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## **NRHA announces 2015 Rural Health Fellows**

The National Rural Health Association is pleased to announce the final selections for the 2015 Rural Health Fellows program.

After the completion of a competitive review process, 16 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 ninth year. Once again, this class represents various levels of rural health expertise,” NRHA CEO Alan Morgan said. “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:

**Brandon Baumbach**, Rural Assistance Center rural health policy specialist, Grand Forks, N.D.

**Roxana Cruz**, MD, Hunt Regional Medical Partners primary care medical director, Greenville, Texas

**Sue Deitz**, Critical Access Hospital Network executive director, Newport, Wash.

**Christine Eisenhauer**, PhD, University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing assistant professor, Norfolk, Neb.

**Erin Gregg**, West Texas Area Health Education Center program coordinator, San Angelo, Texas

**Robert Hines**, PhD, University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita assistant professor, Wichita, Kan.

**Carla McKelvey**, MD, North Bend Medical Center general pediatrician, Coos Bay, Ore.

**Julie Middleton**, University of Washington School of Medicine student, Seattle, Wash.

**Robert Monical**, McPherson Hospital CEO, McPherson, Kan.

**Gary Nelson**, PhD, Healthcare Georgia Foundation CEO, Atlanta, Ga.

**James Parrish**, Humboldt General Hospital CEO, Winnemucca, Nev.

**Maria Sallie Poepsel**, PhD, Scotland County Hospital chief anesthetist, Memphis, Mo.

**Justin Stokes**, U.S. Rep. Richard Hanna chief of staff, Washington, D.C.

**Ann Turner**, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Center for Rural Emergency Services & Trauma (CREST) program manager, Lebanon, N.H.

**Margaret Woeppel**, Bryan Health regional services consultant and critical access hospital coordinator, Lincoln, Neb.

**Mary Zelazny**, Finger Lakes Community Health CEO, Penn Yan, N.Y.

Their first meeting will be during NRHA's Rural Health Policy Institute Feb. 3-5 in Washington, D.C.

NRHA is a nonprofit organization working to improve the health and wellbeing 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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