

# Network Technical Assistance Kick-Off Rural Health Network Planning Grantees

Network TA Team July, 2015

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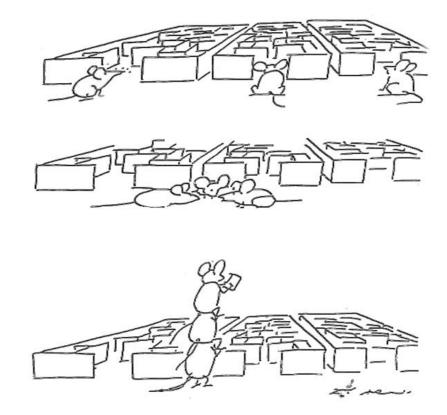






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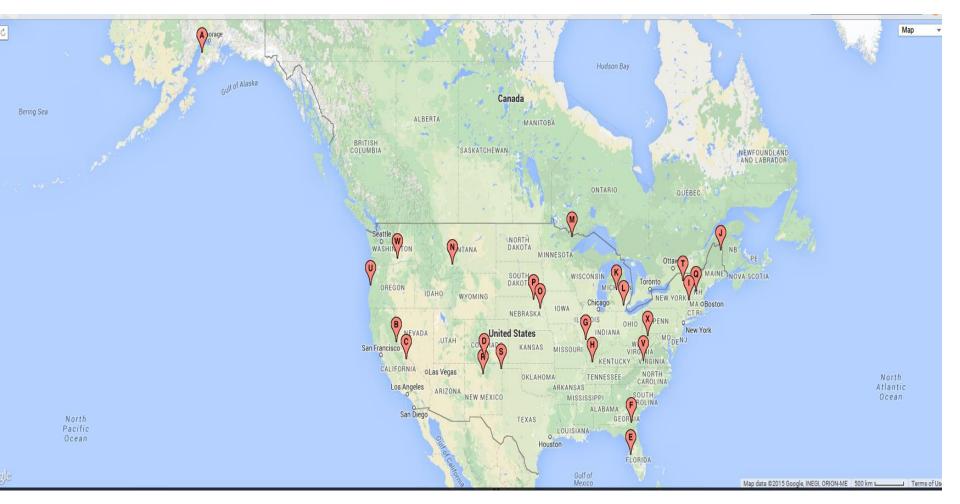
#### **Rural Health Networks**



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#### Network Planning Grantees





Our goal is to provide you with relevant and timely technical assistance (TA), education and resources that will support successful program outcomes and network sustainability.



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#### **TA Strategies**

- Strengthen network development
- Facilitate plans for sustainability
- Build network staff knowledge capacity within your specific grant focus areas

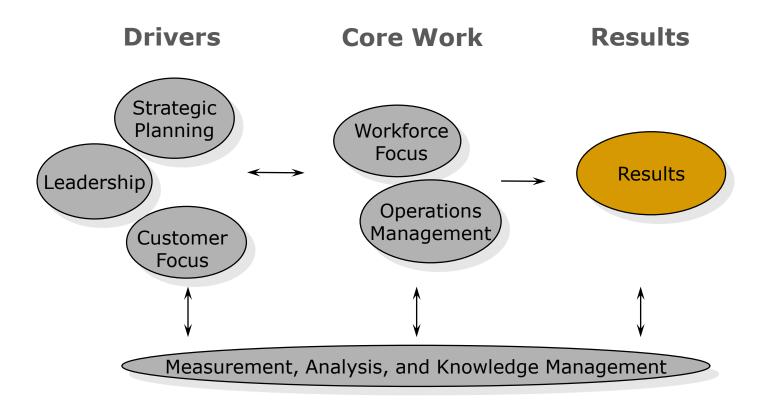


#### **TA Fundamentals**

- Use a systems framework
- Incorporate a `helping' attitude
- Build on the needs of the grantees
- Be driven by forward thinking



