

## Virtual Meeting | June 3-4, 2021

**Welcome** to the ninth Annual Public-Private Collaborations in Rural Health meeting. We hope the information below will be helpful to you as you prepare for the virtual meeting.

**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). Staff from Georgia State University's (GSU) Georgia Health Policy Center will be facilitating discussion and taking notes during the breakout sessions.

**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 collaborating foundations.

**Meeting Access Note:** The meeting will be conducted virtually on Zoom by NRHA. After registering, you should have received a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Each person that registered received a unique link to join Thursday's meeting.

To join on Friday, you must use this link: <https://ruralhealth-us.zoom.us/j/91535846622?pwd=Uld2RjJm1vTDFzQ2lrZ0RQYnVNQT09>

Join Zoom Meeting  
Meeting ID: 915 3584 6622  
Passcode: 086838

The links are different and specific to each day. We can share this information again on Thursday afternoon.

### June 3, 2021

#### **1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. (ET)**      **Welcome and Introductory Remarks**

The meeting will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. starting with introductory remarks by leaders from the FORHP, GIH, NRHA, and the CDC.

#### **1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.**      **COVID: What Will Rural Carry Forward?**

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, funders have recognized the need to adopt new approaches to their work. Some of these changes are temporary and some are more long term. To start the session the CDC will provide an update on where the nation currently is in addressing the pandemic and plans for the future, as well as new resources CDC has developed. The next two speakers will share some lessons learned, collaborations with new groups, changes funders have made during the last year that will continue beyond the pandemic.

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**2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.                    BREAK**

**3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.                    How to Grant in Rural Today**

Philanthropies across the country are reconsidering how they deploy their resources in order to make the impact where it is need the most. Cara James of Grantmakers in Health will kick off this session to set the context for the discussion. We will then hear about the philosophy behind *trust-based philanthropy*, and ways in which it is being operationalized in rural, under-resourced communities. While this movement existed prior to the pandemic, COVID-19 may have pushed the efforts of organizations to be more flexible and collaborative in their partnerships.

**4:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.                    Closing**

To close out our first day NRHA CEO Alan Morgan will provide some remarks and provide information on how to join day two of the meeting.

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### **June 4, 2021**

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**1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. (ET)            Welcome and Introductory Remarks**

Tom Morris will kick off our second day at 1:00 p.m. by recapping the first day's events and previewing the agenda for the remainder of the meeting.

**1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.                    Federal Roundtables (Two 30 minute session)**

This year we're bringing back 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). There will be two 30-minute blocks for attendees to meet with a range of federal representatives.

Tom Morris will introduce the session and provide a very brief summary of the rural-relevant work in which the agencies are currently engaged. To conduct the roundtables virtually this year we will using Zoom's breakout room function. At the end of Tom's introductions, a list of the available Roundtable "rooms" will appear on the screen. You will choose the one you want to join by clicking on it. Each breakout room will have a capacity limit so that each room has no more than 10 participants. If there are already 10 people in that room, you will be asked to choose a different one.

After 30 minutes you will automatically be moved back to the main meeting. When everyone is back, the choices will appear again and you will be able to enter a different breakout room for the second session.

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.

**Federal Roundtable Virtual Rooms:**

**Human Services**

Administration of Children Families and Youth  
Aleta Meyer  
Administration for Community Living  
Lacey Boven

**Indian Health Service**

Ben Smith

**Broadband and Telehealth**

Office for the Advancement of Telehealth, HRSA  
Heather Dimeris  
Federal Communications Commission  
Karen Onyeije

**Centers of Disease Control Prevention**

Diane M. Hall

**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

Ing-Jye Cheng  
Darci L. Graves

**Department of Labor**

Maya Kelley  
Jeff Ryan

**Domestic Policy Council**

Cat Oakor  
Tricia Kovacs

**Mental Health and Substance Abuse**

National Institute of Mental Health  
Dawn Morales  
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration  
Kimberly Nelson  
Kimberly Reynolds

**Rural Development, USDA**

Kim Berry  
Chris Stevers

**Appalachian Regional Commission**

Eric Stockton  
Kinsey Walker

**Department of Education**

Patrick Carr

**Domestic Policy Council**

Kelliann Blazek  
Alexander Cox

**Office of Minority Health, HHS**

TBD

**2:40 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**BREAK**

**3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Rural Telehealth and Broadband**

Telehealth has long been an important tool in rural communities, but this technology became essential during the pandemic as patients and providers adopted the technology on a broad and historic scale. What does that rapid expansion mean post pandemic? The session will begin with remarks from Heather Dimeris from the Office for the Advancement of Telehealth, which has been the focal point of the rapid expansion of telehealth efforts at HRSA and HHS. We will then hear from an organization that has championed rural broadband for years, and another that has looked at the telehealth needs of its service area in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Closing Remarks**