

# Rural Public Health Workforce Training Network Program

2022 Grantee Directory



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3. Identify formal and sustainable pathways with rural health facilities to eventually employ or rely on the public health professionals who complete the RPHWTN funded training/education to obtain high-quality, good-paying jobs.
4. Design or expand culturally and linguistically appropriate workforce trainings that will enhance the competency of the rural health workforce in order to improve health care in rural communities.
5. Develop approaches in training current/existing staff to maximize their clinical/operational capacity.

This Directory provides contact information and a brief description of the 32 rural health networks funded during the 2022-2025 grant period. The reader can search grantee information by state, program track, or organization type. More information about the program can be found here: [Rural Public Health Workforce Training Network Program | HRSA](#).

## Grantee Profiles by State

State	Grant Organization
Florida	<a href="#">Community Health IT, Inc.</a>
Georgia	<a href="#">Southwest Georgia Area Health Education Center</a>
Iowa	<a href="#">Lee County Health Department</a>
Illinois	<a href="#">Blessing Hospital</a>
Kansas	<a href="#">Kansas Clinical Improvement Collaborative, LLC</a> <a href="#">University of Kansas Medical Center Research Institute, Inc.</a>
Massachusetts	<a href="#">Outer Cape Health Services, Inc.</a>
Maine	<a href="#">Maine Primary Care Association</a>
Michigan	<a href="#">Michigan Center For Rural Health</a>
Minnesota	<a href="#">Children's Dental Services</a>
Missouri	<a href="#">Citizen's Memorial Hospital</a> <a href="#">Delta Area Economic Opportunity Corporation</a> <a href="#">Great Mines Health Center</a> <a href="#">Health Care Coalition of Lafayette County</a>
Mississippi	<a href="#">Delta Health Alliance, Inc.</a>
Montana	<a href="#">Montana State University</a>
Nebraska	<a href="#">Nebraska Association of Local Health Directors</a>
New York	<a href="#">Adirondack Health Institute, Inc.</a> <a href="#">Chautauqua County Health Network</a> <a href="#">Margaretville Memorial Hospital</a>
Ohio	<a href="#">The Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio</a>
Oregon	<a href="#">Oregon Health &amp; Science University</a>

South Carolina	<a href="#">Medical University of South Carolina</a>
South Dakota	<a href="#">Avera Health</a> <a href="#">South Dakota State University</a>
Tennessee	<a href="#">Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union City</a>
Texas	<a href="#">Lubbock County Hospital District, Univ. Medical Center</a>
Virginia	<a href="#">Bay Rivers Telehealth Alliance</a> <a href="#">Mountain Empire Community College</a> <a href="#">Rector &amp; Visitors of The University of Virginia</a> <a href="#">Virginia Rural Health Association</a>
West Virginia	<a href="#">Randolph County Housing Authority</a>

## Grantee Profiles by Track

Track	Grant Organization
Track 1: Community Health Support	<a href="#">Chautauqua County Health Network</a> <a href="#">Children’s Dental Services</a> <a href="#">Citizen’s Memorial Hospital</a> <a href="#">Delta Area Economic Opportunity Corporation</a> <a href="#">Delta Health Alliance, Inc.</a> <a href="#">Great Mines Health Center</a> <a href="#">Health Care Coalition of Lafayette County</a> <a href="#">Kansas Clinical Improvement Collaborative, LLC</a> <a href="#">Lee County Health Department</a> <a href="#">Maine Primary Care Association</a> <a href="#">Michigan Center For Rural Health</a> <a href="#">Montana State University</a> <a href="#">Mountain Empire Community College</a> <a href="#">Nebraska Association of Local Health Directors</a> <a href="#">Oregon Health &amp; Science University</a> <a href="#">Outer Cape Health Services, Inc.</a> <a href="#">Randolph County Housing Authority</a> <a href="#">Rector &amp; Visitors of The University of Virginia</a> <a href="#">The Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio</a> <a href="#">Virginia Rural Health Association</a>
Track 2: Health IT and/or Telehealth Technical Support	<a href="#">Avera Health</a> <a href="#">Chautauqua County Health Network</a> <a href="#">Children’s Dental Services</a> <a href="#">CommunityHealth IT, Inc.</a> <a href="#">Margaretville Memorial Hospital</a> <a href="#">Medical University of South Carolina</a> <a href="#">Mountain Empire Community College</a> <a href="#">Rector &amp; Visitors of The University of Virginia</a>



Track	Grant Organization
Track 3: Community Paramedicine	<a href="#">Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union City</a> <a href="#">Bay Rivers Telehealth Alliance</a> <a href="#">Children’s Dental Services</a> <a href="#">Citizen’s Memorial Hospital</a> <a href="#">CommunityHealth IT, Inc.</a> <a href="#">Delta Area Economic Opportunity Corporation</a> <a href="#">Great Mines Health Center</a> <a href="#">Margaretville Memorial Hospital</a> <a href="#">Michigan Center For Rural Health</a> <a href="#">Montana State University</a> <a href="#">Oregon Health &amp; Science University</a> <a href="#">Rector &amp; Visitors of The University of Virginia</a> <a href="#">Southwest Georgia Area Health Education Center</a> <a href="#">The Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio</a>
Track 4: Case Management Staff and/or Respiratory Therapy	<a href="#">Adirondack Health Institute, Inc.</a> <a href="#">Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union City</a> <a href="#">Blessing Hospital</a> <a href="#">Chautauqua County Health Network</a> <a href="#">Children’s Dental Services</a> <a href="#">Citizen’s Memorial Hospital</a> <a href="#">Delta Area Economic Opportunity Corporation</a> <a href="#">Kansas Clinical Improvement Collaborative, LLC</a> <a href="#">Lubbock County Hospital District, Univ. Medical Center</a> <a href="#">Margaretville Memorial Hospital</a> <a href="#">Michigan Center For Rural Health</a> <a href="#">Montana State University</a> <a href="#">South Dakota State University</a> <a href="#">University of Kansas Medical Center Research Institute, Inc.</a>



## Grantee Profiles by Organization Type

Organization Type	Grant Organization
Academic Institution	<a href="#">South Dakota State University</a>
Academic Medical Center	<a href="#">University of Kansas Medical Center Research Institute, Inc.</a>
Area Health Education Center (AHEC)	<a href="#">Southwest Georgia Area Health Education Center</a>
Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)	<a href="#">Great Mines Health Center</a> <a href="#">Health Care Coalition of Lafayette County</a> <a href="#">Outer Cape Health Services, Inc.</a>
Health Department	<a href="#">Lee County Health Department</a>
Hospital (Non-Critical Access Hospital)	<a href="#">Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union City</a> <a href="#">Blessing Hospital</a> <a href="#">Citizen's Memorial Hospital</a> <a href="#">Lubbock County Hospital District, Univ. Medical Center</a> <a href="#">Margaretville Memorial Hospital</a> <a href="#">Rector &amp; Visitors of The University of Virginia</a>
Nonprofit Organization	<a href="#">Adirondack Health Institute, Inc.</a> <a href="#">Avera Health</a> <a href="#">Bay Rivers Telehealth Alliance</a> <a href="#">Chautauqua County Health Network</a> <a href="#">Children's Dental Services</a> <a href="#">CommunityHealth IT, Inc.</a> <a href="#">Delta Area Economic Opportunity Corporation</a> <a href="#">Delta Health Alliance, Inc.</a> <a href="#">Kansas Clinical Improvement Collaborative, LLC</a> <a href="#">Medical University of South Carolina</a> <a href="#">Mountain Empire Community College</a> <a href="#">Nebraska Association of Local Health Directors</a> <a href="#">Virginia Rural Health Association</a> <a href="#">The Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio</a>
Primary Care Association	<a href="#">Maine Primary Care Association</a>
Public Housing Authority	<a href="#">Randolph County Housing Authority</a>
State Office of Rural Health	<a href="#">Michigan Center For Rural Health</a> <a href="#">Oregon Health &amp; Science University</a>

# Adirondack Health Institute, Inc.

**Track 4:**  
Case Management Staff  
and/or Respiratory Therapy

**Grant number:**  
TR1RH45903

**Organization type:**  
Nonprofit Organization

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## Project Description

The North Country Care Coordination Workforce Collaborative initiative will build upon and strengthen existing capacities by leveraging the expertise of a regional nonprofit health workforce development organization that addresses health workforce challenges and needs in northern New York. It will create a one-stop, internet-based platform for information on available case management training and employment opportunities by supporting local providers through case management apprenticeships that ensure on-the-job training complemented by formal coursework offered by a regional institute of higher education, as well as targeted COVID and long-COVID training developed by the regional Area Health Education Center. Together, this network of providers, health educators, and workforce experts will ensure improved and increased availability of care managers to support residents and providers throughout the region.

Project goals include:

- Expand the knowledge base of existing and new case managers.
- Ensure case managers are expert in assisting persons diagnosed with COVID and long-COVID.
- Attract new case managers to the region through marketing and outreach.
- Ensure case managers possess skill sets that are well matched with resident and provider needs.
- Sustainable long-term case manager educational resources that meet provider needs.

## Target Population

The North Country Care Coordination Workforce Collaborative project will serve all residents (405,311) residing in the eight-county rural area in northern New York state known as the North Country region. The population is not diverse in terms of race or ethnicity with just 4% foreign born and 6% speaking a primary language other than English. Residents of this rural region are predominantly White and non-Hispanic however they do experience disparities related to geography and socioeconomic status, including living in a rural area, living alone with limited social support, numerous health professional shortage areas contributing to challenges accessing health care, age, disabilities, and limited health literacy. Each of these attributes can increase the incidence of significant health disparities. Mental health and substance abuse are significant issues, affecting at least one-third of the Medicaid population, and driving significant emergency department utilization across the region. Of those in poverty, four of the counties (Clinton 15.7%, Franklin 19.4%, Fulton 16.4%, Hamilton 25.6%) have greater proportions of people living below poverty, as compared to New York state (11.5%). Lastly, the percentage of adults 18 years of age and older in the region with a disability (16.4%) is higher than the state (11.5%).

