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### **NRHA staff accepted for Obama Foundation Leaders USA Program**

The National Rural Health Association (NRHA) is proud to announce that Zil Joyce Dixon Romero, NRHA program services manager, is among the first cohort of 100 emerging changemakers selected to participate in the Obama Foundation's Leaders USA Program. The six-month virtual program supports and connects emerging leaders in the United States for the first time, joining past cohorts from Africa, Asia-Pacific, and Europe through a values-based leadership framework inspired by the ideals and legacy of President and Mrs. Obama.

Chosen from a highly competitive pool of applications, Joyce Dixon Romero has been selected to join the program to represent both himself and his work with NRHA and is ready to build his skills and expand our impact across public, private, and nonprofit sectors.

"I believe now is the right time for me to join the Obama Foundation's Leaders USA Program because I am at a time in my professional career where I am not only dedicated to a community but am searching for a group of fellow changemakers who want to expand their reach in helping communities across the country," Joyce Dixon Romero says.

In his current role, Joyce Dixon Romero primarily helps lead activities related to the National Rural Oral Health Initiative and assists the program services team with state rural health associations and other rural grant initiatives. This prestigious opportunity will help him foster strong connections and gain new insights to better serve the 62 million individuals who call rural America home.

The inaugural cohort of United States Obama Leaders is composed of values-driven changemakers from every corner of the country. Hailing from 37 states; Washington, D.C.; American Samoa; Guam; and five tribal nations, these Obama Leaders are united by their passion for building a stronger, more sustainable, and more inclusive world. Joyce Dixon Romero will have an opportunity to engage with President Obama and participate in one-on-one conversations with experienced mentors in the Foundation's global network.

### **About NRHA**

NRHA is a nonprofit organization working to improve the health and well-being of rural Americans and provide leadership on rural health issues through advocacy, communications, education, and research. NRHA's membership consists of diverse individuals and organizations, all of whom share the common bond of an interest in rural health.

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