

# NRHA's 34<sup>th</sup> Rural Health Policy Institute is Feb. 7-9 in Washington, D.C.

## Monday, Feb. 6

### 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 offers education and engagement for current and future rural hospital CEOs to achieve leadership excellence resulting in healthy rural communities. (Limited to current cohort only)

#### 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

##### NRHA Rural Health Fellows Meeting

Initial training session for the new 2023 Rural Health Fellows. (Limited to incoming cohort only)

#### 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

##### State Association Council Meeting

Meeting of the State Association Council. (Limited to current members 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
- State Office Council
- 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

Meeting of the NRHA Government Affairs Committee. (Limited to current NRHA Government Affairs Committee members only)

#### 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

##### NRHA Rural Health Fellows Graduation

Graduation ceremony for the 2022 Rural Health Fellows cohort.

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**Tuesday, Feb. 7**

**Informational Sessions Day**

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**7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Registration**

**7:30 – 8:00 a.m.**

**Continental Breakfast**

**8:00 – 8:15 a.m.**

**Welcome**

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

Carrie Cochran-McClain, NRHA Chief Policy Officer

**8:15 – 8:30 a.m.**

**Your Voice. Louder!**

*Hear from NRHA's 2023 President to learn about the association's priorities in the coming year.*

Leslie Marsh, NRHA President

**8:30 – 9:00 a.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 (invited)

**9:00 – 9:30 a.m.**

**U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**

*Hear how the US Department of Veterans Affairs is addressing the needs of rural veterans.*

Secretary Denis McDonough (invited)

**9:30 – 10:30 a.m.**

**Congressional Speakers**

**10:30 – 11:00 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 (invited)

**11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**The Impact of Political Polarization on Rural Health Care**

Former Senator Heidi Heitkamp (invited)

Director, University of Chicago Institute of Politics

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m.**

**Networking Lunch (optional)**

**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.*

Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure (invited)

**1:30 – 2:45 p.m.**

**Congressional Speakers**

**2:45 – 3:00 p.m.**

**Break**

**3:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Assessing the Stability of the Rural Safety Net in the Aftermath of the Pandemic**

*Learn about addressing rural health disparities through safety net sustainability after the COVID-19 pandemic.*

Michael Topchik, Chartis Center for Rural Health

**4:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

**Breakout sessions**

TBD

**5:00 – 5:30 p.m.**

**Capitol Hill Day Advocacy 101**

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

NRHA Government Affairs team

**5:30 – 6:00 p.m.**

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## State Prep Meetings

Meet with other participants from your state to prepare for Capitol Hill visits on Wednesday.  
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## Wednesday, Feb. 8

### Advocacy in Practice

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7:00 – 11:00 a.m.

### Registration

7:30 – 8:00 a.m.

### Continental Breakfast

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

### NRHA Priorities

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

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

### Health Resources and Services Administration

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

Carole Johnson, HRSA Administrator (Invited)

9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

### Federal Office of Rural Health Policy

Hear about priorities from the Associate Administrator of rural health at HRSA.

Tom Morris, Associate Administrator for Rural Health Policy (invited)

10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

### Capitol Hill Advocacy

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

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

### Congressional Reception

## Thursday, Feb. 9

### Rural Health Disparities Summit

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7:30 – 8:00 a.m.

### Continental Breakfast

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

### White House Domestic Policy Council

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

Catherine Oakar, Special Assistant to the President (invited)

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

### Office of the Assistant Secretary, U.S.

### Department of Health and Human Services

Hear from the Assistant Secretary from HHS on the Department's rural public health priorities.

Assistant Secretary Admiral Rachel Levine (invited)

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

### Congressional Speakers

TBD

10:00 – 10:15 a.m.

### Break

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

### Breakout Sessions

TBD

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

### Breakout Sessions

TBD

12:15 – 12:30 p.m.

### Closing Remarks

Alan Morgan, CEO