## Communities and Counties the Project Serves

Name	County	State
Plattsburgh, Altona, Keeseville, Ausable, Beekmantown, Black Brook, Champlain, Rouses Point, Champlain, Chazy, Clinton, Dannemora, Ellenburg, Mooers, Peru, Plattsburgh, Saranac, Schuyler Falls	Clinton	NY
Chesterfield, Crown Point, Elizabethtown, Essex, Jay, Keene, Lewis, Minerva, Port Henry, Moriah, Newcomb, Lake Placid, Saranac Lake, North Elba, North Hudson, Schroon, St. Armand, Ticonderoga, Westport, Willsboro, Wilmington	Essex	NY
Bangor, Belmont, Bombay, Brandon, Brighton, Burke, Chateauguay, Constable, Dickinson, Duane, Fort Covington, Franklin, Harrietstown, Malone, Brushton, Moira, Santa Clara, Tupper Lake, Waverly, Westville	Franklin	NY
Arietta, Benson, Hope, Indian Lake, Inlet, Lake Pleasant, Long Lake, Morehouse, Wells	Hamilton	NY
Bleacher, Broadalbin, Caroga, Ephratah, Gloversville, Johnstown, Mayfield, Northampton, and Oppenheim.	Fulton	NY
Amsterdam, Canajoharie, Charleston, Florida, Glen, Minden, Mohawk, Palatine, Root, St. Johnsville.	Montgomery	NY
Bolton, Johnsburg, Chester, Hague	Warren County Rural Census Tracts	NY
Whitehall, Granville, Greenwich, Salem, White Creek, Easton	Washington County Rural Census Tracts	NY

## Primary Network Members and Partners

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Adirondack Health Institute	Essex	NY	Nonprofit Organization
Adirondacks ACO	Clinton	NY	Other: Accountable Care Organization
Health Workforce Collaborative	St. Lawrence	NY	Other: Digital Health Workforce Development
Nathan Littauer Hospital	Fulton and Montgomery	NY	Hospital (non-CAH)
820 River Street	Warren	NY	Mental Health Provider
Warren Washington Association for Mental Health	Warren	NY	Mental Health Provider
Fort Hudson Home Care	Washington	NY	Other: Long-Term Care
Hudson Headwaters Health Network	Warren	NY	Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
Northwinds Integrated Health Network	Clinton	NY	Mental Health Provider
University of Vermont – Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital	Clinton	NY	Hospital (non-CAH)
Health Workforce NY	St. Lawrence	NY	Other: Digital Health Workforce Development
Alliance for Positive Health	Clinton	NY	Other: HIV/AIDS Education & Program Services
Clinton County Mental Health & Addiction Services	Clinton	NY	Mental Health Provider
Essex County Mental Health	Essex	NY	Mental Health Provider

## Funding Information

Funding Period	Amount Funded
08/01/2022 – 07/31/2025	\$1,545,000.00

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# Avera Health

**Track 2:**  
Health IT and/or Telehealth  
Technical Support

**Grant number:**  
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**Organization type:**  
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## Project Description

Rural Health Workforce NEXT: Network Cross Training (NEXT) for Future Telehealth and Health IT Careers in the rural upper Midwest will prepare the rural public health workforce of today and tomorrow by providing cross-trained skills in telehealth, health IT, and skill opportunities such as telemetry monitoring and virtual nursing. Following the national trend, South Dakota's most acute health workforce need is certainly its nursing staff ratios in rural areas. Responding to this crisis requires time, innovation, and collaboration across several sectors. The Rural Public Health Workforce Training grant offers Avera an opportunity to support nursing staff, not simply by hiring more RNs (which is not a viable option in the short-term) but by leveraging the capacity of its health IT workforce to intervene in new and innovative ways. In response to the historic nursing shortage, Project NEXT provides an innovative, alternative, staffing solution (one that can be replicated by other health systems) by adding support staff around RNs to allow them to practice at the top of their licensure.

Additionally, Project NEXT will prepare the next generation of the rural public health workforce by providing hands-on learning experiences and outreach on technology driven health care careers.

Project NEXT program goals include:

1. Establish and strengthen outreach programs for future health workforce members for experiential training opportunities for current students.

2. Create hands on learning and internships in telehealth and health IT roles.
3. Establish site coordinators for telehealth.
4. Train telemetry technicians to support rural hospital facilities.
5. Establish a virtual nursing program.

Strategic collaboration within the consortium members has long been a key element to meeting workforce needs. Avera has experience to provide training in health IT and telehealth. In 1993, Avera was the first area hospital to develop a formal telehealth program. Avera has an extensive collaboration with network partners, including Rural Health Care, Inc in establishing Access Health – Mitchell and Access Health – Brookings in 2020. Avera recently partnered with Dakota State University to create staff trainings related to cybersecurity. develop a formal telehealth program. Avera has an extensive collaboration with network partners, including Rural Health Care, Inc in establishing Access Health – Mitchell and Access Health – Brookings in 2020. Avera recently partnered with Dakota State University to create staff trainings related to cybersecurity.

## Target Population

ProjectNEXT primary and secondary service areas encompass 51 South Dakota counties (16 of which are home to eight tribal communities included in the project). While the project has the potential to reach a broader section of the state, two of Avera’s regional facilities, Avera St. Luke’s (Aberdeen, SD) and Avera St. Mary’s (Pierre, SD) have been selected as a primary service delivery area due to critical workforce needs. The program will include the following 49 rural counties: Aurora, Beadle, Bon Homme, Brookings, Brown, Brule, Buffalo, Campbell, Charles Mix, Clark, Clay, Codington, Corson, Davison, Day, Deuel, Dewey, Douglas, Edmunds, Faulk, Grant, Gregory, Hamlin, Hand, Hanson, Hughes, Hutchinson, Hyde, Jerauld, Kingsbury, Lake, Lyman, Marshall, McCook, McPherson, Miner, Moody, Potter, Roberts, Sanborn, Spink, Stanley, Sully, Todd, Tripp, Turner, Union, Walworth, and Yankton.

## Communities and Counties the Project Serves

Name	County	State
Avera St. Luke’s Hospital*	Brown	SD
Avera St. Mary’s Hospital*	Hughes	SD
	*Denotes target primary service area facilities. Project includes 49 counties listed above.	

## Primary Network Members and Partners

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Avera St. Luke’s Hospital	Brown	SD	Hospital (non-CAH)
Avera St. Mary’s Hospital	Hughes	SD	Hospital (non-CAH)
Dakota State University	Lake	SD	Academic Institution
Landmann-Jungman Memorial Hospital	Bon Homme	SD	Critical Access Hospital (CAH)

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Northeast South Dakota Area Health Education Center	Brown	SD	Area Health Education Center (AHEC)
Platte Health Center	Charles Mix	SD	Critical Access Hospital (CAH)
Rural Health Care, Inc	Hughes	SD	Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)

## Funding Information

Funding Period	Amount Funded
08/01/2022 – 07/31/2025	\$1,545,000.00

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# Baptist Memorial Hospital- Union City

## Grant number:

TR1RH45905

**Track 3:**  
Community Para-Medicine

**Track 4:**  
Case Management Staff  
and/or Respiratory Therapy

**Organization type:**  
Hospital (non-CAH)

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## Project Description

The primary goal of the network is to expand the educational, training and employment opportunities for rural west Tennessee residents in the areas of community paramedicine and respiratory therapy.

The West Tennessee Public Health Workforce Training Network was intentionally developed to utilize the unique regional strengths that lie within the network, to build complementary approaches to increasing numbers of certified paramedics, EMTs and respiratory therapists. This approach will better recognize shared regional assets and challenges, and link programs and data with the human capital assets located in disparate cities, counties and communities of our focused target area. The target area is comprised of nine counties in the northwest region of Tennessee: Obion, Weakley, Henry, Dyer, Lake, Carroll, Benton, Gibson, and Crockett.

Our network consists of two rural hospitals, two community college institutions, a community emergency response organization, and a regional workforce development board: Baptist Memorial Hospital- Union City, a rural hospital located in Obion County, TN; Baptist Memorial Hospital- Carroll County, a rural hospital located in Carroll County, TN; Priority Ambulance, a private ambulance service that provides 9-1-1- service to communities in west Tennessee; Dyersburg State Community College, a public community college in Dyersburg, TN; Jackson State Community College, a public community college in Jackson, TN; and Northwest Tennessee Workforce Board, a public workforce board providing workforce services to the nine county target area.

## Target Population

The target population are students (traditional and nontraditional) within nine rural counties in west Tennessee (Obion, Weakley, Henry, Dyer, Lake, Carroll, Benton, Gibson, and Crockett). The network partners are committed to improving public health capacity by educating, training, and employing community paramedics, emergency medical technicians (EMTs), and respiratory therapists. Anticipated numbers served with this three-year grant are: 75 paramedicine students and 45 respiratory therapist students.

## Communities and Counties the Project Serves

Name	County	State
Rural west Tennessee	Obion, Weakley, Henry, Dyer, Lake, Carroll, Benton, Gibson, Crockett	TN

## Primary Network Members and Partners

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Baptist Memorial Hospital- Union City	OBION	TN	Hospital (non-CAH)
Baptist Memorial Hospital- Carroll County	Carroll	TN	Hospital (non-CAH)
Priority Ambulance	Shelby	TN	Nonprofit Organization
Dyersburg State Community College	Dyer	TN	Nonprofit Organization
Jackson State Community College	Madison	TN	Nonprofit Organization
Northwest Tennessee Workforce Board	Dyer	TN	Nonprofit Organization

## Funding Information

Funding Period	Amount Funded
08/01/2022 – 07/31/2025	\$1,478,737.00

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# Bay Rivers Telehealth Alliance

**Track 3:**  
Community Para-Medicine

**Grant number:**  
TR1RH45906

**Organization type:**  
Hospital (non-CAH)

## Grantee Contact Information

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## Project Description

The purpose of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Workforce Project is to support training and implementation of mobile-integrated health care and community paramedicine (MIH/CP). Working with its partners, Bay Rivers Telehealth Alliance (BRTA) will support career development and community placement of a more diverse workforce of emergency medical technicians and paramedics to extend medical care beyond emergency services, providing support for chronic disease management and connections with primary care providers, mental health, and substance abuse services. BRTA will partner to develop training and clinical rotations with the Virginia Center for Trauma and Critical Care Education, Rappahannock Community College, VCU Health Tappahannock Hospital, Eastern Shore Community Services Board, Bay Aging and Ledwith Lewis Free Clinic. EMS agencies in Northampton County, Essex County, and Westmoreland County will implement MIH and encourage their emergency medical technicians to pursue paramedic credentials and the skills to provide MIH. The goals of this project are to establish and extend the network of EMS training programs and to advance the skill level of the EMS workforce by creating career pathways that make the profession more attractive to a more diverse range of individuals. The goals of this project also include establishing a strong diverse network, developing an innovative MIH/CP curriculum, linking EMS trainees who completed grant-funded training and education with job placement and promotion opportunities, and providing evidenced-based training opportunities including Mental Health First Aid, crisis intervention training, and adverse childhood experience.

## Target Population

Essex, Northampton, and Westmoreland counties' Department of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) current and future workforce, EMS students with Rappahannock Community College, and residents in need of mobile-integrated health care and community paramedicine who reside in one of the 11 counties that make up the Virginia rural areas known as Eastern Shore, Northern Neck, and Middle Peninsula. All 11 counties in the service area have been designated by HRSA as medically underserved areas and health professions shortage areas for mental health care and primary care.

## Communities and Counties the Project Serves

Name	County	State
Eastern Shore	Accomack and Northampton counties	VA
Northern Neck	Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond, and Westmoreland counties	VA
Middle Peninsula	Essex, King and Queen, King William, Mathews, Middlesex counties	VA

## Primary Network Members and Partners

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Eastern Shore Community Services Board	Accomack	VA	Mental Health Provider
Essex County Department of Emergency Medical Services	Essex	VA	County Department
Northampton County Department of Emergency Medical Services	Northampton	VA	County Department
Rappahannock Community College/ Rappahannock AHEC	Gloucester	VA	Area Health Education Center (AHEC)
Westmoreland County Department of Emergency Medical Services	Madison	VA	County Department
Virginia Commonwealth University Health Systems	City of Richmond	VA	Hospital (non-CAH)
Ledwith Lewis Free Clinic	Essex	VA	Nonprofit Organization
Three Rivers Health District	Middlesex	VA	Health Department
Bay Aging	Middlesex	VA	Nonprofit Organization

## Funding Information

Funding Period	Amount Funded
08/01/2022 – 07/31/2025	\$1,545,000.00

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# Blessing Hospital

**Track 4:**  
Case Management Staff  
and/or Respiratory Therapy

**Grant number:**  
TR1RH45907

**Organization type:**  
Hospital (non-CAH)

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## Project Description

The purpose of the proposed program is to cultivate a strong local network to develop and implement training resources to improve the health outcomes of patients with COVID-19 and COVID-19 long syndrome within our rural area. The program aligns with the goals of the RPHWTN program. There are three goals of the proposed program: 1) Develop and implement a certificate in the management of COVID-19 and COVID-19 long syndrome to address the ongoing need for trained staff in health care facilities to improve the physical and psychological condition of affected patients and promote long-term adherence to health-enhancing behaviors, 2) Develop a registered respiratory therapist (RRT) to bachelor of science in respiratory therapy (RRT to BSRT) program to provide advanced level education to current registered respiratory therapists in order to provide trained staff to adequately address the ongoing need in health care facilities, and 3) Expand and strengthen the existing network to create stronger linkages between the training programs, educational partners, social service agencies and the health care entities that will ultimately employ or rely upon public health professionals.

