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Federal Office of Rural Health Policy**

**Rural Health Network Development Planning Program  
Partnership Meeting**

**May 2 - 3, 2016**

**5600 Fishers Lane,  
Rockville, MD 20857  
Room 5E-29 & 5E-49**

Monday, May 2, 2016	
8:15 - 8:45 a.m.	<b>Security Check-In</b>
9:00 – 9:15 a.m. (Room 5E-29)	<b>Meeting Kick-Off</b>  Speakers: Nisha Patel, MA, CHES Director, Community-Based Division Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, HRSA  Diana Espinosa, MPP Deputy Administrator, HRSA
9:15 – 9:45 a.m. (Room 5E-29)	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b> Opening remarks and staff introductions will be provided by the Federal Office of Rural Policy (FORHP). The technical assistance team, Rural Health Innovations (RHI), and the Network Planning grantees will also provide introductions and a brief overview regarding their respective programs.  Speaker: Meriam Mikre, MPH Rural Health Network Development Planning Program Coordinator Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, HRSA
9:45 – 10:00 a.m. (Room 5E-29)	<b>Program Update</b> This presentation will deliver information regarding updates to the Network Planning Program and will include a brief overview of program updates within the Community-Based Division.  Speaker: Meriam Mikre, MPH Rural Health Network Development Planning Program Coordinator Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, HRSA

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10:00 – 10:15 a.m. (Room 5E-29)	<p><b>The Role of Networks in Rural Healthcare</b></p> <p>This session will provide the opportunity to identify and address the potential impact of rural health networks on rural populations.</p> <p>Speaker: Kap Wilkes, MBA Director of Program Development Rural Health Innovations</p>
10:15 – 10:25 a.m.	<b>BREAK</b>
10:25 – 11:05 a.m. (Room 5E-29)	<p><b>Networking and Peer Sharing</b></p> <p>This activity is designed to facilitate problem solving with fellow network leaders as well as to encourage continued peer sharing after the close of the Planning grant. Participants will share insights on their networks' development, impact on their communities, and partnership building and collaboration efforts.</p> <p>Facilitators:</p> <p>Becky Gourde, MPA Program Coordinator II Rural Health Innovations</p> <p>Cassandra Rockers, BA Program Coordinator Rural Health Innovations</p> <p>Kap Wilkes, MBA Director of Program Development Rural Health Innovations</p>
11:05 – 12:25 p.m. (Room 5E-29)	<p><b>Engaging Stakeholders with Focused Conversations</b></p> <p>This interactive training session will provide participants with an understanding of facilitative leadership that promotes meaningful collaboration using the focused conversation method. The training is designed to increase the skill capacity of participants for improved meetings and group discussion within their network advisory committees and with network partners.</p> <p>Speaker: Beth Glommen Certified Facilitator and Qualified Trainer, Technology of Participation Rural Health Innovations</p>
12:25 – 1:40 p.m. (HHS Cafeteria)	<b>NETWORKING LUNCH (<i>On Your Own</i>)</b>
1:40 – 2:40 p.m. (Room 5E-29)	<p><b>Learning and Sharing Stations</b></p> <p>Learning and sharing stations, similar to round table discussions, will provide opportunities for grantees to practice new facilitation skills and share insights on effective group decision making.</p>

