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NRHA announces new Rural Health Fellows

The National Rural Health Association is pleased to announce the final selections for the new class of Rural Health Fellows.

After a competitive review process, 17 fellows were selected to participate in this yearlong, intensive program aimed at developing leaders who can articulate a clear and compelling vision for rural America.

“We are very pleased to announce this new class of fellows as this program enters its seventeenth year. Once again, this class represents various levels of rural health expertise,” NRHA CEO Alan Morgan says. “With the successes achieved by the previous classes, we look forward to continuing the tradition of building rural health care leaders through this valuable program.”

The 2023 Rural Health Fellows are:

Cynthia Calixte, Deputy Health Officer at Wicomico Health Department, Salisbury, Md.

Jeff Dunbar, Chief Executive Officer at OffSite Care, Santa Rosa, Calif.

Michelle Fortune, Chief Executive Officer at St. Luke’s Hospital, Columbus, N.C.

Michael Hassell, Chief Executive Officer at Melissa Memorial Hospital, Holyoke, Colo.

Kevin Lambing, Senior Program Officer for Health at T.L.L. Temple Foundation, Lufkin, Texas

Shakeerah McCoy, Director of Rural Health Innovation at the North Carolina Healthcare Association, Cary, N.C.

Nitika Moibi, Health Workforce Research Supervisor at the Minnesota Department of Health, St. Paul, Minn.

Jenny Niblock, Chief Clinical Officer at Citizens Medical Center, Colby, Kan.

Alexis Pierre, IV, Director of Dentistry at OmniPoint Health, Anahuac, Texas

Abby Radcliffe, Director of the Small and Rural Constituency Section at the Illinois Health and Hospital Association, Springfield, Ill.

Lisa Rantz, Executive Director at Hilo Medical Center Foundation and President of the Hawaii State Rural Health Association, Hilo, Hawaii

Amah Riley, Program Manager at the Medical University of South Carolina College of Dental Medicine, Charleston, S.C.

Carrie Shaver, Assistant Professor of Health Management, Administration, and Policy at New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, N.M.

Andrea Stephenson-Royster, Chief Executive Officer at Lake Okeechobee Rural Health Network, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Nicole Thill, Executive Director at North Central Wisconsin Area Health Education Center, Wausau, Wis.

Jonathan Updike, Community Track Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellow at Stanford Health Care, Palo Alto, Calif.

Brian Williams, Chief Executive Officer at Coal Country Community Health Center and Sakakawea Medical Center, Hazen, N.D.

Lauren Wood, Health Program Manager at Appalachian Regional Commission, Washington, D.C.

About NRHA

NRHA is a nonprofit organization working to improve the health and wellbeing of rural Americans and provide leadership on rural health issues through advocacy, communications, education, and research. NRHA's membership is made up of diverse individuals and organizations from across the country, all of whom share the common bond of an interest in rural health.