The accompanying objectives that will be completed in order to accomplish the goals are: to develop a curriculum for a certificate in the management of COVID-19 and COVID-19 long syndrome, to develop a successful recruitment and engagement strategy to enroll students into the certificate program, to create and implement a mechanism for assessing student and faculty satisfaction with the certificate in management program, to develop the RRT to BSRT program tract, to develop a successful recruitment and engagement strategy to enroll students into the RRT to BSRT program, to create and implement a mechanism for assessing student and faculty satisfaction RRT to BSRT program tract, to increase

membership in the network to include additional members from various community sectors, to continue to strengthen and formalize linkages between the training program and the health care entities that will ultimately employ or rely on the health care professionals, to create and implement a mechanism for assessing network member satisfaction with the network services, and to develop a sustainability plan to continue the proposed program beyond the grant period of sustainability.

## Target Population

Northeast Missouri, western Illinois, and southeast Iowa are in the target area. The target service area includes thousands of square miles located in western Illinois along the Mississippi River, southeast Iowa, and northeast Missouri. All of the counties served are designated as primary care provider health professions shortage areas (HPSA) as well as medically underserved areas. The counties are also designated as mental health HPSAs.

## Communities and Counties the Project Serves

Name	County	State
Community College – Moberly Area Community College; High Schools: Atlanta, Bevier, Bowling Green, Canton, Clark County HS, Hannibal, Highland, Kirksville, Knox County R-1, Louisiana R-2; Laplata R2, Macon R1, Mark Twain, Marion County R-2, Monroe City, Palmyra, Paris R-2, Putnam County R-1, North Shelby, South Shelby, Schuyler R-1 HS, Scotland County R-1; Health Care Organizations: Blessing Entities	Scotland, Schuyler, Adair, Macon, Audrain, Lee, Clark, Knox, Lewis, Shelby, Marion, Monroe, Ralls, Pike	MO
Blessing Entities; High Schools: Brown County HS, Central HS, Griggsville-Perry, Hamilton, Illini-West, Liberty, Macomb, Payson-Seymour, Pittsfield, Pike County, Pleasant Hill, Quincy Notre Dame, Quincy High, Rushville-Industry, Southeastern, Unity, Warsaw, Western Community College: John Wood Community College	Pike, Hancock, McDonough, Schuyler, Adams, Brown, Scott, Pike, Cass, Morgan	IL
High Schools: Burlington- Notre Dame, Central Lee, Holy Trinity, Keokuk, Mt. Pleasant. Southeastern Community College	Van Buren, Lee	IA

## Primary Network Members and Partners

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Blessing Hospital (Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing & Health Sciences)	Adams	IL	Hospital (non-CAH)
Quincy University	Adams	IL	Academic Institution
Culver Stockton College	Lewis	IL	Academic Institution

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# Chautauqua County Health Network

**Grant number:**  
TR1RH45908

**Track 1:**  
Community Health Support

**Track 2:**  
Health IT and/or Telehealth Technical Support

**Track 4:**  
Case Management Staff and/or Respiratory Therapy

**Organization type:**  
Nonprofit Organization

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## Project Description

The Southern Tier Region Health Workforce Excellence Partnership has been organized to address the worsening health workforce shortages in rural western New York and northern Pennsylvania. It is a multi-institution effort focused on near-term goals as an initial focus for a long-term workforce rebuilding effort to support a more efficient and equitable health care system. Together, with an educational hub, two New York State-designated rural health and social service networks, three community health providers, and an integrated practice association, the Southern Tier Region Health Workforce Excellence Partnership will:

- Create three specific ‘upward trajectory’ pathways from entry level community health workers and medical assistants (MAs) to higher register community and practice-based management and clinical staff including a:
  - Pathway to certified clinical coordinator
  - Pathway to certified licensed practice nurse and registered nurse
  - Pathway to certified care manager
- Regroup, recommit, and redevelop a more operational and sustainable regional health workforce partnership that leverages the RPHWTN to “fill the collaboration gap” stretched from between and among us during the COVID pandemic. The partnership will develop and employ a health workforce promotion strategy that builds on our recently invigorated community health outreach programming to:
  - Create awareness and demand from early high school on through community outreach programming of the

diverse opportunities and multiple entry-points for high-quality, good-paying jobs in health care.

- Connect and leverage the significant health and social service “know how” in our communities and practices to support and refresh curricula development for pre-service and in-service learning.
- Build a community health mentor program fueled by experienced practitioners and activists committing to guiding health care development, one recruit at a time.
- Leverage new virtual learning management systems technologies and hybrid learning strategies to take learning into programs and clinics that serve our most diverse and underserved, starting with, and building out from our two Federally Qualified Health Centers and partnering New York state “Article 28” facilities to:
  - Recruit entry-level positions ‘from the community and for the community’
  - Train, promote, retain, train more and promote again an upwardly mobile health care worker community
  - Emphasize and prioritize language and cultural competency in health care worker recruitment and in-service training for promotion.

## Target Population

The Southern Tier Region Health Workforce Excellence Partnership brings extensive experience working with diverse stakeholders as well as racial and ethnic groups with an inclusive focus on low-income and high-need communities, including those with disabilities. Together, we will utilize these strengths and expertise collaboratively to serve rural western New York and northern Pennsylvania communities.

## Communities and Counties the Project Serves

Name	County	State
Countywide	Chautauqua County	NY
Countywide	Cattaraugus County	NY
Countywide	Allegany County	NY
Countywide	Warren County	PA
Bradford area, Smethport area, Northern County Primary Care HPSA	McKean County	PA
Eastern County Primary Care HPSA	Erie County	PA

## Primary Network Members and Partners

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Jamestown Community College	Chautauqua	NY	Academic Institution
Southern Tier Health Care System, Inc.	Cattaraugus	NY	Other: Rural Health and Social Services Network
The Chautauqua Center, Inc.	Chautauqua	NY	Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
Southern Tier Community Health Network, Inc. (DBA as Universal Primary Care)	Cattaraugus	NY	Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Chautauqua County Chapter of NYSARC, Inc. (DBA as The Resource Center)	Chautauqua	NY	Nonprofit Organization
Chautauqua Integrated Delivery System IPA LLC	Chautauqua	NY	Other: Integrated Practice Association

## Funding Information

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# Children's Dental Services

**Grant number:**  
TR1RH45909

**Track 1:**  
Community Health Support

**Track 2:**  
Health IT and/or Telehealth  
Technical Support

**Track 3:**  
Community Para-Medicine

**Track 4:**  
Case Management Staff and/  
or Respiratory Therapy

**Organization type:**  
Nonprofit Organization

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## Project Description

This project will utilize the HRSA workforce funding over the course of three years to create a Southwest Minnesota Rural Public Health Workforce Training Network Program that will expand clinical and public health care training programs across rural, southwest Minnesota. Under this proposal Children's Dental Services, Our Lady of Guadalupe Free Clinic, Rock County Oral Health Taskforce, and Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council will establish and provide hands-on clinical and public health care training annually to 30 community health support workers, 15 health IT/telehealth specialists, 15 dental assistants, 15 medical assistants, and 15 case managers, resulting in a total of 90 new public health workforce trained over three years. As a direct result of this project the rural public health workforce will be expanded by 90 and 25,000 additional low-income, at-risk community members will be served. The training will take place at portable and bricks-and-mortar, clinical and community-based locations across southwestern Minnesota and surrounding rural communities.

The Southwest Minnesota Rural Public Health Workforce Training Network Program will directly increase preventive and restorative dental and medical services to low-income and underinsured children, pregnant women, and pregnant people and adults of all ages across Minnesota by providing culturally appropriate training to 30 community health support workers, 15 health IT/telehealth specialists, 15 dental assistants, 15 medical assistants, and 15 case managers who will together extend direct culturally targeted dental services to 25,000 additional low-income community residents during the project period. The average term of each trainee will be approximately six months (although interns may remain in training for as long as one year). The cost of these services, because the training time of students will be

utilized to deliver patient care, will be a fraction of the ordinary expense to provide dental and medical services. New and updated specific areas of focus will include training in restorative expanded functions, targeted care for those with disabilities, targeted care for those in detention and homeless shelters, targeted services to pregnant women and pregnant people, expanded provision of mobile care, and increased clinical experiences in telehealth. Based on prior Children’s Dental Services’ experience this program will lead to an increase in the number of dental professionals who enter public health dental services by 60% to 70%.

## Target Population

Low-income and underinsured children, pregnant women, and pregnant people and adults of all ages across Cottonwood, Jackson, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, and Rock counties in Minnesota.

## Communities and Counties the Project Serves

Name	County	State
Children’s Dental Services	Hennepin	MN
Our Lady of Guadalupe Free Clinic	Cottonwood, Jackson, Murray	MN
Rock County Oral Health Task Force	Rock	MN
Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council	Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood	MN

## Primary Network Members and Partners

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Children’s Dental Services	Adams	IL	Hospital (non-CAH)
Our Lady of Guadalupe Free Clinic	Cottonwood, Jackson, Murray	MN	Rural Health Clinic
Rock County Oral Health Task Force	Rock	MN	County Department
Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council	Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood	MN	Rural Health Clinic

## Funding Information

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# Citizen's Memorial Hospital

**Track 3:**  
Community Para-Medicine

**Grant number:**  
TR1RH45910

**Organization type:**  
Hospital (non-CAH)

## Grantee Contact Information

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## Project Description

Citizens Memorial Hospital (CMH) Emergency Medical Services Department will implement its first community paramedicine program. Qualified paramedics within the department will be trained to become certified community paramedics (CP), equipped to provide nonemergency health care within individual's homes. CPs will use nonemergency vehicles to travel to patients' homes, provide screening, lab work, treatment (such as wound care), vaccinations, and care coordination. Coordinated care for individual patients will be supported within the hospital through the Population Health Department. Case managers within that department will be able to schedule telehealth visits with primary and specialty care providers within the CMH system and will be coordinated through the help of the in-home CPs. CPs will also coordinate lab work within the nearest rural health clinic and establish the patients within the clinic as their medical home. Individuals that will benefit from these services are those without reliable transportation who have been discharged from an inpatient setting and may be at-risk for readmission. In addition, high ED utilizers will also be identified and offered an alternative care platform through the CP program, reducing unnecessary ED admissions. CPs will be instrumental in evaluating social determinant of health factors that impact the well-being of patients in the area and will coordinate with community health workers to address individual patient needs.

