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Overview

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• Highlights of the 2014-2017 RHND PIMS
• Grantee Success Stories
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Network Development Program
Topic Areas

- ACO
- Telehealth
- Oral Health
- Quality Improvement
- Payment Models
- Health Care Enrollment
- Population Health
- Workforce/Training
- Behavioral Health
- HIT/HIE
- Care Coordination
Network Composition

- Private Practice: 33
- School District: 33
- Health Department: 46
- Social Services Organization: 49
- Rural Health Clinic: 51
- Community Health Center: 59
- Behavioral/Mental Health Organization: 61
- Hospitals: 75
- Other: 162
- Critical Access Hospital: 209
Why Networks

• Networks are uniquely positioned to advance population health and respond to changes in the health care environment due to their ability to:
  • understand the health needs of the community
  • generate cost savings and efficiencies
  • conduct continuous quality improvement initiatives
  • pool resources and provide a wide range of services
  • adapt to changes in healthcare
Network Benefit to Members – 2014 PIMS

- Subject Matter Experts
- Educational Opportunities
- Understanding of Community Health Needs
- Access to Equipment
- Financial Cost Savings
Dollar returned to the community per dollar invested

- 1.3:1

$16,200,000 of Federal funds has resulted in approximately $21,060,000 returned to the community
Highlights of 2014-2017 RHND Program

Systems and Processes in Place for Sustainability
Network Development Going Forward

Data
Outcomes
Impact
Evidence Based/Promising Practice
Evidence Based/Promising Practice Programs

https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/community-health

Rural Community Health Hub

Online Library - Topics & States - Community Health Gateway - Tools for Success - RHIT Publications & Updates -

Evidence-based Toolkits

Rural Health Models & Innovations

Use these step-by-step guides to develop programs that improve the health of rural communities, based on evidence-based and promising interventions. Toolkits are available on a wide range of health topics and issues of interest to rural communities.

Rural Health Models and Innovations

Find examples of rural health projects other communities have undertaken, including models shown to be effective, as well as new and emerging ideas. For each project, learn about the services provided, audiences served, results, and lessons learned.

Supporting Rural Community Health

Learn about a wide range of programs and tools supported by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy to help rural communities improve the health of their residents.

ABOUT THE RURAL COMMUNITY HEALTH GATEWAY

The Rural Community Health Gateway is a resource for finding programs and approaches that rural communities can adapt to improve the health of their residents. The Gateway is the home for information about evidence-based models of rural health interventions, as well as innovative approaches.

MORE USEFUL TOOLS

Economic Impact Analysis

Show how your program’s grant funding affects your community’s economic well-being and share this information with sponsors, funders, and your community

Planning for Sustainability

Tools to help you plan and position your grant-funded projects so that services can be sustained over the long term.

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Grantee Successes

**Polk County Safetyweb Network, WI**
Mike Rust, Network Director

**Health Care Collaborative of Rural Missouri, MO**
Amanda Arnold, Project Director

**NM Primary Care Training Consortium (Network), NM**
Charlie Alfero, Program Director

**North Country Health Consortium, NH**
Nancy Frank, Network Director
Polk County SafetyWeb Network™

From patient interview…

…to health benefits recommendations

Health Benefits Counseling with New Benefits Screening Technology
Applications due November 28, 2016
Online application available at: grants.gov
Grant Period: May 1, 2017 - April 30, 2020
Award Amount: Up to $300,000 per year
Number of Awards: 30
RHND 2017-2020 Cohort

Delivery System Reform Focus:

Broad Inclusion of Network Members to Address:
- Social Determinants of Health
- Population Health Management

Value Based Payment:
- Clinical Quality Measures

Technology:
- Meaningful Use
- Care Coordination
Upcoming FORHP Grant Opportunities
FORHP 2017 Competitive Grant Programs

Rural Health Network Development Planning Program:
Supports the collaboration of newly formed networks that have combined their functions to increase efficiencies, access and quality of healthcare, and strengthen the rural healthcare system as a whole.

Funding Amount: $100,000/year
FOA Release: Nov 2016  / Applications Due: Jan 2017
Contact: Meriam Mikre (MMikre@hrsa.gov)

Black Lung Clinics Program
Seeks to reduce the morbidity and mortality associated with occupation related coal mine lung disease by providing and enhancing direct services, outreach, education, and benefits counseling.

Program Period: July 2017 – June 2020
Funding Amount: Varies
FOA Release: December 2016/ Applications Due: January 2016
Contact: Allison Hutchings (301-945-9819 / ahutchings@hrsa.gov)
Radiation Exposure Screening and Education Program:

Provides assistance to carry out individual cancer screening, medical referrals, public information dissemination, and facilitation of Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) claim documentation for individuals diagnosed with specific cancers and chronic diseases that may have resulted from employment in the uranium mining, milling, and ore transportation industry.

Funding Amount: 3 years, $300,000/year

FOA Release: Late 2016/Early 2017

Contact: Jennifer Burges (JBurges@hrsa.gov)

Rural Child Poverty Telehealth Network Grant Program:

Use of telehealth networks to expand access to, coordinate and improve the quality of health care services for children living in impoverished rural areas, while demonstrating how networks can be enhanced through the integration of social and human service organizations.

Funding Amount: TBD

FOA Release: Late 2017 / Applications Due: TBD

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Questions?
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