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## **NRHA announces 2020 Rural Health Fellows**

The National Rural Health Association is pleased to announce the final selections for its 2020 Rural Health Fellows program.

After a competitive review process, 15 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 fourteenth 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 new NRHA Rural Health Fellows are:

**Crystal Barter**, Michigan Center for Rural Health director of performance improvement, East Lansing, Mich.

**Sarah Brinkman**, Stratis Health program manager, Bloomington, Minn.

**Jonnathan Busko**, St. Joseph Healthcare emergency department medical director, Bangor, Maine

**Catherine Clary**, Augusta University Institute of Public and Preventive Health rural health director, Augusta, Ga.

**Lindsay Corcoran**, Stroudwater Associates senior health care consultant, Portland, Maine

**Rosalie Eisenreich**, Southeastern Minnesota Center for Independent Living Disability Hub MN director, Rochester, Minn.

**Christopher McLaughlin**, Penn State Health general surgery resident physician, Hershey, Penn.

**Melinda Merrell**, Rural & Minority Health Research Center research assistant professor, Columbia, S.C.

**Stacie Pace**, Rural Health Network of Oklahoma executive director, Hugo, Okla.

**Carolyn Pollari**, Big Horn Valley Health Center behavioral health project director, Hardin, Mont.

**Olivia Riutta**, Montana Primary Care Association outreach and engagement manager, Helena, Mont.

**Eric Schlidt**, University of Wyoming associate director, Laramie, Wyo.

**Jordan Tenenbaum**, Allevant executive vice president, Creve Coeur, Mo.

**Bree Watzak**, Center for Optimizing Rural Health director of technical assistance, College Station, Texas

**Cody Wilkinson**, St. Mary's and Clearwater Valley Hospitals director of clinical operations, Cottonwood, Idaho

The fellows' first meeting will be during NRHA's Rural Health Policy Institute Feb. 10 in Washington, D.C.

NRHA is a nonprofit organization working to improve the health and well-being of rural Americans and providing leadership on rural health issues through advocacy, communications, education, and research. NRHA's membership is made up of more than 21,000 diverse individuals and organizations, all of whom share the common bond of an interest in rural health.

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