**The Mayflower Hotel | May 30-31, 2019**

*Washington, DC*

**Welcome** to the Seventh Annual Public-Private Collaborations in Rural Health Meeting. We hope the information below will be helpful to you as you prepare for your visit to DC this week.

**About the Rural Health Philanthropy Partnership:** Each year since 2013, the Rural Health Philanthropy Partnership has convened public and private foundations, researchers, and policy makers to discuss federal programs and foundation-led initiatives in rural areas. The annual *Public-Private Collaborations in Rural Health Meeting* presents an opportunity to connect and discuss how combined efforts can produce better outcomes for rural residents and communities. This meeting is co-hosted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Grantmakers In Health (GIH), the National Rural Health Association (NRHA) and the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP).

**Purpose of the Meeting:** Each year a planning committee made up representatives of the host agencies and foundation partners strive to create an agenda that will strengthen current activities, encourage brainstorming about future actions for combined impact, and leverage regional and national relationships between foundations, researchers, and federal partners. During the meeting, participants will hear about federal undertakings, as well as success stories of partnering foundations. **Note:** To learn more about each presenter and federal representative, please refer to the speaker and presenter bios.

# **Thursday, May 30, 2019**

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **Welcome and Introductory Remarks**

The meeting will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. starting with introductory remarks by leaders from the FORHP, GIH, NRHA, and a new co-host agency, the CDC. The CDC has been an increasingly strong partner on rural health issues, starting with the MMWR series in 2017, which was highlighted at this meeting that year, to being a standing participant at the meeting and now, one of the official hosts.

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Surgeon General’s Health and Prosperity Initiative**

Senior Advisor to the Surgeon General, Ursula Bauer, will outline the Surgeon General’s Community Health and Economic Prosperity Initiative which builds on the recognition that health and economic well-being are inextricably linked. Although there are many examples of ongoing public, private and philanthropic initiatives examining how investments in communities can enhance health, well-being and economic prosperity, there has not been a thorough assessment that makes the case for business engagement.  The Surgeon General's initiative will focus on that case, with the goal of improving the health of Americans and unleashing a more sustainable and equitable prosperity for all.

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **BREAK**

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **Rural Health and Housing – Unconventional Partnerships**

The Rural Health and Housing panel will begin with Empire Health Foundation’s Brian Myers who will introduce the session by speaking to the connection between housing and health. He will also discuss the role that philanthropy can play to address housing issues in rural communities. Then, President and CEO of Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future, Eileen Fitzgerald will talk about housing as a platform for supporting other social determinants of health, how housing and care coordination can be linked, and other systems-level policy challenges and innovations. The session will conclude with Pam Tietz from the Spokane Housing Authority who will present a case study on affordable housing development challenges as they pertain to rural Washington State.

11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. **LUNCH**

Participants will have an hour and a half to walk to a nearby location for lunch and use the time to network with other foundations and partners. A list of restaurant and dining options are provided in this packet.

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. **Foundations Spotlight**

The meeting picks up with two foundation spotlights to highlight innovative work being done to tackle ongoing rural health challenges. The first speaker will be Tressie White from the Montana Healthcare Foundation. She will summarize the partnership that the foundation developed with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services to create a Perinatal Behavioral Health Initiative and the successes they have achieved by coordinating clinical and community interventions pregnant women with substance use disorder.

The second spotlight will feature Karen Minyard of the Georgia Health Policy Center and Betsy Sikma, Vice President of Talent and Economic Inclusion at the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce. Karen will provide an overview of the Bridging for Health program, which focuses on improving community health through innovations in financing. Betsy will offer her community’s experience as one of the sites that participated in Bridging for Health collaboration.

2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **Networking Opportunity**

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. **A Conversation on National Rural Philanthropy Initiatives and Resources**

This session will feature Katrina Badger from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and Allen Smart from PhilanthropywoRx. Both Katrina and Allen will provide brief remarks on RWJF’s rural work and highlight the Rural Philanthropic Analysis, an 18-month national project that sought to understand rural places and funding practices that lead to health improvement in rural regions across the country. Following these introductory comments, Katrina and Allen will engage in a dialogue with one another before opening it up for Q&A with the audience.

