Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs

Rhode Island Healthcare Workforce Summit

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Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People
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

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## HRSA IEA Funding History

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<th>Fiscal Year</th>
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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
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

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<td>• Increase access to health care for underserved and vulnerable populations</td>
<td>• Promote equilibrium in the supply and address shortages of health professionals</td>
<td>• Improve workforce distribution so all parts of the U.S. have an adequate number of providers to meet the demand for care</td>
<td>• Develop a quality health workforce that is trained in and employs evidence-based techniques that reflect better patient care</td>
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Workforce Strategies for Success

- Training Students in Rural & Underserved
- Community-Based Training
- Integrating Oral and Behavioral Health into Primary Care
- Training Interprofessional and Collaborative Teams
- Recruiting Students from Communities We Serve

How do we connect providers to rural and underserved areas?
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

Pediatric Behavioral Health Panel Session
Key Partners for Sustainability

• HRSA/SAMHSA Primary Care
  o Primary Care Association
    ▪ Health centers
  o State Office of Rural Health
    ▪ Rural Health Clinics
    ▪ Critical Access Hospitals
  o Community Behavioral Health/Mental Health/Substance Abuse Associations
    ▪ Community behavioral health/mental health centers
    ▪ Substance use disorder programs

• HRSA Workforce
  o Area Health Education Centers (AHEC)
  o Public Health Training Center (PHTC)
  o National Health Service Corps

• State/Local Agencies
  o Public health departments
  o 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

What other education and training opportunities exist?
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://connector.hrsa.gov
- https://data.hrsa.gov/data/dashboards
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