## Target Population

The target population includes all residents living within a five-county, rural area in southwest Missouri. Targeted at-risk individuals will include those who are post-discharge from the emergency department (ED) or inpatient status, as well as high-utilizers of the hospital ED. The program anticipates impacted approximately 500 individuals over the three-year period, of all age groups.

## Communities and Counties the Project Serves

Name	County	State
	Polk County	MO
	Dallas County	MO
	Hickory County	MO
	St. Clair and Cedar counties	MO

## Primary Network Members and Partners

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Citizens Memorial Hospital	Polk	MO	Hospital (non-CAH)
Polk County Health Department	Polk	MO	Health Department
Dallas County Health Department	Dallas	MO	Health Department
Ellet Memorial Hospital	St. Clair	MO	Critical Access Hospital (CAH)
MIH Network: Great Mines Health Care	Washington	MO	Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
MIH Network: Mineral Area College	Washington	MO	Academic Institution
MIH Network: Washington County EMS	Washington	MO	Other: Emergency Medical Services

## Funding Information

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# CommunityHealth IT, Inc.

**Track 2:**  
Health IT and/or Telehealth Technical Support

**Track 3:**  
Community Para-Medicine

**Grant number:**  
TR1RH45911

**Organization type:**  
Nonprofit Organization

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## Project Description

CommunityHealth IT (CommHIT) is a Florida based 501(c)6 established in 2011 at the request of Florida health care and economic development leadership. CommHIT helps rural and underserved communities have the same access to health and human resources and capabilities as their urban counterparts do. Everything that CommHIT does is for the purpose of creating a strong, flexible health and public health infrastructure trained and prepared for day-to-day and emergency needs of rural communities. CommHIT has developed a network of public-private health care stakeholders to facilitate the expansion of rural Florida's health capacity by supporting job development, training and employment placement in telehealth and community paramedicine in 29 rural counties within Florida.

CommHIT is establishing an official network partnership, the Community Connected Care Workforce (C3w+) Program, with rural and Critical Access Hospitals and rural emergency medical service (EMS) agencies the with the Florida Department of Health (FLDoH) State Office of Rural Health (FLORH) and FLDoH Bureau of Emergency Medical Oversight to train and meet the needs of Florida's rural health care for telehealth and community paramedicine workers. Goal 1: Develop training for U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) 405(d) Cybersecurity Approaches and train IT and clinical staff. These cyber approaches are in federal law as of Jan 5, 2021 (Public Law 116-321, which amends the HITECH Act) and allow the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) to reduce or eliminate federal penalties for health facilities with a data breach IF the facility is following those approaches or other acceptable approaches for 12 months (Training Track #2).

Goal 2: Leverage formal partnerships with the FLORH, FLDoH Bureau of Emergency Medical Oversight, Florida Community Health Worker Coalition (FLCHWC), and Florida’s regional rural health networks to train community health workers (CHWs) in telehealth and remote monitoring or community paramedicine and mobile integrated health for Florida’s 29 rural counties. Written statement from FLDoH directly to CommHIT on March 10: FLDoH “sees the use of cross trained EMTs and CHWs as a high value and sustainable model for EMS-based community paramedicine/mobile integrated health [MIH] programs in Florida’s rural, Medically Underserved Communities and Healthcare Shortage Areas.” (Track #2 and #3).

Goal 3: Develop and register Community Paramedicine/Mobile Integrated Health Apprenticeship occupation and pre-apprenticeship training under CommHIT’s Technology and Health Apprenticeship Program [Florida registration GNJ (2022-FL- 111571)] for Florida’s 29 rural counties. This goal will be accomplished with FLDoH Bureau of Emergency Medical Oversight and training partners (Track #3)

Goal 4: Increase the diversity and inclusion of targeted training tracks to aid in providing health equity for all.

## Target Population

Florida has 67 counties, of which 29 are designated rural by FORHP. The Florida governor designated three rural areas of opportunity: Northwest, North Central, and South Central areas. These counties are Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) with an HPSA score ranging from 15 to 20. HPSA scores determine priorities for assignment of select health professionals, and they range from 0 to 25 for primary care and mental health providers, with the higher the score the greater the need. The project will focus training and education services on new and current rural health workers within these counties.

In addition, this project will focus on increasing diversity of the workforce. Diversity is broadly defined as the inclusion of varied attributes or characteristics. In the medical community, diversity often refers to the inclusion of health care professionals, trainees, educators, researchers, and patients of varied race, ethnicity, gender, disability, social class, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, primary spoken language, and geographic region. Increasing the ethnic and racial integration of health care workers requires an increase in outreach to encourage increased diversity in all levels of health care professionals. Health care professionals must be well-trained in their field of medicine, and also need to be culturally competent.

## Communities and Counties the Project Serves

Name	County	State
All FORHP counties	FORHP-designated rural counties	FL

## Primary Network Members and Partners

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Lake Butler Hospital	Union	FL	Critical Access Hospital (CAH)
Doctors Memorial Hospital	Taylor	FL	Critical Access Hospital (CAH)
Weems	Franklin	FL	Critical Access Hospital (CAH)
Northwest Florida Community Hospital	Washington	FL	Critical Access Hospital (CAH)

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Calhoun-Liberty Hospital	Calhoun	FL	Critical Access Hospital (CAH)
Desoto Memorial Hospital	Desoto	FL	Critical Access Hospital (CAH)
Heartland Rural Health Network	Highlands	FL	Nonprofit Organization
State Office of Rural Health	Statewide	FL	Health Department
Florida Community Health Worker Coalition	Statewide	FL	Nonprofit Organization
Florida Dept. of Health, Bureau of EM Oversight	Statewide	FL	Health Department

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# Delta Area Economic Opportunity Corporation

**Track 3:**  
Community Para-Medicine

**Grant number:**  
TR1RH45912

**Organization type:**  
Nonprofit Organization

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## Project Description

The Bootheel Community Paramedicine Project will provide certified nursing assistant, emergency medical training, and paramedicine specialist training to the residents living in the southern-most counties of Missouri. Delta Area Economic Opportunity Corporation and partners will design and implement job training and a community paramedicine model to rural towns where poverty rates are high. The model will improve health care by training individuals to assume new and expanded roles. The program will help fill the gaps in health care systems, particularly in the management on nonacute illnesses, mental health issues, and chronic care follow-up needs.

## Target Population

Those living in poverty in the rural, southern-most counties in Missouri.

## Communities and Counties the Project Serves

Name	County	State
Portageville	New Madrid County	MO
Hayti	Pemiscot County	MO
Caruthersville	Pemiscot County	MO
Kennett	Dunklin County	MO
New Madrid	New Madrid County	MO
East Prairie	Mississippi County	MO
Charleston	Mississippi County	MO
Sikeston	Scott	MO
Dexter	Stoddard	MO

## Primary Network Members and Partners

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Missouri Delta Medical Center	Scott	MO	Health Care (Hospital)
New Madrid County Ambulance District	New Madrid	MO	Health Care (Ambulance Service)
Workforce Development Board of SE Missouri	Scott	MO	Employment Training, Job Development
Paradigm Senior Management	Stoddard	MO	Health Care (Nursing Home)

## Funding Information

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# Delta Health Alliance, Inc.

**Track 1:**  
Community Health Support

**Grant number:**  
TR1RH45913

**Organization type:**  
Nonprofit Organization

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## Project Description

The TORCH (Training Our Rural Community Health) Workforce Project will address the critical need for trained public health professionals in our rural Mississippi Delta communities by developing and implementing a pipeline of workforce training for community health workers to be placed with rural hospitals, clinics, and other health care providers in the Delta. Participants will be recruited directly from our rural service area, working with local career coaches to develop personalized career goals and to enroll in valuable support services. They will then be provided with community health worker training accompanied by cross-training in high-value areas, including benefits counseling, medical coding and billing, and service coordination. A paid apprenticeship program will be established to provide trainees with real-work experience in community health worker tasks and responsibilities in the region. The TORCH Workforce project will also incorporate doulas into our training program to respond to our region's crippling rates of maternal and infant mortality, and to create additional paths to employment and career growth for those who call the Delta their home. Within this project Delta Health Alliance will establish and support internship and job placement programs for graduates of this collaborative program.

## Target Population

Our primary targeted service area covers 252,135 residents of 12 rural counties of northwest Mississippi where 69.1% of residents are Black and 39.1% of residents live below the poverty level.

## Communities and Counties the Project Serves

Name	County	State
	Bolivar, Coahoma, Holmes, Humphreys, Issaquena, Leflore, Quitman, Sharkey, Sunflower, Tunica, Warren, and Washington	MS

## Primary Network Members and Partners

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Leland Medical Center	Washington	MS	Rural Health Clinic
Delta Health System-The Medical Center	Washington	MS	Critical Access Hospital (CAH)
Delta Health System-Northwest Regional Hospital	Coahoma	MS	Critical Access Hospital (CAH)
Delta Council	Washington	MS	Other: Economic Development
South Delta Planning and Development District	Washington	MS	Other: Economic Development
Coahoma Community College	Coahoma	MS	Other: Community College
Mississippi Delta Community College	Sunflower	MS	Other: Community College
Social Services Collaborative	Sunflower	MS	Nonprofit Organization

## Funding Information

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# Great Mines Health Center

**Track 1:**  
Community Health Support

**Track 3:**  
Community Para-Medicine

**Grant number:**

TR1RH45914

**Organization type:**

Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)

## Grantee Contact Information

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## Project Description

The purpose of the Workforce Opportunities for Rural Communities (WORC) collaborative arrangement is to create and improve career mobility in the health care industry for individuals in targeted counties in southeast Missouri. WORC partners are interested in helping regional residents obtain rewarding and livable wage jobs and professions or provide opportunities to advance to more challenging and higher paying professions in the health care industry. Participants will receive education, training, including on-the-job training and support services (i.e., tuition assistance) to guide them in a career path that will result in self-sufficiency. Participants will take proficiency exams or complete required education and training programs designed to provide the skills and knowledge needed for work placement or advancement in the health care industry. The collaboration among the organizations that comprise the WORC network expands impact by broadening the areas served and increasing the types of health care professions available within the region. WORC anticipates that this three-year proposal will result in 150 or more job placements and a minimum of 20 career advancements to support the region's health care sector.

The goals of WORC are to:

1. Prepare participants for employment in the health care industry that result in livable wage salaries to fulfill labor shortages for hospitals, rural health clinics, health systems, Federally Qualified Health Centers, ambulance districts, and other health care employers in the proposed catchment area.



2. Combine classroom training, on-the-job training, clinical rotations, and distance learning (as appropriate) to meet the specific skills and competencies demanded by the health care industry for mutually agreed upon health care occupations at times and locations that are easily accessible to participants.
3. Support career pathways by providing training in new skills and ongoing training to “skill up” individuals employed in existing entry-level professions.
4. Combine support services with education and training services to help participants overcome barriers to employment (e.g., academic supports, vaccinations, case management, tuition assistance or financial support).

## Target Population

The targets for this project include: high school seniors or individuals meeting HiSet requirements (formerly known as GED) and individuals seeking community re-entry following incarceration; individuals who are employed but need training to secure full-time employment, advance in their careers, or retain their current occupations; individuals terminated, laid-off, or who have received a notice of termination or layoff from employment or were self-employed but are now unemployed.

