



Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs

Rhode Island Healthcare Workforce Summit

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Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People



Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Overview



Supports more than 90 programs that provide healthcare to people who are geographically isolated, economically, or medically challenged



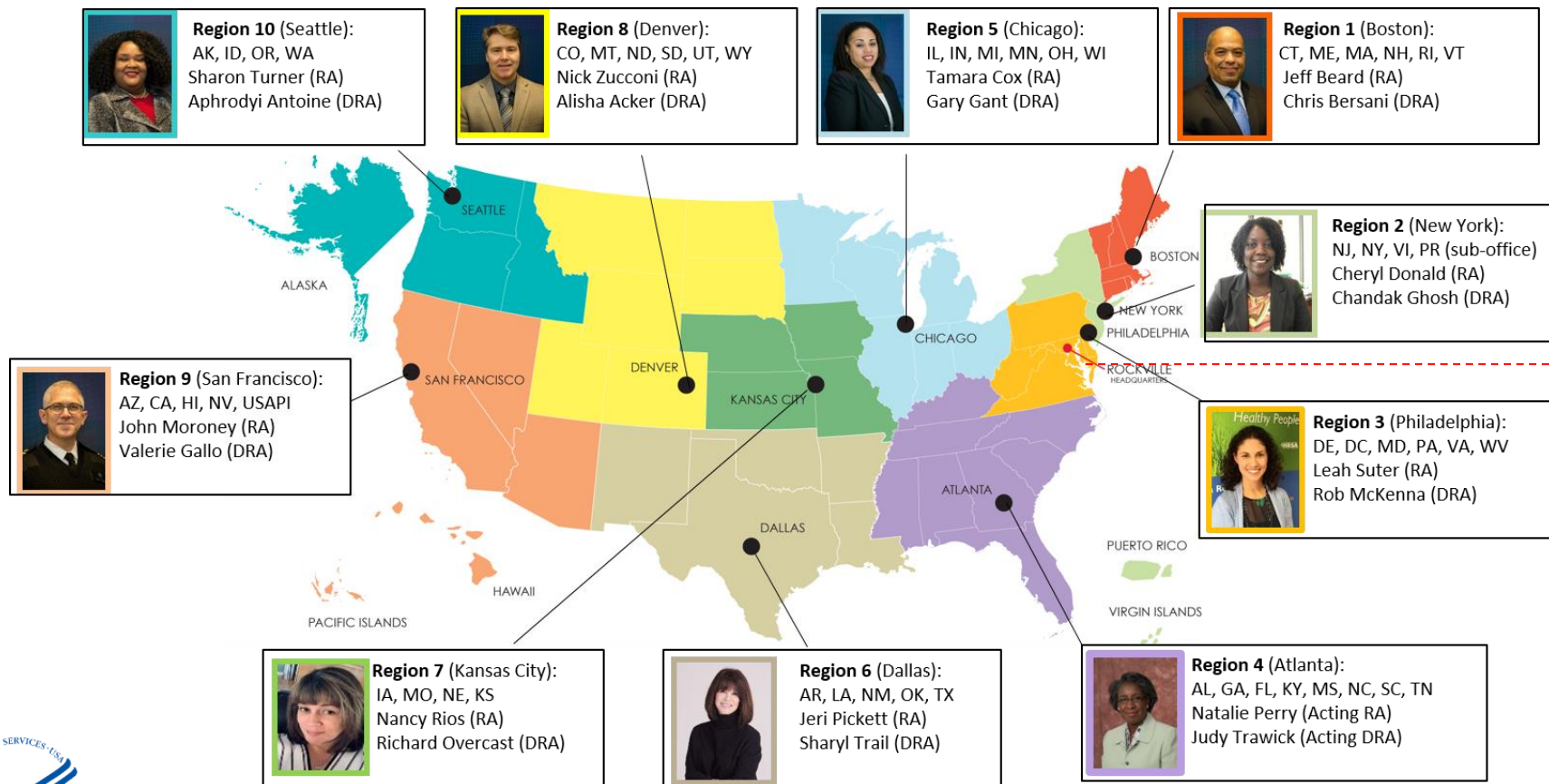
HRSA does this through grants and cooperative agreements to more than 3,000 awardees, including community and faith-based organizations, colleges, and universities, hospitals, state, local, and tribal governments, and private entities



