

CREATIVE NETWORK SOLUTIONS

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WHAT IS A NETWORK?



A formal organizational arrangement among at least 3 separately owned health providers that come together to develop strategies for improving health services delivery systems in a rural community.

KINDS OF NETWORKS

■ Horizontal

- A network composed of homogenous organizations comprised of one type of providers
 - Ex. A network of 6 critical access hospitals

■ Vertical

- A network composed of different types of providers.
 - Ex. A network of CAH, FQHC, mental/behavioral health facility and local police department.

WHY NETWORK?

- To maximize minimal resources
- To initiate and create a community health project
- To address issues/requirements of the new health care environment

YOU CAN DO MORE TOGETHER THAN APART

FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Network
Planning

Network
Development

ELIGIBILITY

- Rural non-profit as lead applicant
 - <http://datawarehouse.hrsa.gov/RuralAdvisor/RuralHealthAdvisor.aspx>
 - 3+ different entities as a part of network

NETWORK PLANNING

- Purpose: To help networks create a foundation for their infrastructure and focusing member efforts to address important local community health needs.
- Guidance Release: Fall 2013
- Start Date: Spring 2014
- Funding Amount: \$85,000
- Number of grant years: 1
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NETWORK PLANNING ACTIVITIES

- Activities include but are not limited to:
 - Conduct Community health/provider needs assessment
 - Develop Business, operation or strategic plans
 - Perform a health information technology readiness assessment for the network
- Grantee Example: St. Mary's Hospital (MD)
 - Partners: behavioral health organization, FQHC, county department of social services & county community development corporation
 - Project goals: Formalize network through MOU, create board of directors with by-laws & develop business plan and marketing strategy.

NETWORK DEVELOPMENT

- Purpose: To support rural integrated health care networks with combined functions of the network members achieve efficiencies, expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of essential health care services.
- Guidance Release: Fall 2013
- Start Date: Spring 2014
- Funding Amount: \$350,000
- Number of grant years: 3
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NETWORK DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

- Integrating health care services and/or health care delivery of services to achieve efficiencies and improve rural health care services
 - Integrating behavioral health in primary care settings
 - Integrating primary care into behavioral health settings
 - Integrating oral health in primary care settings
 - Integrating primary care into oral health settings
 - Integrating EMS services in hospital settings

NETWORK DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

- Networks will expand access to and improve the quality of essential health care services by focusing on projects and/or network activities directly related to the evolving healthcare environment.
 - Improve performance on quality measures
 - Improve care transitions
 - Reduce hospital readmissions
 - Improve coordination of services
 - Consumer Assistance/facilitating enrollment in health insurance marketplace
 - Collaboration of ECPs to leverage competitive negotiations & contracts
 - Increase primary care workforce in rural areas

NETWORK DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

- Improve population health
 - Use promising practices, evidence-based and/or evidence informed practice to address rural community population health needs.
- Improve population health by using technology
 - HIT/EHR
 - Meaningful Use Stage 2 & Stage 3
 - Telehealth
 - Specialist & primary consultation
 - Imaging services
 - Remote monitoring

RESOURCES

- Rural Eligibility List
 - <http://ruralhealth.hrsa.gov/funding/eligibilitytestv2.asp> or <ftp://ftp.hrsa.gov/ruralhealth/Eligibility2005.pdf>
- National Cooperative of Health Networks
 - <http://www.nchn.org/>
- Rural Assistance Center (RAC)
 - www.raconline.org
- National Rural Health Resource Center
 - www.ruralcenter.org

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