## Communities and Counties the Project Serves

Name	County	State
	Iron County	MO
	Madison County	MO
	Perry County	MO
	Reynolds County	MO
	St. Francois County	MO
	Washington County	MO

## Primary Network Members and Partners

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Great Mines Health Center	Washington	MO	Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
Washington County Memorial Hospital	Washington	MO	Critical Access Hospital (CAH)
Potosi Correctional Center	Washington	MO	Other
Iron County Medical Center	Iron	MO	Hospital (non-CAH)
Iron County Ambulance District	Iron	MO	Other
Washington County Ambulance District	Washington	MO	Other
St. Francois County Ambulance District	St. Francois	MO	Other

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Central Ozarks Private Industry Council	Phelps	MO	Other
The Central and Southeast Region Workforce Development Boards	Phelps Cape Girardeau	MO	Other
Mineral Area College	St. Francois	MO	Other
The Meramec Regional Planning Commission	Phelps	MO	Other
Washington County Community Partnership	Washington	MO	Other

## Funding Information

Funding Period	Amount Funded
08/01/2022 – 07/31/2025	\$1,545,000.00

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# Health Care Coalition of Lafayette County

**Track 1:**  
Community Health Support

**Grant number:**  
TR1RH45915

**Organization type:**  
Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)

## Grantee Contact Information

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## Project Description

Recruit community members to be trained as community health workers (CHWs). The goal is to train and hire six CHWs from our local communities that will be formally trained through the Community Health Worker Certification Course through State Fair Community College. Upon completion those CHWs will also become credentialed as CHWs through the Missouri Credentialing Board. These CHWs will be trained to be financial counselors in Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) as a liaison between the administrative and finance departments and clinic staff. They will also be provided training opportunities in coding and billing as well as complete BKD billing bootcamps. They will be trained to help community members enroll in Medicaid, Medicare, EBT/Food Stamps, unemployment, and disability.

The CHWs will continue professional document training with a goal of obtaining three continuing education units per quarter. We will market patient success stories regarding enrollment process and/or help with payment plans.

Health Care Coalition (HCC) Network will work with our local offices of federal and state emergency management agencies to develop a plan for staff of our FQHC's and administrative offices in the event of an emergency or disaster in our communities.

HCC Network will also utilize the relationships between our 80 network members and West Central Missouri Area Health Education Center to place additional interns at HCC each year to continue to grow our workforce.

## Target Population

We will be targeting those that are 200% or below the federal Poverty Guidelines and also those in our communities that have fallen on hard times. We have a high population of low-income families, no public transportation, and lack of housing.

## Communities and Counties the Project Serves

Name	County	State
Carrollton, Bogard, Bosworth, Norborne	Carroll	MO
Waverly, Concordia, Lexington, Wellington, Odessa, Higginsville	Lafayette	MO

## Primary Network Members and Partners

Name	County	State	Organization Type
West Central Missouri Area Health Education Center	Lafayette	MO	Area Health Education Center (AHEC)
FEMA/SEMA	Lafayette	MO	County Department
State Fair Community College	Pettis	MO	Academic Institution

## Funding Information

Funding Period	Amount Funded
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# Kansas Clinical Improvement Collaborative, LLC

**Grant number:**  
TR1RH45916

**Track 4:**  
Case Management Staff and/or  
Respiratory Therapy

**Organization type:**  
Nonprofit Organization

## Grantee Contact Information

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## Project Description

The focus of this project is to establish and operate the Kansas Rural Public Health Workforce Training Network to recruit, train, and place medical assistants to provide chronic care management services for individuals residing in KCIC-participating communities who suffer from multiple chronic conditions and require assistance with social determinants of health. The network will create strong linkages between KCIC's participating providers and local technical colleges for the purpose of building and sustaining a strong and diverse rural case manager workforce. KCIC and Northwest Kansas Technical College are partnering to develop and implement an enhanced medical assistant curriculum to train health coaches (the MA Program). The goal is enrollment of 40 students in the MA Program during the performance period.

There will be formal evaluation of network operations and impact and a network sustainability plan will be developed and executed. It is intended that the model curriculum and other supportive resources developed by the network will be made available for use by other rural networks.

## Target Population

The target population to be served by the new workforce members includes individuals residing in Kansas Clinical Improvement Collaborative (KCIC) -participating rural communities who suffer from multiple chronic conditions. KCIC estimates at least 4,000 individuals will receive services from the new workforce members. 72% of Kansans are non-Hispanic White, 13% Hispanic or Latino, and 9% Black or African American. In 2020, Kansans' average per capita income was \$56,099, with the rural per capita income at \$48,618. The poverty rate in rural Kansas is 12.9%, compared with 10.6% in urban areas.

## Communities and Counties the Project Serves

Name	County	State
	Atchison	KS
	Barton	KS
	Cheyenne	KS
	Clark	KS
	Clay	KS
	Cloud	KS
	Decatur	KS
	Dickinson	KS
	Edwards	KS
	Ellis	KS
	Ellsworth	KS
	Finney	KS
	Gove	KS
	Graham	KS
	Greeley	KS
	Haskell	KS
	Jackson	KS
	Kearny	KS
	Labette	KS
	Lincoln	KS
	Logan	KS
	Lyon	KS
	McPherson	KS
	Mitchell	KS
	Montgomery	KS
	Morton	KS
	Neosho	KS
	Ness	KS

Name	County	State
	Norton	KS
	Osborne	KS
	Pawnee	KS
	Phillips	KS
	Pratt	KS
	Republic	KS
	Rooks	KS
	Russell	KS
	Scott	KS
	Sedgwick	KS
	Sheridan	KS
	Sherman	KS
	Smith	KS
	Stanton	KS
	Trego	KS
	Washington	KS
	Wichita	KS

## Primary Network Members and Partners

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Kansas Clinical Improvement Collaborative, LLC (Applicant)	Ellis	KS	Nonprofit Organization
Clay County Medical Center	Clay	KS	Critical Access Hospital (CAH)
Edwards County Hospital and Healthcare Center	Edwards	KS	Critical Access Hospital (CAH)
First Care Clinic	Ellis	KS	Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
Greeley County Health Services Inc.	Greely	KS	Critical Access Hospital (CAH)
KUMC Center for Rural Health	Saline	KS	Nonprofit Organization
Labette County Medical Center	Labette	KS	Hospital (non-CAH)
Minneola District Hospital	Clark	KS	Critical Access Hospital (CAH)
Northwest Kansas Technical College	Sherman	KS	Nonprofit Organization
Russell Regional Hospital	Rawlins	KS	Critical Access Hospital (CAH)
Scott County Hospital	Scott	KS	Critical Access Hospital (CAH)
St Catherine Hospital	Finney	KS	Hospital (non-CAH)

## Funding Information

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08/01/2022 – 07/31/2025	\$ 1,544,283.00

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# Lee County Health Department

**Track 1:**  
Community Health Support

**Grant number:**  
TR1RH45917

**Organization type:**  
Health Department

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## Project Description

The long-term goal of the Southeast Iowa Public Health Academic Training Program is to advance health equity and public health within our rural health care system through the multifaceted program. Lee County Health Department (LCHD), Southeastern Community College (SCC), Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center, and other regional hospitals will develop cross-training opportunities for new and existing health care personnel to learn principles of community health work, community resources, and public health concepts that will assist key health care staff in referring to appropriate resources to better their patient's health. This will be accomplished through two core focal areas: eight-week, noncredited certificate program and continuing education opportunities. The certificate will include experiential learning where students will practice skills at Lee County Health Department mobile rotating clinics. These clinics are intended to serve as a much-needed community access point to health care services and local resources. The continuing education opportunities will be offered through a minimum of 15 Lunch and Learns over the grant period that includes topics on health equity, social determinants of health, adverse childhood experiences, community resources, and more. This training program will improve the operational capacity of our health care system to meet broader human and social service needs while supporting health care professional development and job placement in our rural region. At the conclusion of the HRSA investment period, SCC will maintain a well-established and evaluated certificate program that has been specifically designed to meet workforce demands and operational needs within the local health care network with experiential portions continuing uninterrupted as they are woven into existing public health services.

## Target Population

Our key target area is the southeast Iowa region, consisting of Lee, Des Moines, and Henry counties. The eight-week certificate course is geared towards current health care students and community members, with a focus on people from diverse backgrounds and lived experience. The community health worker clinics (the certificate's experiential learning component) are available to anyone in the southeast Iowa region with no income or eligibility guidelines. The Lunch and Learn opportunities are geared towards existing health care workforce with a focus on cross-training support staff.

## Communities and Counties the Project Serves

Name	County	State
	Lee County	IA
	Des Moines County	IA
	Henry County	IA

## Primary Network Members and Partners

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Southeastern Community College	Des Moines	IA	Academic Institution
Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center, Inc	Des Moines	IA	Hospital (non-CAH)

## Funding Information

Funding Period	Amount Funded
08/01/2022 – 07/31/2025	\$547,302.00

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# Lubbock County Hospital District, Univ. Medical Center

**Grant number:**

TR1RH45918

**Track 4:**Case Management Staff and/or  
Respiratory Therapy**Organization type:**

Hospital

## Grantee Contact Information

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## Project Description

The project's purpose is to increase the number of respiratory therapist working in rural health care facilities operated by our rural network members. By increasing the number of respiratory therapist providing care at rural facilities, the project will increase access to care and improve patient outcomes. The project director will travel to each network member facility to provide a presentation titled "Your Future in Respiratory Therapy." This will explain the role of a registered therapist in health care and especially their role in a rural hospital. It will also highlight HRSA's role in funding their education and the ability to take all didactic classes online. An online curriculum for all learning has been developed by current respiratory therapy instructors at South Plains College and will provide as the textbook education for the students. The clinical component of the education will come from training received in rural network member facilities. With this we have two goals: (1) increase the number of rural health care facilities providing clinical education to respiratory students and (2) after students complete the proposed respiratory therapy program and successfully complete the national registry exam they will find employment within the network member facility.

## Target Population

Rural underserved populations with historically disadvantaged backgrounds including Hispanic or Latinos, African Americans, Asians, Caucasians, and Native Hawaiians. We will be looking for potential students from these rural areas in three ways: (1) employees of health care facilities among the network members looking for advancement opportunities (2) recent high school graduates, and (3) adults changing careers. We will matriculate two cohorts of respiratory therapy students with each cohort having 30 students.

## Communities and Counties the Project Serves

Name	County	State
See below for network partners		

## Primary Network Members and Partners

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Brownfield Regional Medical Center	Terry	TX	Hospital
Cogdell Memorial Hospital	Scurry	TX	Hospital
Deaf Smith County Hospital	Deaf Smith	TX	Hospital
Hendrick Medical Center	Brown	TX	Hospital
Mitchell County Hospital	Mitchell	TX	Hospital
Plains Regional Medical Center	Curry	NM	Hospital
Reeves County Hospital	Reeves	TX	Hospital
Ward Memorial Hospital	Ward	TX	Hospital
Yoakum County Hospital	Yoakum	TX	Hospital
South Plains College	Hockley	TX	College

## Funding Information

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# Maine Primary Care Association

**Track 1:**  
Community Health Support

**Grant number:**  
TR1RH45919

**Organization type:**  
Other: Primary Care Association

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## Project Description

This project will build a workforce network to create pathways into training programs of high-need rural workforce positions (medical assistants [MAs], dental assistants [DAs], community health workers [CHWs]), provide cross-training opportunities for FQHC employees to enhance health centers clinical and business operations, and provide pathways for career development for current staff. The network of 11 of Maine's FQHCs and training partners will focus specifically on workforce track (track #1) including training for MAs, DAs, and CHWs role types. Through this program Maine Primary Care Association and the network will:

- Increase the number of people trained to be MAs, DAs, and CHWs.
- Decrease the numbers of vacancies of MAs, DAs, and CHWs at health centers by connecting trainees with employment at FQHCs.
- Increase the number of new and current health center staff cross-trained in high need areas.
- Increase health center staff retention and job satisfaction through formal peer support networks, career development, and meaningful supervision.

