



RURAL HEALTH CONNECT

Improving the Health of Rural Communities

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Statewide Updates & News

National Rural Health Day – Photo Contest

Only *one week* left to submit your photos for the NRHD Photo Contest! In recognition of National Rural Health Day, the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health is opening submissions for our annual [Rural Health Photo Contest](#). Contestants, please submit your photos by the end of day **November 5, 2021**. Please submit up to eight photos in a JPEG format, up to size 5MB per picture to opcrh@utah.gov.

Please complete and include the [Media Consent](#) Form/Photo Entry with your submission.

Download Media Consent form [here](#)

If you have any questions, please email coltongordon@utah.gov or opcrh@utah.gov. We look forward to your submissions!

Nurse NEPQR Stories

The University of Utah's NEPQR Program invites nurses from rural Utah to share their Rural Health Nurse Story!

Celebrate the [#powerofrural](#) by sharing your experience as a rural health nurse!

Answer at least one of the questions below by a) creating a 2 minute video of yourself or b) writing a paragraph and providing a picture.

- 1) What made you choose rural health nursing?
- 2) What is the biggest difference you make as a rural health nurse?
- 3) What has been your most rewarding patient experience?
- 4) What is unique about being a rural health nurse?
- 5) What is something that has surprised you about being a rural health nurse?

Submit by **Friday, November 5, 2021**

Email: unepqr@utah.edu for submissions and/or questions

Crisis Workforce Grant Opportunity for CBO

The Utah Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Preparedness (BEMSP) is offering a grant program to meet individual jurisdictional and local needs for clinical support in Utah's Community Based Organizations (CBOs).

Grants will help recipients establish, expand, train, and sustain the health workforce within Utah CBOs to support jurisdictional COVID-19 prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery initiatives.

Open from November 1, 2021 until November 30, 2021

[To apply and for more information, please follow the link here.](#)

Webinars & Upcoming Events



Rural Health Talk: From J1 to Day One: A Conversation about the Benefits and Process of Hiring International Medical Professionals

The Office of Primary Care & Rural Health and Fredrikson & Byron, P.A. invite you to participate in a interactive rural health discussion in honor of National Rural Health Week.

Join Google Meeting:

Video call link: meet.google.com/dht-mtyn-fio

Or dial: (US) +1 414-909-6965 PIN: 560 437 124#

Time: November 17, 2021 12:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Title: From J1 to Day One: A Conversation about the Benefits and Process of Hiring International Medical Professionals

Synopsis: In light of staffing challenges across healthcare facilities in the US, a critical goal is to recruit and retain the healthcare workforce. Please join us on Wednesday, November 17th at 12:00pm Mountain Time (2:00pm EST) for a conversation about the benefits and process of recruiting and retaining medical professionals under the J-1 visa program. The presentation will specifically address the J-1 waiver process and various immigration options for international medical professionals. Our guest speakers for this talk are Loan Huynh and Matthew Webster from Fredrikson & Byron, P.A. law firm, located in Minneapolis, Minnesota. There will be time for Q&A during the presentation, but you are welcome to send any questions for our presenters in response to this invite. Please feel free to share

with any colleagues who may be interested.

For information and questions please contact: Jazmin Letamendi
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Upcoming Webinar: Family Physicians in Rural America - Training, Distribution, and Scope of Practice

Family physicians are trained to treat patients of all ages and genders, for any clinical condition in any care setting. Consequently, they are the most prevalent physician specialty in rural America. Drs. Peterson and Patterson will present work on the training of family physicians in rural areas, the family physician workforce distribution, and rural/urban differences in scope of practice.

Registration is free and required. Attendance of the live webinar is limited to 500 persons. If you are unable to attend, you will be able to access the recording, archived on the Gateway website.

[Zoom Registration here](#)

Date: November 9, 2021

Time: 10:00 am Pacific, 11:00 am Mountain, 12:00 pm Central, 1:00 pm Eastern

Duration: Approximately 60 minutes

Website: ruralhealthresearch.org/webinars/family-physicians

Funding Opportunities

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

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Toolkit Highlight



Rural Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Toolkit

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

The modules in the toolkit contain resources and information focused on developing, implementing, evaluating, and sustaining 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,
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