Every year, HRSA programs serve tens of millions of people, including people with HIV/AIDS, pregnant people, mothers and their families, and those otherwise unable to access quality healthcare

HRSA IEA Organizational Structure

Ten Regions - One HRSA



HRSA IEA Headquarters



Natasha Coulouris
Director



Pam Kania
Deputy Director



Sabrina Chapple
Senior Advisor



Fay Ferguson
Executive Officer



HRSA IEA Funding History

Fiscal Year	Funding Amount
2022	\$4,157,790*
2021	\$635,868
2020	\$635,868

Resources support:

- National Organizations of State and Local Officials Cooperative Agreement
- Tribal Affairs and other contracts
- Regional, state, and local meetings, events, and technical assistance sessions
- Staff travel and outreach activities
- Regional administrative needs and operating expenses
- Co-manage additional \$1M BPHC Challenge Competition



HRSA IEA Core Functions

Mission: The HRSA Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs serves as the principal Agency lead on intergovernmental and external affairs, regional operations, and tribal partnerships



HRSA Workforce Programs Aim to Address

Access

- Increase access to health care for underserved and vulnerable populations

Supply

- Promote equilibrium in the supply and address shortages of health professionals

Distribution

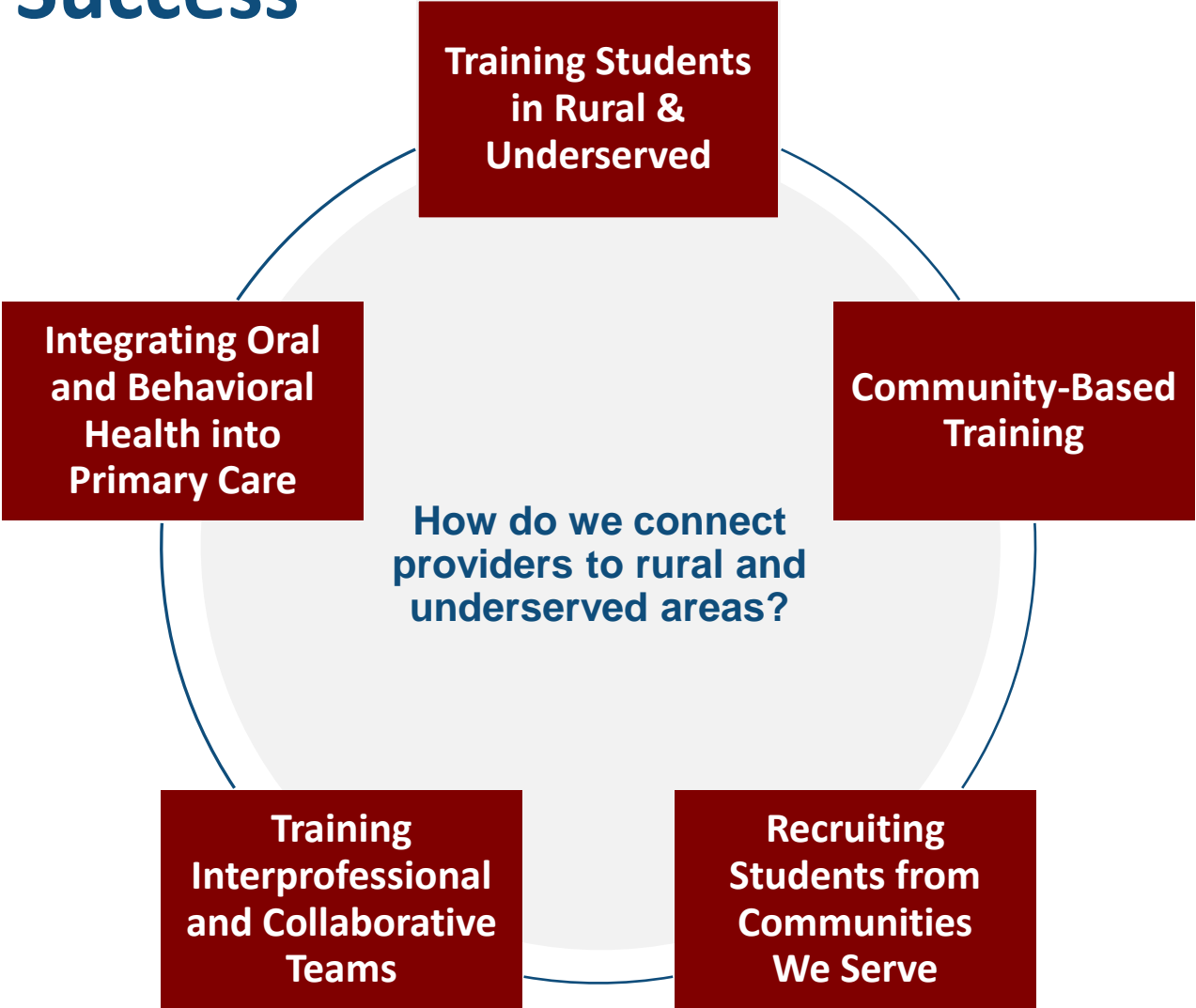
- Improve workforce distribution so all parts of the U.S. have an adequate number of providers to meet the demand for care