## Target Population

The consortium of Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) participating in this project have over 39 locations in 12 rural counties across the state of Maine. In 2021, Maine FQHCs served many different populations: 68% of patients were low income, 12% were seniors aged 70 and older, 9% identified as being an ethnic or minority population, 5% veterans, and 3% of patients experienced homelessness. They provided medical care to 166,000 patients, dental care to 46,777 patients, behavioral health care to 21,192 patients, and vision care for 4,815 patients.

## Communities and Counties the Project Serves

Name	County	State
	Androscoggin	ME
	Aroostook	ME
	Cumberland	ME
	Franklin	ME
	Hancock	ME
	Kennebec	ME
	Knox	ME
	Lincoln	ME
	Oxford	ME
	Penobscot	ME
	Piscataquis	ME
	Sagadahoc	ME
	Somerset	ME
	Waldo	ME
	Washington	ME
	York	ME

## Primary Network Members and Partners

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Maine Primary Care Association	Kennebec	ME	Other: Primary Care Organization
Katahdin Valley Health Center	Aroostook, Penobscot, Piscataquis	ME	Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
Health Access Network	Penobscot	ME	Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
Harrington Family Health Center	Washington	ME	Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
Greater Portland Health	Cumberland	ME	Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Hometown Health Center	Penobscot	ME	Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
Bucksport Regional Health Center	Hancock	ME	Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
HealthReach Community Health Centers	Androscoggin, Franklin, Kennebec, Lincoln, Oxford Sagadahoc, Somerset	ME	Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
Fish River Rural Health	Aroostook	ME	Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
Maine Mobile Health Program	Kennebec, state-wide	ME	Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
Nasson Health Care	York	ME	Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
Penobscot Community Health Care	Penobscot, Somerset, Waldo	ME	Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
Maine Community College System	Kennebec	ME	Academic Institution
Maine Area Health Education Center	Cumberland	ME	Area Health Education Center (AHEC)
MCD Global Health	Kennebec	ME	State Organization
Consumers for Affordable Health Care	Kennebec	ME	Nonprofit Organization

## Funding Information

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# Margaretville Memorial Hospital

**Track 2:**  
Health IT and/or Telehealth Technical Support

**Track 3:**  
Community Para-Medicine

**Track 4:**  
Case Management Staff and/or Respiratory Therapy

**Grant number:**  
TR1RH45920

**Organization type:**  
Hospital (non-CAH)

## Grantee Contact Information

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## Project Description

The goals of Margaretville Hospital's Community Paramedicine program are to:

1. Create a mobile integrated health care and community paramedicine (MIH-CP) program that includes training, placement, and treatment. Paramedics and emergency medical technicians will operate in expanded roles, in which resources available will be deployed in a more efficient and effective manner, and a reimbursement system will be established that accommodates wellness checks, telehealth consultations, and other services. People living with chronic conditions are not only highly vulnerable to complications and death from COVID-19, but they are also suffering from disruptions to their regular care routines.
2. Partner with other local health care systems and/or emergency medical service units to employ community paramedics, once trained.
3. Align and leverage training opportunities with the state led efforts to address community paramedicine.
4. Reduce hospital and emergency department visits through community paramedicine visits and case management.



## Target Population

Target populations will be residents of Margaretville and Margaretville Hospital emergency medical service response area. Populations will likely include elderly populations, recipients of Medicare and Medicaid, and the underinsured.

## Communities and Counties the Project Serves

Name	County	State
Margaretville	Delaware County	NY

## Primary Network Members and Partners

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Steven Anderson	Adams	IL	Hospital (non-CAH)
UCM Digital Health	Rensselaer	NY	Other: Digital Health Care Provider
Margaret Wilson Delaware County EMS	Delaware	NY	County Department
Megan Deichler Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center	Delaware	NY	Area Health Education Center (AHEC)
Delaware County Office for the Aging	Delaware	NY	County Department
SUNY Cobleskill	Schoharie	NY	Academic Institution
APS Advance Physician Services	Delaware	NY	Other: Physicians Group
Ulster County office of the Aging	Ulster	NY	County Department
Mountainside Residential Care Center	Delaware	NY	Other: Residential Facility

## Funding Information

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# Medical University of South Carolina

**Track 2:**  
Health IT and/or Telehealth  
Technical Support

**Grant number:**  
TR1RH45921

**Organization type:**  
State Organization | Academic Health System

## Grantee Contact Information

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## Project Description

The Rural Telehealth Workforce Pipeline Network (RTWPN) has two main goals:

**Goal 1: Develop a Telehealth Student Pipeline.** The RTWPN will develop intentional opportunities for South Carolina high school and technical college students to gain exposure and in-depth experiences with telehealth in their local rural communities. Activities will include both broad educational opportunities to engage large swaths of students (e.g., telehealth lectureships, integration of telehealth into health science curriculum) and more intensive internship opportunities for health information technology students and telehealth clinical experiences for nursing students. Across the length of the grant the RTWPN program will reach over 750 students in broad educational efforts in rural Williamsburg and Florence counties and at least 20 students participating in intensive telehealth training and shadowing programs.

**Goal 2: Increase Current Rural Workforce Capacity.** As the lead health care organization in the RTWPN, Medical University of South Carolina will work to increase the telehealth capacity across its regional health network rural hospital and primary care sites located in partner rural counties (Williamsburg, Florence, Marion, Lancaster, Chester, and Kershaw counties). This will be accomplished primarily through hiring IT and associate-level nursing team members in the six rural counties to join centralized support teams, working remotely from those communities and supporting the telehealth taking place in those communities. In addition to intensive efforts to increase capacity through hiring, the RTWPN also will

provide broader telehealth training education to employees across all rural health network sites. Over the length of the grant, the RTWPN will provide telehealth and digital literacy train-the-trainer education to over 200 current health care employees across the partner rural counties.

## Target Population

This Rural Telehealth Workforce Pipeline Network will work to expand public health capacity by supporting health care job development, training, and placement in rural communities, particularly focusing on Williamsburg, Florence, Marion, Lancaster, Chester, and Kershaw counties. Across the six-county region, the grant will develop opportunities for South Carolina high school and technical college students in nursing and health information technology training programs so they can gain exposure and in-depth experiences with telehealth in their local communities. Additionally, the grant will enhance telehealth capacity by offering training to existing health care workers and hiring team members to support telehealth across participating hospitals and primary care sites.

## Communities and Counties the Project Serves

Name	County	State
	Williamsburg County	SC
	Florence County	SC
	Marion County	SC
	Lancaster County	SC
	Chester County	SC

## Primary Network Members and Partners

Name	County	State	Organization Type
The Continuum	Florence	SC	Academic Institution
Florence-Darlington Technical College	Florence	SC	Academic Institution
Palmetto Care Connections	Bamberg	SC	Nonprofit Organization
MUSC Health Black River Medical Center (Williamsburg Regional Hospital)	Williamsburg	SC	Critical Access Hospital (CAH)
MUSC Center for Telehealth & MUSC Regional Health Network	Charleston Williamsburg Florence Marion Lancaster Chester Kershaw	SC	Other: Academic Medical Center
SC Area Health Education Consortium	Statewide	SC	Area Health Education Center (AHEC)

## Funding Information

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# Michigan Center For Rural Health

**Track 1:**  
Community Health Support

**Track 3:**  
Community Para-Medicine

**Grant number:**  
TR1RH45922

**Organization type:**  
Nonprofit Organization

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## Project Description

The overarching goal of the Upper Peninsula Workforce Innovation Network (U.P. WIN) project is to increase the community health worker and community paramedicine workforce capacity by expanding and extending the reach of health professional workforce education, training, employment, and retention activities within Michigan's upper peninsula region.

U.P. WIN will focus on the following primary activities:

- Develop and expand a community paramedicine delivery model in the upper peninsula of Michigan. The intent is to create a thriving education and training pipeline for emergency medical technician (EMT) courses with the goal of supplying the staff needed to grow and sustain the model throughout the region.
- Leverage EMTs to address at-risk populations, manage patients with chronic disease in-home, and decrease hospital re-admissions, while avoiding unnecessary emergency department visits. EMTs will provide value-based health screenings, population health related work and service referrals through this innovative community paramedicine care delivery model.
- Increase access to health care services as a result of increasing the community health worker workforce in the region.

- Identify, educate, and provide cross-training opportunities for community health workers.
- Develop and expand a sustainable community health worker model.

## Target Population

The target population and area to be served is the entire Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The 15-county region is home to over 300,000 residents, is entirely composed of HRSA-designated rural areas and is entirely designated as a Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Area. Project partners will identify prospective community health care workers and provide education, training and placement opportunities within regional hospitals, clinics and community agencies. Additionally, partners will provide education and training to paramedics and develop the first community paramedicine program in the region. The project will enable up to 105 individuals to enter the workforce and, as a result, the health of hundreds to thousands of residents will be positively impacted.

## Communities and Counties the Project Serves

Name	County	State
	Alger	MI
	Baraga	MI
	Chippewa	MI
	Delta	MI
	Dickinson	MI
	Gogebic	MI
	Houghton	MI
	Iron	MI
	Keweenaw	MI
	Luce	MI
	Mackinac	MI
	Marquette	MI
	Menominee	MI
	Ontonagon	MI
	Schoolcraft	MI

## Primary Network Members and Partners

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Michigan Center for Rural Health	Ingham	MI	Nonprofit Organization
Northern Michigan University	Marquette	MI	Academic Institution
Upper Peninsula Michigan Works	Delta	MI	County Department
Upper Peninsula Area Health Education Center	Marquette	MI	Area Health Education Center (AHEC)

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Upper Great Lakes Family Health Center	Marquette	MI	Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
Upper Peninsula Health Care Solutions	Marquette	MI	Nonprofit Organization
Everyday Life Consulting	Midland	MI	Other: Consulting and Training
Upper Peninsula Health System Marquette School of EMT	Marquette	MI	Critical Access Hospital (CAH)
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Bureau of Emergency Preparedness, EMS and Systems of Care	Ingham	MI	State Organization
Bay Mills Health Center	Chippewa	MI	Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)

## Funding Information

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# Montana State University

**Track 1:**  
Community Health Support

**Track 3:**  
Community Para-Medicine

**Track 4:**  
Case Management Staff and/or Respiratory Therapy

**Grant number:**  
TR1RH45923

**Organization type:**  
Area Health Education Center (AHEC)

## Grantee Contact Information

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## Project Description

The Montana Community Health Support Network (MT-CHSN) and partners will take a network approach to bridge a workforce need in Montana's rural, frontier, tribal, and underserved communities. MT-CHSN is a network of networks built to reach its members with customized strategies across a vast, rural, and frontier state. The network has adopted a comprehensive definition of community health support workforce but will focus on community health workers and community integrated health workers. Based on data from community health assessments and planning input by partners and health care employers throughout rural, frontier, tribal, and underserved Montana communities, MT-CHSN will focus on actions that encompass three of the four identified workforce training tracks. Among MT-CHSN's critical functions is to provide the framework and tools for Montana health care employers to sustain much of the community health support workforce initiatives underway through other HRSA and CDC-funded programs that address critical needs and respond to COVID-19 challenges in Montana.