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	<p>Topics and Moderators:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Group Decision Making</b> – Kap Wilkes, RHI</li> <li><b>Writing Your Own Focused Conversation</b> – Beth Glommen, RHI</li> </ol>
2:50 – 4:10 p.m.	<p><b>Concurrent Breakout Sessions:</b></p> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>Telehealth – Updates from the Office for the Advancement of Telehealth and a Review of Available Telehealth Tools and Resources</b></p> <p>Room: 18B-03</p> </div> <p>Speaker:  Carlos Mena, MS  Telehealth Network Grant Program Coordinator  Office for the Advancement of Telehealth, FORHP</p> <p>Moderator:  Ann Ferrero, MPH  Rural Health Network Development Planning Project Officer  Community-Based Division, FORHP</p> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>Evaluation – A Methodology Review and Details Regarding the Potential Impact of Program Evaluation</b></p> <p>Room: 5E-29</p> </div> <p>Speaker:  Alana Knudson, PhD  Co-Director, Walsh Center for Rural Health Analysis  NORC at the University of Chicago</p> <p>Moderator:  Amber Berrian, MPH  Rural Health Care Services Outreach Program Coordinator  Community-Based Division, FORHP</p> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>Behavioral Health – An Overview of the Current Climate of Behavioral Health in Rural America and the Available Resources</b></p> <p>Room: 16B-04</p> </div> <p>Speakers:  Helen Newton  Public Health Analyst  Policy and Research Division, FORHP</p> <p>Sara Afayee, MSW, LGSW  Rural Health Care Coordination Network Partnership Program  Community-Based Division, FORHP</p> <p>Moderator:  Allison Hutchings, MPH  Black Lung Clinics Program Coordinator  Community-Based Division, FORHP</p>
4:20 – 4:30 p.m. (Room 5E-29)	<p><b>Report Back and Closing Remarks</b></p> <p>Grantees will utilize this time to provide their feedback regarding the meeting sessions.</p>

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	<p>Moderator: Meriam Mikre, MPH Rural Health Network Development Planning Program Coordinator Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, HRSA</p>
4:30 p.m.	<b>ADJOURN</b>
6:30 p.m.	<p><b>Networking Dinner</b> <i>(Optional)</i></p> <p>Matchbox 1699 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852</p>
<b>Tuesday, May 3, 2016</b>	
8:15 – 8:45 a.m.	<b>Security Check-In</b>
9:00 – 9:10 a.m. (Room 5E-49)	<p><b>Welcome and Housekeeping Items</b></p> <p>Speaker: Meriam Mikre, MPH Rural Health Network Development Planning Program Coordinator Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, HRSA</p>
9:10 – 10:00 a.m. (Room 5E-49)	<p><b>Plenary: Success Stories - Translating Theory into Practice</b></p> <p>This session features grantees that have utilized different types of programmatic models in achieving their project goals. The speakers will share their experiences and provide insight on the successes and challenges associated with their programs.</p> <p>Speakers: Michael Ward - South Lake Tahoe Mental Health Cooperative (South Lake Tahoe, CA) Jennifer Uhrich - Behavioral Health Network (Ely, MN) Barry Brogan - North Country Behavioral Healthcare Network (Saranac Lake, NY)</p> <p>Moderator: Ann Ferrero, MPH Rural Health Network Development Planning Project Officer Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, HRSA</p>
10:00 – 11:00 a.m. (Room 5E-49)	<p><b>Workshop: Improving Your Potential for Sustainability</b></p> <p>Sustainability is defined as both achieving outcomes and being able to continue network activities over time. Network leaders will explore sustainability using a systems framework approach.</p> <p>Facilitators : Becky Gourde, MPA Program Coordinator II Rural Health Innovations</p>

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	Kap Wilkes, MBA Director of Program Development Rural Health Innovations
11:00 – 11:10 a.m.	<b>BREAK</b>
11:10 – 11:30 a.m. (Room 5E-49)	<b>Grants Management &amp; Close-Out Information</b> Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the upcoming closeout process and the expectations from the Grants office.  Speaker: Nancy Gaines Grants Management Specialist Division of Grants Management Operations, HRSA
11:30 – 11:45 a.m. (Room 5E-49)	<b>Question and Answer Session</b> This will provide attendees the opportunity to meet and interact with representatives from the Grants office, Program office, and the Network TA team in order to address any outstanding concerns or questions.  Moderator: Meriam Mikre, MPH Rural Health Network Development Planning Program Coordinator Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, HRSA
11:45 – 12:00 p.m. (Room 5E-49)	<b>Debrief and Evaluations</b>  Speaker: Meriam Mikre, MPH Rural Health Network Development Planning Program Coordinator Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, HRSA
12:00 p.m.	<b>ADJOURN</b>

***Security Check-In*** – FORHP staff will meet attendees at the building entrance in order to escort attendees into the building and direct them to the meeting space. Please be sure to have a government issued form of identification to present during security check-in (i.e. Driver's License or Passport).

***Lunch*** – We encourage attendees to have lunch at the cafeteria inside the HHS Building for time and security check-in purposes.

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