Quality

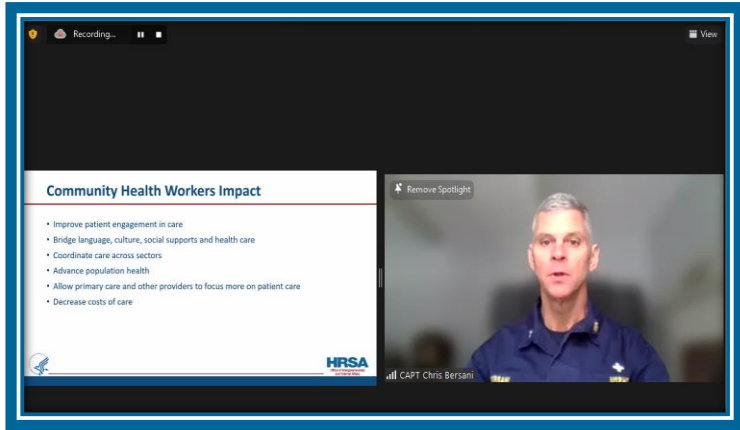
- Develop a quality health workforce that is trained in and employs evidence-based techniques that reflect better patient care



Workforce Strategies for Success



Local Workforce Successful Strategies



Telehealth and The Impact of Community Health Workers Webinar



The First Northeast Culturally Centered Tribal Treatment Center



“ Help Wanted ” Focus Group



Bilingual Webinars Targeted to Spanish Speaking Providers


2022 HRSA IEA R1 WEBINAR SERIES

PEDIATRIC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PANEL


SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

To enhance access to pediatric behavioral health, early intervention, and preventive services for children, during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.


The Team




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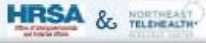
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THE DETAILS

MARCH 29, 2022

12PM - 1PM EST

A CLOSE COLLABORATION BETWEEN



Pediatric Behavioral Health Panel Session



Key Partners for Sustainability

- **HRSA/SAMHSA Primary Care**
 - Primary Care Association
 - Health centers
 - State Office of Rural Health
 - Rural Health Clinics
 - Critical Access Hospitals
 - Community Behavioral Health/Mental Health/Substance Abuse Associations
 - Community behavioral health/mental health centers
 - Substance use disorder programs
- **HRSA Workforce**
 - Area Health Education Centers (AHEC)
 - Public Health Training Center (PHTC)
 - National Health Service Corps
- **State/Local Agencies**
 - Public health departments
 - Behavioral Health state/local agencies
- **Faith-based organizations**



