Welcome to the Tenth 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 next week.

About the Rural Health Philanthropy Partnership: For the past ten years, 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.

Notes:
. As of today, there are no COVID-related guidelines or restriction at the hotel. However, this may change at any time.
. The closest metro stop to the Grand Hyatt Hotel is Metro Center. There are connections to the Orange, Blue, and Red lines at this stop.

Thursday, June 2, 2022

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Gather and Greet
Before the meeting begins, attendees are welcome to arrive at the Grand Hyatt Hotel to mingle and collect their name tags and other materials.

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 FORHP, GIH, NRHA, and the CDC.

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Philanthropy: Rural Health Assets and Equity
Executive Lead of Well-being and Equity in the World and the Well Being in the Nation (WIN) Network, Dr. Somava Saha will talk about her work to advance inter-generational well-being and equity. There are many different public and private initiatives underway to advance health equity, and Dr. Saha will share her thoughts on how funders and other organizations can engage communities in doing this work.
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.  BREAK

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.  Rural Broadband and the Role of Philanthropies

This session will discuss the current state of broadband in rural America and the key role this infrastructure can play in supporting health care, education and rural economic development. The Georgia Health Policy Center has developed mechanisms to assist with the mining of current resources and explored strategies for matching the resources with the people who need them. Shirley Bloomfield from the NTCA - The Rural Broadband Association will discuss the increasingly important role that broadband deployment plays in providing healthcare to rural Americans and how philanthropies can be involved in this work. The session will explore the question, “How can we work together to overcome these hurdles?”

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  LUNCH

Participants will have an hour and fifteen minutes 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.

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  Foundation Spotlight: Paving the Way for Action in Rural Health and Aging

This session will provide a brief overview of key issues facing older adults in rural communities, describe Grantmakers In Aging initiatives and describe plans for a rural aging initiative led by The John A. Hartford Foundation. Recommendations from recent public-private convenings to support rural aging and health will also be discussed.

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  What is Happening Besides COVID?

This session will highlight newer and innovative work of three funders serving dominantly rural regions in Maine, Texas and West Virginia. While the work of these funders has undoubtedly been influenced by the pandemic, their examples respond to long term systemic needs around rural healthcare workforce, rural health systems development, and food insecurity, among other issues. Join us for a conversation about how rural health funders can build their work over time—even in the midst of a crisis of historic significance.

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.  Break
2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.  **Rural Health Policy: Philanthropic Efforts to Add Value and Preserve Care**

Philanthropy has long served as a partner to rural health innovators in both the public and private sectors, often providing a forum for stakeholders to come together to develop and assess new ideas. In this session, we’ll hear from two funders engaging more directly on rural health policy issues and the organizations they’re working with to add value and maintain access to care in rural communities.

3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.  **Informal Networking**

4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  **Day 1 Wrap-Up**

The first day will close with Cara James providing a brief wrap-up of the day’s events and guidance for Day Two of the meeting.

4:30 p.m.  **Meeting Closes for the Day – Dinner on Your Own**

A list of local dining options is included in this packet.

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**Friday, June 3, 2022**

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.  **Welcome Back and Context Setting for Day 2**

FORHP’s Tom Morris will open the second day and provide an overview of the day’s agenda.

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 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). There will be two 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 at 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 clearer understanding and potential collaborations in the future.

**Note for Virtual Attendees:** Due to its format, virtual attendees will not be able to take part in the Federal roundtable session. Please rejoin the meeting at 10:30 for the Administration Update.
Roundtable Representatives from:

- Appalachian Regional Commission – Business & Workforce Investment
- Administration for Children and Families – Early Childhood Development
- Department of Health and Human Services – Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation
- Environmental Protection Agency – Office of Community Revitalization
- Environmental Protection Agency – Office of Environmental Justice
- Health Resources and Services Administration – Bureau of Health Workforce
- Health Resources and Services Administration – Office for the Advancement of Telehealth
- National Institutes of Health – Office of Disease Prevention
- National Institutes of Health – National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
- National Institutes of Health – National Institute of Mental Health
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
- U.S. Department of Agriculture – Rural Development

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.       BREAK

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.       Administration Update

This session will provide an update on the Administration’s rural health priorities and initiatives, including increasing access to maternal care, enhancing behavioral health services, and supporting a strong behavioral health workforce to meet the health needs of rural America.

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.       Build Healthy Places Network

Dr. Douglas Jutte, of the *Build Healthy Places Network* will discuss the work the organization does across sectors to more effectively reduce poverty, advance racial equity, and improve health in neighborhoods across the United States. By fostering nontraditional partnerships to leverage the impact of community-centered investments and advance the health and well-being of persistently disinvested communities. Dr. Jutte will also share a new resource, a playbook focused on *Rural Healthcare Partnerships*.

12:15 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.       Key Takeaways and Continuing the Conversation

The meeting will close with some of the takeaways Alan and Tom will have culled these two days, as well as thoughts about next steps for the Rural Health Philanthropy Partnership. Thank you for joining us, please stay for a few moments to fill out the evaluation form included in the packet, and hand it to one of the staff as you leave. Your input helps in planning next year’s meeting.

1:00 p.m.                     MEETING ADJOURNED