



RURAL HEALTH CONNECT

Improving the Health of Rural Communities

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Health Equity Grant Program

The Utah Department of Health Office of Primary Care and Rural Health is excited to announce the release of remaining funds for the Health Equity Grant Program! The Health Equity Grant Program is designed to address long-term health disparities caused or highlighted by COVID-19. To apply for the grant and additional information, please follow the link [here](#). To access the RFP please click [here](#), and for any questions related to the RFP, please email at opcrh@utah.gov.

The OPCRH will host two online sessions to go over the requirements and answer questions:

- December 14, 11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
- December 14, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The information covered in both sessions will be the same. There is no need to register.

The OPCRH Request for Proposal Question and Answer Sessions:

Google Meet info for **both sessions**

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/bom-zfno-wcq>

Or dial: (US)+1 402-789-6881 PIN: 392 907 145#

NOSORH Community Star

The Utah Department of Health Office of Primary Care and Rural Health congratulates Tammy Barton, Director of Garfield County Ambulance, for receiving Utah's National Organizations of State Offices of Rural Health Community Star Nomination! To view every state's NOSORH National Rural Health Day Community Star Nomination, please click [here](#).



CELEBRATING
THE POWER OF RURAL

NOSORH's annual Community Star Recognition Program, in conjunction with National Rural Health Day, honors the individuals, coalitions and organizations whose contributions are making a difference in rural health through collaboration, education, innovation, and communication.



2021 COMMUNITY STAR

Tammy Barton

Panguitch, Utah

Presented by the
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF STATE OFFICES OF RURAL HEALTH

National Rural Health Day—Photo Contest Winners

Thank you for celebrating National Rural Health Day and the beauty of rural Utah. The OPCRH team wishes you all a safe and healthy holiday season, and encourages you to celebrate the Power of Rural!

To view this year's winners and past winners, please follow the link [here](#).

First Place Winner

Photo by DeAnne Staheli



Second Place Winner

"Simple Country Life" by Melissa Huntington



Third Place Winner

"Wagon" by Teresa Dahl



Webinars & Upcoming Events

CEARH

Center for Economic Analysis of Rural Health

Economic Development for Health Care Leaders, Part One

Dear Rural Health Stakeholders,

The Center for Economic Analysis of Rural Health (CEARH), and the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy are proud to present the first of a two-part webinar series reviewing success stories where health care leadership has played an active role in local or regional economic development (ED) initiatives that also have implications for the local health care sector.

In Economic Development for Health Care Leaders, Part One, we will explore the basics of economic development (ED): what it is, why communities "do" ED, and the primary stakeholders who are involved in ED efforts. ED efforts aim to create new primary jobs that pay more than the prevailing wage, increase the amount of income coming into the community from outside its market area, and create greater capital investment in the community.

This webinar is intended for State Offices of Rural Health, hospital and clinic administrators, rural public health leadership, and other interested parties.

The session is live on **Wednesday, December 8th at 3:00pm ET/2:00pm CT/1:00pm MT/12:00pm PT** and will be recorded for later viewing.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Please feel free to share with others and reach out to Beth Kolf if you have any questions.

Funding Opportunities

[Click here for more information on:](#)

Development and Implementation of Innovative Interventions that Effectively Address Health Disparities in Access to Care for Medically Underserved Communities

Toolkit Highlight



Booster Messaging Toolkit: We Can Do This

Health and Human Services (HHS) is expanding its vaccine toolkit for community messaging to include new materials available to educate your community about who is eligible for a booster (all adults!) and when they are eligible.

To access the toolkit materials, please follow the link [here](#).



Rural Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Toolkit

This toolkit compiles evidence-based and promising models and resources to support organizations implementation of rural MOUD programs across the United States.

The modules in the toolkit contain resources and information focused on how to develop, implement, evaluate, and sustain a rural MOUD program.

The target audiences for this toolkit are rural organizations including: healthcare providers, such as hospitals and clinics; non-profit organizations; faith-based organizations; businesses; and community-based organizations.

There are more resources on general community health strategies available in the [Rural Community Health Toolkit](#).

[To access this toolkit please click here.](#)



Free Telehealth Certification Courses

The Northwest Regional Telehealth Resource Center is offering multiple telehealth certification courses for free. You can find the resources by following the link [here](#).

National Organizations

[Human Services to Support Rural Health](#)

[Oral Health in Rural Communities](#)

[Overdose Data to Action \(RFA-CE19-1904\)](#)

[HRSA US Fact Sheet by State](#)

[Rural Health Care Professional Job Posting](#)



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The OPCRH provides support to our stakeholders and clients in the form of hands-on support, economic impact analysis, research, community health needs assessments, and healthcare workforce needs assessment. We also provide technical assistance and pertinent information on student loan repayment programs and grant opportunities

If you would like to be a part of our newsletter in the future and/or would like to submit a success story, announcement, or communicate any other information to us or your rural health partners, please contact Colton Gordon, OPCRH Program Specialist 801-230-6570, coltongordon@utah.gov

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