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Early Rural Lessons Learned from the Opioid Epidemic**

The final session for Day 1 will begin with Karen Scott from the Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts, who will cover the organization’s strategic plan and funding priorities as they relate to the ongoing opioid epidemic. Karen will be followed by Kim Tieman of the Benedum Foundation, who will discuss a “community living” example of best practices related to opioid treatment in the Appalachian Region of West Virginia. Betty-Anne Bryce from the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) will be the third speaker on this panel. Betty-Anne will provide an overview of the tools and resources developed by ONDCP. Nisha Patel of the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy will conclude this session by offering early lessons learned from FORHP’s work on the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) program and will preview upcoming opioid-related funding opportunities that will be offered by FORHP.

5:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. **Day 1 Wrap-Up**

The first day will close with Diane Hall providing a brief wrap-up of the day’s events and any reminders for day two of the meeting.

**Dinner on Your Own – Additional Networking Opportunities**

We encourage foundations to coordinate dinner plans so that they can continue getting to know one another. A list of local dining options will be provided at the meeting.

# **Friday, May 31, 2019**

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Welcome Back and Context Setting for Day 2**

FORHP’s Tom Morris will open the second day with key takeaways from the first day of the meeting and provide an overview of the second day’s agenda.

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Engagements in Rural Health with Federal Partners**

One of the most popular segments of our annual meeting, this session provides the opportunity for attendees to talk informally with representatives from a number of federal agencies (listed below). This year the time has extended to give people a chance to visit more tables. There will be three 30-minute blocks for attendees to meet with a range of federal representatives

When you come into the meeting room in the morning you will see a sign on each table with the name of an agency on it. Choose whichever table you would like. As in previous years, Tom will introduce the session and provide a very brief summary of the rural-relevant work in which the agencies are currently engaged. At the end of his introductions you may stay at your table or move to a different one. You can move to a different table whenever you would like, but we will announce on the half hour, as well.

These conversations are meant to give the foundations an opportunity to learn more about federal efforts around rural health, to ask questions, and to exchange contact information. The hope is that these connections and conversations can lead to deeper discussions and potential collaborations in the future.

**Please note that federal representatives will be the same for all three sessions.**

Roundtable Representatives from:

* Appalachian Regional Commission
* Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Office of the Associate Director for Policy and Strategy
* Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services – Office of Minority Health
* Delta Regional Authority (Invited)
* Environmental Protection Agency – Office of Community Revitalization
* Health Resources and Services Administration – Maternal and Child Health Bureau
* Indian Health Service
* National Institutes of Health – National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences
* National Institutes of Health – National Cancer Institute
* National Institutes of Health – National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute
* Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (Invited)
* U.S. Department of Agriculture – Rural Development
* U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs – Office of Rural Health (Invited)
* White House Office of National Drug Control Policy

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **BREAK**

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **2020 Aligned Funding Initiative**

FORHP leadership will explain the 2020 effort to leverage public private funds to improve rural health through this rural health philanthropy partnership. The upcoming Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) focus, criteria for eligibility and timeline will be discussed.

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. **Sustainable Investments and the Role of CDFIs**

The final session of the day and meeting will start with the Opportunity Finance Network’s Donna Fabiani. She will provide an overview of Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) funds—CDFIs are administered through the Department of the Treasury. Jen Giovannitti from the Benedum Foundation will follow up the discussion with the relevance that CDFIs have to improve health programming and outreach efforts in rural communities.

12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Key Takeaways and Continuing the Conversation**

The second day will close with a brief overview of takeaways from the meeting and next steps for the Rural Health Philanthropy Partnership moving forward. Thank you for joining us and please fill out the evaluation form in your packet and hand it to one of the staff as you leave.

1:00 p.m. **MEETING ADJOURNED**