Catherine Oakar, Special Assistant to the President

11:00 - 11:45 a.m.

Reinvesting in the Health and Wellness of Rural America

Based on his experiences in rural Indiana, Dr. Cooke will discuss the need to reinvest in the health and wellness of America and to build an effective public health system that benefits everyone in the community.

Dr. William Cooke

11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Hear about rural health priorities from Secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Xavier Becerra, HHS Secretary

12:15 - 1:00 p.m.

Networking Lunch (Optional)

Enjoy small group discussion with other meeting participants on a range of emerging issues in rural health:

- Behavioral Health
- Emergency Medical Services
- Maternal Health
- Rural Equity and Health Disparities
- Rural Health Access to Capital
- Rural Health System Sustainability
- Telehealth
- Vaccine Confidence
- Workforce Supply

1:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Hear about rural health priorities from leadership for the HHS Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Jonathan Blum, CMS Principal Deputy Administrator

1:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Rural Safety Net Financial Sustainability

Learn about addressing rural health disparities through safety net sustainability.

Michael Topchik, Chartis Center for Rural Health

2:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Health Resources and Services Administration

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

Carole Johnson, HRSA Administrator

2:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Hear about priorities for investments in rural health care for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development.

Xochitl Torres Small, USDA Under Secretary

3:00 - 3:15 p.m.

Break

3:15- 3:45 p.m.

Advocating for Rural Broadband Access

Hear about priorities for the National Rural Broadband Association (NTCA) and investments in the bipartisan infrastructure package.

Shirley Bloomfield, NTCA CEO

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3:45- 4:15 p.m.

Telehealth in Rural America

Hear about insights from former Executive Branch leadership on policies and programs to increase availability of telehealth and broadband in rural areas.

Eric Hargan, The Hargan Group

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Roundtable Discussions (Optional)

End your day discussing emerging issues facing rural communities by joining our afternoon roundtables sessions sponsored by NRHA's Platinum Partners.

- Rural Health Disparities and Rural Health Systems
- Building Community Support for Healthcare Facility Investment
- Rural Maternal Health and OB Readiness
- Surprise Billing and Price Transparency Regulations
- Vendor Monitoring and Performance Improvement
- COVID-19 Testing, Masking, and Vaccine
- Rural Health Clinic Modernization
- Rural Workforce Shortages and Development Strategies

Wednesday, Feb. 9

Advocacy in Practice

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9:00- 10:00 a.m.

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Start your day discussing emerging issues facing rural communities at sessions sponsored by NRHA's Platinum Partners.

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10:00-10:30 a.m.

Taking Our Message to Capitol Hill

Welcome to day two as we take our fight to Members of Congress. Learn messages and strategies for advocacy.

Carrie Cochran-McClain, NRHA Chief Policy Officer

10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Capitol Hill Day Advocacy 101

Learn how to make the most of your meetings with Congress.

Josh Jorgensen, NRHA Government Affairs Director

11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Capitol Hill Advocacy

Opportunities to meet with participants state delegations on rural health priorities.

Thursday, Feb. 10

Informational Sessions Day- Legislative Branch

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9:00 a.m.- Noon

Rural Priorities within the 117th Congress

Hear directly from members of the 117th Congress on their rural priorities:

Representative Jodey Arrington

Senator John Barrasso

Senator Joni Ernst

Representative Sam Graves

Representative Ron Kind

Senator Joe Manchin

Representative Donald McEachin

Senator Jeff Merkley

Senator Shelley Moore Capito

Representative Tom O'Halleran

Senator Tina Smith

Representative Abigail Spanberger

Senator Jon Tester

Senator John Thune

Senator Ron Wyden

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

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Rural Health Disparities Summit

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1:00- 1:05 p.m.

Rural Health Disparities Summit Kick Off

Kick off the Rural Health Disparities Summit portion of the meeting to discuss critical health equity issues facing rural communities.

Amy Elizondo, NRHA Chief Strategy Officer

Dr. Sterling Ransone, American Academy of Family Physicians

1:05- 1:30 p.m.

White House COVID-19 Equity Task Force

Hear from a White House Coronavirus Task Force member about recommendations from their report to the President.

Dr. Tim Putnam, Task Force Member

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Supporting the Rural Healthcare Workforce

This session will discuss policy interventions to address healthcare workforce in rural areas, including residency training, provider burnout, and nursing's role in healthcare access.

Dr. Randall Longenecker, Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine

Dr. Davis Patterson, WWAMI Rural Health Research Center

Dr. Yalda Jabbarpour, Robert Graham Center

Sue Kendig, Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health

Dr. Julie Wood, American Academy of Family Physicians (Moderator)

2:30- 2:45 p.m.

Break

2:45 - 3:15 p.m.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration

Hear about rural behavioral priorities at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Tom Coderre, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use

3:15-4:15 p.m.

Addressing Rural Health Equity

This session will discuss policy interventions to address rural health inequities, including the initial findings from Rural Health People 2030 survey, strategies for OB readiness training, mental health, and obesity.

Dr. Tim Callaghan, Southwest Rural Health Research Center

Dr. Emily Briggs, Briggs Family Medicine

Dr. Ariana Chao, University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing

Gabriela Boscan, NRHA Program Services Director (Moderator)

4:15-5:00 p.m.

Bringing it All Together: Making Change in Rural America

Wrap up the Rural Health Disparities Summit with a culmination of the day's sessions to create a path forward to address rural health disparities.

Dr. Diane Hall, Rural Health Lead Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Alan Morgan, NRHA Chief Executive Officer