Goal: Sustainably address Montana's critical health needs in rural, frontier, tribal, and underserved communities through expanded community health support workforce capacity.

- Objective 1: Develop innovative workforce education and training approaches to support health care employer business operations and equip the workforce with skills to engage in population health and value-based care. Strategies will include leveraging existing training programs for cross-training, supporting sector lead organizations



in engaging target employers, and promoting diversity and inclusion with curricular modifications and specific outreach.

- Objective 2: Create systemic change within partner workforce development, training, and placement strategies to facilitate career and educational pathways and sustainability. Strategies include developing and institutionalizing education and career pathways, developing a flexible Montana model for sustaining valuable community health support workers, and cultivating broad support for the community health support workforce.
- Objective 3: Develop and sustain a collaborative network to address the ongoing critical needs for community health support workforce that improves health outcomes for the population and provides value for health care employers in rural, frontier, tribal, and underserved communities of Montana. Strategies include developing a sustainable network, increasing cross-sector collaboration, evaluating project processes and outcomes, and collaborating around best practices and technical assistance.

## Target Population

The target population for this project are residents of the rural, underserved, and tribal communities of Montana who will benefit from expansion of community health workers and community integrated health workers.

## Communities and Counties the Project Serves

Name	County	State
	All	MO

## Primary Network Members and Partners

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Messengers for Health	Big Horn	MT	Nonprofit Organization
Montana Primary Care Association	Lewis & Clark	MT	State Organization
Montana Hospital Association	Lewis & Clark	MT	State Organization
Montana Health Network	Custer	MT	Other: Regional Health Care Network

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# Mountain Empire Community College

Track 2:

Health IT and/or Telehealth  
Technical Support

**Grant number:**

TR1RH45924

**Organization type:**

Nonprofit Organization

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## Project Description

MECC submits that the purpose of this building capacity for health information technology (HIT) and telehealth professionals project is to address this workforce gap in the regional health care sector. To meet this identified need, MECC has constructed a 27-credit Health Information Technology Data Analyst Career Studies Certificate for individuals with existing training and/or experience in a clinical setting utilizing electronic health records, telehealth connectivity, and related electronic patient interactions through mobile platforms. The initial offering of this program is anticipated in fall 2022.

Admission to the Health Information Technology Data Analyst Career Studies Certificate program will be conducted via a formal application process, with 30 new students admitted each year. Applicants must meet the college's general admissions requirements, as well as program specific requirements. This screening process allows the college to ensure that students are adequately prepared to be successful in the program.

The curriculum includes specialized courses in health it infrastructure development, emerging technologies in healthcare, security awareness, database applications and management, computer applications in healthcare, project management and a coordinated internship. This program of study is meant to enhance the skills and abilities of those previously trained in health information management or health care-related fields with experience in the use of electronic health

records. With a specific focus on HIT infrastructure and emerging technologies, students will be able to support not only the equipment used for electronic health records and telehealth systems, but operations, security and end-user support and training needed for effective utilization of the systems.

The goals of the project are described below.

1. 1MECC will work closely with the Mountain Empire Rural Health Network to train new and existing staff to fully leverage and optimize electronic health record and telehealth systems.
2. Establish an expanded career pathway structure from any allied health or clinical health field to certification as a health information technology data analyst.
3. Increase opportunities for placement of HIT data analyst interns and shared HIT specialists across rural health facilities in the region.
4. Enable on-the-job and customized HIT training to meets the needs of employer partners within the Mountain Empire Rural Health Network and other medical facilities within the region.
5. Establish clear plans to evaluate the work of the Mountain Empire Rural Health Network both during and beyond the performance period of the grant.

## Target Population

The target population for this project will include all individuals with previous allied or clinical health training or experience, from within the service region defined, above and between the ages of 18 to 64. According to U.S. Census estimates, the size of the population in this age group is approximately 43,000 individuals, and includes people from all socioeconomic levels, the unemployed or underemployed, and veterans. However, initial recruiting efforts will focus on incumbent health care workers and graduates of Mountain Empire Community College’s (MECC’s) Health Information Management program in order to meet employers’ most immediate needs for training. The college’s service region includes four counties in rural southwest Virginia with a population of approximately 103,000.

Demographics: The median age of MECC’s service region is 43 years and 8 months, with 94.5% of the population classified as White. Just over 22% of the population is at or below the poverty level with 37.7% of all children living in single parent households. Nearly 28% of the population is between 18 and 64 years is classified as disabled, with 10.7% of the total population is uninsured. The labor force participation rate is only 44.5% and household income is nearly half that of the state of Virginia (\$36,042 versus \$74,222).

## Communities and Counties the Project Serves

Name	County	State
City of Norton	Wise	VA
Southwest Virginia	Wise	VA
Pennington Gap and Jonesville	Lee	VA
Clintwood, Pound	Dickenson	VA

## Primary Network Members and Partners

Name	County	State	Organization Type
St. Charles Health Council, Inc., dba Stone Mountain Health Services	Lee	VA	Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
Mountain Empire PACE	Wise	VA	Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
Clinch River Health Services	Scott	VA	Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
Lee County Community Hospital	Lee	VA	Critical Access Hospital (CAH)
Norton Community Hospital	Wise	VA	Hospital (non-CAH)
Dickenson Community Hospital	Dickenson	VA	Critical Access Hospital (CAH)
Southwest Virginia AHEC	Montgomery	VA	Area Health Education Center (AHEC)
Mountain Empire Community College	Wise	VA	Nonprofit Organization

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# Nebraska Association of Local Health Directors

**Grant number:**  
TR1RH45925

**Track 1:**  
Community Health Support

**Organization type:**  
Nonprofit Organization

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## Project Description

The Nebraska Association of Local Health Directors' (NALHD's) project aims to expand Nebraska's rural public health operational and clinical system capacity by supporting training and placement of community health workers (CHWs) at local health departments. All 10 local health departments will support at least a 0.75-1.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) CHW (including dental hygienist in this definition) as part of an oral health team with this funding. This FTE will have good pay and agency benefits, participate in an asynchronous training with support sessions to cross-train for operational capacity from November through September, and mentor the next cohort of trainees in years 2 and 3. The training curriculum is a 30-hour, skill-building series that covers topics such as billing and coding of services; learning how to sign-up people to Medicaid; counseling on benefits of the Affordable Care Act Marketplace; coordinating and developing dental referral systems; and honing many soft skills such as navigating conflict, developing leadership abilities, and understanding cultural and linguistic considerations of the CHWs and the public they engage, etc. NALHD will host and convene the community of practice and deliver alternative support sessions for the cohort to connect, to share experiences and expertise in oral health, and to apply learnings from the training with each other. For years 2 and 3, the 10 local health departments will maintain the 0.75-1.0 FTE supported by this funding and send other trainees through the asynchronous training.

## Target Population

Population within a 62-county, rural area in Nebraska. The counties served include: Polk, Butler, York, Seward, Madison, Stanton, Cuming, Burt, Blaine, Custer, Garfield, Greeley, Howard, Loup, Sherman, Valley, Wheeler, Cherry, Keya Paha, Boyd, Brown, Rock, Holt, Knox, Antelope, Pierce, Cedar, Dixon, Wayne, Thurston, Banner, Box Butte, Cheyenne, Dawes, Deuel, Garden, Grant, Kimball, Morrill, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan, Sioux, Fillmore, Saline, Thayer, Jefferson, Gage, Otoe, Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee, Richardson, Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Perkins, Red Willow, Keith, Dawson, Buffalo, Gosper, Phelps, Kearney, Harlan, and Franklin.

## Communities and Counties the Project Serves

Name	County	State
	Antelope	NE
	Banner	NE
	Blaine	NE
	Bluff	NE
	Box Butte	NE
	Boyd	NE
	Brown	NE
	Buffalo	NE
	Burt	NE
	Butler	NE
	Cedar	NE
	Chase	NE
	Cherry	NE
	Cheyenne	NE
	Cuming	NE
	Custer	NE
	Dawes	NE
	Dawson	NE
	Deuel	NE
	Dixon	NE
	Dundy	NE
	Fillmore	NE
	Franklin	NE
	Frontier	NE
	Furnas	NE
	Gage	NE
	Garden	NE

Name	County	State
	Garfield	NE
	Grant	NE
	Greeley	NE
	Gosper	NE
	Harlan	NE
	Hayes	NE
	Hitchcock	NE
	Holt	NE
	Howard	NE
	Jefferson	NE
	Johnson	NE
	Kearney	NE
	Keith	NE
	Keya Paha	NE
	Kimball	NE
	Knox	NE
	Loup	NE
	Madison	NE
	Morrill	NE
	Nemaha	NE
	Otoe	NE
	Pawnee	NE
	Perkins	NE
	Phelps	NE
	Polk	NE
	Red Willow	NE
	Richardson	NE
	Rock	NE
	Saline	NE
	Scotts Bluff	NE
	Seward	NE
	Sheridan	NE
	Sioux	NE
	Stanton	NE
	Thayer	NE
	Thurston	NE
	Valley	NE
	Wheeler	NE
	York	NE

## Primary Network Members and Partners

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department		NE	Health Department
Four Corners Health Department		NE	Health Department
Loup Basin Public Health Department		NE	Health Department
Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department		NE	Health Department
Panhandle Public Health District		NE	Health Department
Public Health Solutions		NE	Health Department
Southeast District Health Department		NE	Health Department
Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department		NE	Health Department
Three Rivers Public Health Department		NE	Health Department
Two Rivers Public Health Department		NE	Health Department
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Oral Health & Dentistry		NE	State Health Department

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# Oregon Health & Science University

**Track 1:**  
Community Health Support

**Track 3:**  
Community Para-Medicine

**Grant number:**  
TR1RH45926

**Organization type:**  
Other: State Office of Rural Health

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## Project Description

The Healthy Rural Oregon: Building A Workforce for Community Health project will bring together rural health care providers and training partners in order to meet the need for cross-trained health professionals who can enhance clinical and operational capacity in rural health care clinics, hospitals, emergency responders, and public health departments. Based on input from rural county-based public health departments, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, emergency medical services and others, the project will develop new trainings and cross-train 127 community health workers to provide coding, billing, peer support services, medical assisting, and other services that increase organizational efficiency and capacity. Health care providers in Malheur County, in partnership with Treasure Valley Community College, will develop a new community paramedicine training program and train 64 individuals as community paramedics. Several rural community colleges are participating in the proposal; all will collaborate with participating health care providers to ensure training meets their workforce needs. Currently, 24 partner organizations across rural regions of Oregon have signed an memorandum of understanding for project participation, creating a sustainable network of information and resource sharing for the duration of this project and beyond.

## Target Population

The project will serve rural census tract areas identified by HRSA as medically underserved (including low-income, medically indigent, and migrant worker populations) or with a health professional shortage. The target areas are physically large and home to ~250,000 residents, with an average county size of 4,033 square miles and average population density of 25 people per square mile. The project will focus on supplying community health workers and community paramedics to organizations serving these groups with more difficult access to care, with emphasis on those with high health care needs or disparities, including Hispanic/Latinx individuals and those age 65+.