#### Aim for Impact and Sustainability



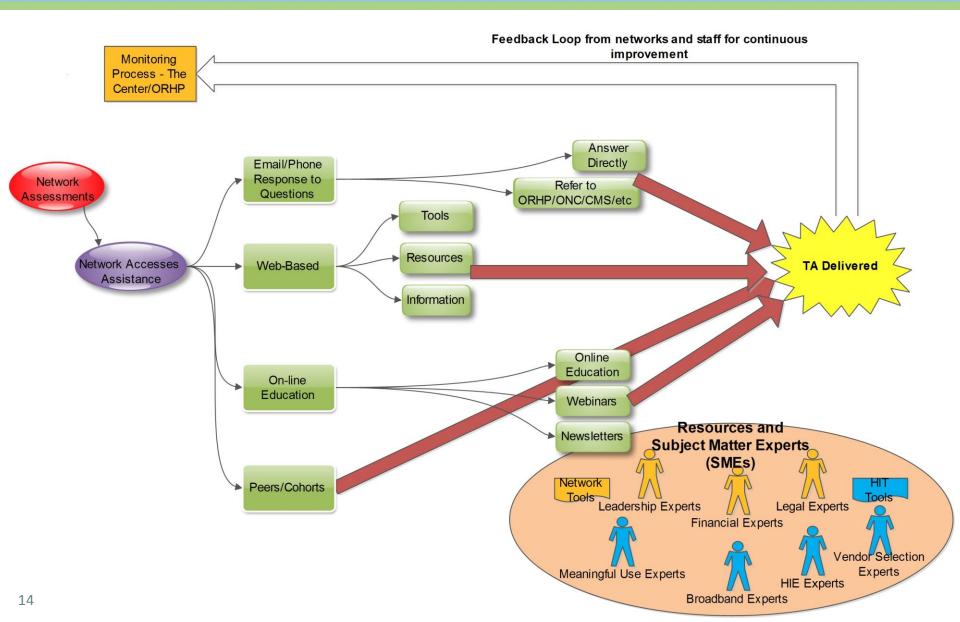


## TA Methods

- Use multiple modes of education, knowledge sharing, and communication
- Focus on leadership development and capacity building
- Support a culture of continuous improvement
- Facilitate knowledge sharing and an environment of innovation and creativity
- TA Needs Assessment



#### **Technical Assistance Diagram**



#### Technical Assistance: What is it?

- 1. Available for ad hoc questions and TA
- 2. TA Check-In Calls
- 3. Education via webinar
- 4. Peer Group Calls
- 5. Online tools and resources
- 6. In-Person Workshops



#### Ad Hoc Questions and TA

- Contact us via email or phone
  - <u>NetworkTA@ruralcenter.org</u>
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### 1:1 TA Calls

- "Intro Calls" scheduled for July-Aug, 2015
  - Get to know each other
  - TA Problem solving
- "Check-In Calls" scheduled for Feb-March, 2016
  - Progress update
  - TA Problem solving
  - Coaching on strategic plans
- "Closing Calls" scheduled for May, 2016
  - Next Steps
  - TA Problem solving

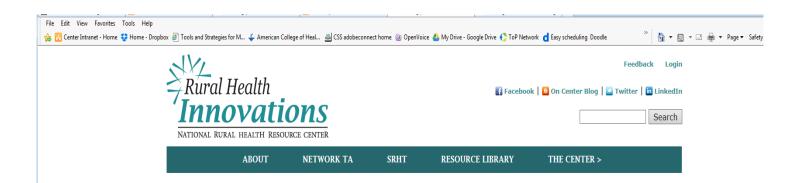


#### **Education and Communication**

- Educational Webinars
  - Support for your deliverables
  - $\circ\,$  Network development topics
- Peer Group Calls
  - Interactive by design
  - Opportunity to learn from each other
- Monthly Networking News



#### **Online TA Events and Resource**



#### Planning

The <u>Rural Health Network Development Planning Program</u> (Planning) has 69 HRSA/ORHP grantees. This is a one year grant program, with grant awards up to \$85,000 per year. The legislative purpose of this program is to expand access to, coordinate and improve the quality of essential health care services and enhance the delivery of health care, in rural areas. The program supports the planning and development of a formal health care network to improve health care delivery in rural areas. This program allows applicants to develop a business or strategic plan, conduct a needs assessment, conduct health information technology readiness and ultimately form a network. Successful grantees often apply for the three-year Network Development implementation grant to continue the work they started under the Network Planning grant.

#### Leadership Learning Community Webinars

1. <u>"Innovation and Creativity"</u> Recorded Thursday, January 29, 2015

2. <u>"Change Leadership"</u> Recorded Thursday, February 26, 2015

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#### **Online TA for Planning Grantees**

#### Aim for Impact

Sample list of tools and resources for you to:

- Facilitate group decisions and improve collaboration
- Help your network better handle change
- Compare different models of care coordination
- Learn about technology solutions for your project, (i.e. health information exchange/DIRECT, data analytics, privacy and security, etc.)



### TA Workshops

Reverse site visits = Workshops.

- More grantees than spaces in the workshops
- Selection process will be communicated in August
- Everyone is eligible to attend one of the workshops
- Up to four in the coming year





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