RURAL ALLIED HEALTH NETWORK TRAINING PROGRAM WEBINAR:

Network Opportunities to the Opioid Epidemic and Behavioral Health Workforce Shortages

Speaker Bios

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Captain Sophia Russell, a member of the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, is the Director of the Division of Nursing and Public Health at the Health Resources and Services Administration in the Bureau of Health Workforce, where she is responsible for the strategic guidance for a $330M/year portfolio of programs spanning more than 800 federal awards (FY18) in nursing, public health, and behavioral health and 2 national coordinating centers. In this capacity, Captain Russell serves as principal advisor on strategies and decisions regarding national policy with regard to support of nursing practice and education, and behavioral and public health programs.

Captain Russell holds a Doctorate of Management degree in organizational leadership from the University of Phoenix and received a Master of Business Administration (with a concentration in corporate finance) from John Hopkins University. She is a graduate of Norfolk State University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and holds a post-graduate certificate in Global Health from the University of Maryland. She is board certified as a Nurse Executive by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

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