Key Partners for Sustainability Continued

- **Professional Training Programs**
 - Behavioral health professional training programs
 - Cross training – Schools of Public Health, Schools of Nursing
 - Universities
- **Associations**
 - Behavioral Health professional associations
 - Hospital Associations
 - Rural Associations
- **Health Foundations**
- **Tribal**
 - State Tribal Associations
 - Tribal Health Boards
 - Urban Indian Clinics
- **Training/Technical Assistance/Continuing Education**
 - SAMHSA
 - Addiction Technology Transfer Centers
 - Mental Health Technology Transfer Centers
 - Prevention Technology Transfer Centers
 - Telehealth Resource Centers



Future of the BHW Health Workforce

HRSA will continue to strengthen the health workforce and support clinicians working in rural and underserved areas by making strategic investments in our programs.

Education

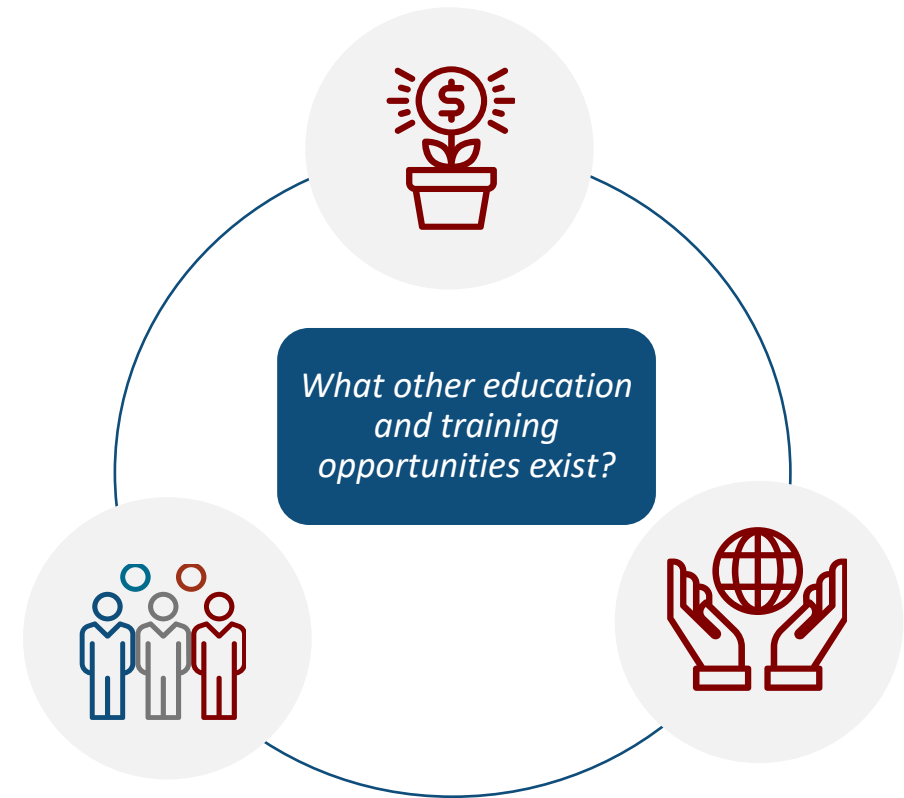
Building a diverse and well trained workforce committed to improve the health of the underserved

Training

Incorporating education and training as an essential component of quality improvement and workforce retention

Service

Connecting a quality health workforce to our underserved communities



When should you contact ORO?

- When you would like to connect with HRSA or HHS programs
- When you have questions about HRSA or HHS programs, data, policies, or resources
- When you are looking for a new type of partner or resource (including funding opportunities)
- When you would like to share information with HRSA to inform decision making or programming
- When you would like HRSA representation at a meeting or event
- Simply to connect!



Key Resources

- <https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/>
- <https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loan-repayment/funding-priorities>
- <https://www.hrsa.gov/grants/find-funding>
- <http://jobfair.hrsa.gov>
- <http://connector.hrsa.gov>
- <https://data.hrsa.gov/data/dashboards>



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