## Communities and Counties the Project Serves

Name	County	State
	Crook	OR
	Jefferson	OR
	Klamath	OR
	Malheur	OR
	Wasco	OR
	Wheeler	OR
	Lane	OR
	Deschutes	OR

## Primary Network Members and Partners

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Oregon Coalition of Local Health Officials	Multnomah	OR	Nonprofit Organization
Central Oregon Community College	Deschutes	OR	Nonprofit Organization
Treasure Valley Community College	Malheur	OR	Nonprofit Organization
Deschutes Co. Public Health	Deschutes	OR	Health Department
Klamath Co. Public Health/ Klamath Co. Tribal Health	Klamath	OR	Health Department
Malheur Co. Public Health/ Malheur Co. Ambulance Service District	Malheur	OR	Health Department
North Central Public Health District	Wasco/ Sherman	OR	Health Department
Crook Co. Public Health	Crook	OR	Health Department
Jefferson Co. Public Health	Jefferson	OR	Health Department
Lane Co. Public Health	Lane	OR	Health Department

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Wheeler Co. Public Health	Wheeler	OR	Health Department
Cascade Health Alliance	Klamath	OR	Nonprofit Organization
Asher Health	Wheeler	OR	Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)

## Funding Information

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# Outer Cape Health Services, Inc.

**Track 1:**  
Community Health Support

**Grant number:**  
TR1RH45927

**Organization type:**  
Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)

## Grantee Contact Information

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## Project Description

The Massachusetts ARWTN program will focus on Track 1, Community Health Support, specifically on training community health workers (CHWs). The need for across the clinical workforce has been growing dramatically, particularly since the COVID-19 pandemic began in early 2020. All the clinical partners participating in the program report significant and growing workforce shortages at the same time that the need for services is rising. CHWs have evolved as a vital tool in addressing needs due to chronic conditions, behavioral health, substance use disorder, social determinants of health, and service coordination in community-based settings. Competition for CHWs has become a limiting factor as the available pool of potential workers has decreased. In addition, health care providers report increasing need to take a health equity-based approach to ensure vulnerable populations have equal access to these services. To address the shortage of CHWs, the Massachusetts ARWTN proposes to target under-represented populations such as immigrant and migrant workforce, many of whom are currently working in low-paying, unbenefited jobs in the service, tourism, hospitality, agricultural, fishing, and other sectors in rural areas. In addition to providing a much-needed source of workers, these new workers will help create a more diverse workforce. At the same time, these new workers will provide increased capacity to reach people in their communities who may be underserved and isolated by language, culture, ethnicity, and race. The program proposes to develop and deliver training in languages including Spanish and Portuguese, which are spoken at home by many of the target population being served. In addition to expanding the number of new workers, the program will provide training for incumbent workers who are or may become CHWs. This will strengthen existing workforce as well as providing a career growth path. A key focus of the program will be to provide cross-training in areas such as billing and coding, electronic health record scribe and chart support, service coordination, peer recovery support, crisis intervention, benefits counseling, and health promotion.

## Target Population

The Massachusetts Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Rural Workforce Training Network (ARWTN) program proposes to target under-represented populations such as immigrant and migrant workforce, many of which are currently working in low-paying, unbenefited jobs in the service, tourism, hospitality, agricultural, fishing, and other sectors in rural areas.

## Communities and Counties the Project Serves

Name	County	State
Wellfleet, Truro, Provincetown	Barnstable	MA
Entire County	Franklin	MA
Entire County	Berkshire	MA

## Primary Network Members and Partners

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Cape & Islands AHEC	Barnstable	MA	Area Health Education Center (AHEC)
Baystate - Franklin AHEC	Franklin	MA	Area Health Education Center (AHEC)
Berkshire AHEC	Berkshire	MA	Area Health Education Center (AHEC)
Baystate Franklin Medical Center/UMass Chan Medical School Family Residency Program	Franklin	MA	Hospital (non-CAH)
Community Health Programs	Berkshire	MA	Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
Cape Cod Community College	Barnstable	MA	Other: Community College
Berkshire Community College	Berkshire	MA	Other: Community College

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# Randolph County Housing Authority

**Track 1:**  
Community Health Support

**Grant number:**  
TR1RH45928

**Organization type:**  
Other: Public Housing Authority

## Grantee Contact Information

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## Project Description

The Targeted Health Instruction of North Central WV (THINC) program will provide workforce training to a six-county region in north-central West Virginia. All counties are considered rural and have been designated as medically underserved populations. The classes being provided will include clinical medical assistant, community health worker, billing and coding specialists, behavioral health technician, and electronic health records. The classes focus on providing, in one semester, training that can be immediately used in the health care network and will offer the ability to have workers cross-trained to assist with better health outcomes, especially among those with long COVID-19. The classes will be college-level and carry college credits, thus allowing the participants to continue their education once they complete a class, should they so choose. Additionally, based on the classes being offered, the network will develop career pathways to utilize a variety of health care professionals to meet the operational and clinical needs now and in the future. Several of the partners in the North Central WV Health Care Workforce Training Network (Randolph County Housing Authority, Davis Medical Center, Eastern WV Community and Technical College, Elkins-Randolph Chamber of Commerce, and Randolph County Development Authority) have all been working together as a part of the Randolph County Workforce Collaborative which was started in 2019. THINC will provide transportation options to those who seek training, thus increasing the available workforce in the most remote areas of north-central West Virginia. THINC provides classes deemed needed by the network and is supported by the job availability listing from the rural health care providers.

## Target Population

The Targeted Health Instruction of North Central WV (THINC) Program is focused on bringing health classes to unemployed or underemployed individuals in rural communities. THINC targets individuals who are looking to begin a family-sustaining career, but do not have a college education or other vocational training to make that happen. THINC is also designed around up-skilling individuals who may already be employed in the medical field, but are looking to improve their position or wages.

## Communities and Counties the Project Serves

Name	County	State
	Randolph & Barbour	WV
	Tucker	WV
	Upshur & Webster	WV
	Lewis	WV

## Primary Network Members and Partners

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Davis Health System	Randolph	WV	Rural Health Clinic
Eastern WV Community and Technical College	Hardy	WV	Academic Institution
Davis and Elkins College	Randolph	WV	Academic Institution

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# Rector & Visitors of the University of Virginia

**Grant number:**  
TR1RH45929

**Track 1:**  
Community Health Support

**Track 2:**  
Health IT and/or Telehealth Technical Support

**Track 3:**  
Community Para-Medicine

**Organization type:**  
Academic Institution | Hospital

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## Project Description

The SCOPES Program (Advancing a Successful Community Paramedic and Emergency Services Work Force) aims to establish a sustainable continuing education program for EMS providers, community paramedics, and community health care workers, expand use of prehospital telemedicine (iTREAT), and enhance community health. Areas of focus include stroke, cardiovascular disease, and use of telehealth technology.

Through the use of the Project ECHO model, the SCOPES team will develop educational offerings geared towards EMS providers, rural physicians and advanced practice providers, and community health workers. Topics will cover a broad range of subjects, including prehospital emergency care, stroke and cardiovascular disease, and community paramedicine and community health. We will also use Telehealth Village to educate providers and early-career trainees in the use of telehealth technology.

SCOPES will also create opportunities to expand iTREAT, University of Virginia's ambulance-based telemedicine program, which will allow us to reach a greater number of patients and examine them before they arrive at our emergency department. This will result in more efficient care upon their arrival and faster access to life-saving treatment.

In addition to the educational offerings for community paramedics and community health workers, SCOPES also aims to develop this portion of the workforce by developing tools to enhance their ability to care for their patients. This includes developing a telemedicine toolkit for community health and enhance remote patient monitoring for select patient populations.



## Target Population

Program targets include emergency medical service (EMS) providers, community paramedics, physicians, nurse practitioners, physicians assistants, and community health workers throughout the rural, central Virginia area. Program will also target emergency medical technician students in the Charlottesville-Albemarle area and nursing students in Wise County.

## Communities and Counties the Project Serves

Name	County	State
Central Virginia	Charlottesville, Albemarle, Culpeper, Madison, Greene, Orange, Louisa, Fluvanna, Buckingham, Nelson	VA
Wise County	Wise	VA

## Primary Network Members and Partners

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Madison County EMS	Madison	VA	County Department
Orange County Fire EMS	Orange	VA	County Department
Louisa County Fire EMS	Louisa	VA	County Department
Culpeper County EMS	Culpeper	VA	County Department
Wintergreen Fire Rescue	Nelson	VA	Nonprofit Organization
Blue Ridge Health District	Charlottesville	VA	Health Department
Central Virginia Health Services	Buckingham	VA	Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
UVA – Wise Campus	Wise	VA	Academic Institution
Charlottesville – Albemarle Technical Education Center	Albemarle	VA	School District

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# South Dakota State University

Track 4:

Case Management Staff and/or  
Respiratory Therapy

**Grant number:**

TR1RH45930

**Organization type:**

Academic Institution

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## Project Description

This project is focused on the expansion of public health capacity by supporting public health and respiratory care recruitment, training, placement, and job development in rural communities in South Dakota. The BREATHE-SD (Bringing Resources, Education, Awareness, Training, Holistic care, and Empowerment) program aims to meet the rural public health workforce needs across South Dakotan communities by leveraging respiratory therapists, public health professionals, and other allied health care workers. The project leverages skills and resources from four of our consortium organizations: 1) the applicant agency, South Dakota State University; 2) Huron Regional Medical Center; 3) Brookings Health System; and 4) Madison Regional Health System to do the following:

1. Bringing Resources: Forming a consortium that pools resources, expertise, and infrastructure of the four consortium members listed above.
2. Education: Developing and delivering an innovative, flexible, and comprehensive respiratory care curriculum with onsite training and apprenticeships in rural hospitals to meet the need by increasing the cap of respiratory care students by 66% each year.
3. Awareness: Launching an awareness campaign developed by public health and respiratory care professionals that focuses on prevention and management of COVID-19 and long-term impacts of respiratory conditions and to help team members know of services offered by registered respiratory therapists. Lastly, raising awareness among

middle and high school students about respiratory therapy career pathways will be an additional focus area of this project.

4. **Training:** Cross-training respiratory therapists, public health professionals, case managers, community health workers, paramedics, certified nurse assistants, and medical assistants. This project will focus on developing training sessions, webinars, and toolkits that can be used by other health care workers when, for example, a respiratory therapist is not on staff or unavailable to offer these services during an emergency. For existing programs offered through partnerships with tech schools, the consortium will facilitate opportunities to upskill or add additional credentials, for health care workers listed above.
5. **Holistic Care:** By cross-training and developing resources including a focus on addressing social determinants of health, we believe that patients will be able to access more holistic care offered by consortium members.
6. **Empowerment:** Restoring confidence and empowering current and future health care workers to provide high-quality patient care. COVID-19 continues to contribute to high turnover due to practitioner burnout and poor job satisfaction. These factors could be attributed to many health care workers feeling they were not trained or were undertrained and unprepared to deal with such an emergency or the long-standing effects of COVID-19. By utilizing expertise of respiratory therapists and public health professionals, we hope to provide education and training and to raise awareness for health care workers across the state. We believe this will help restore confidence, decrease burnout, create more referrals, and consequentially empower our health care workers. We also propose empowering our younger students who may be shying away from health care or are not hearing about this field until too late. We often hear from our nontraditional students that they were not aware of the respiratory care or public health fields during their K-12 education. Through this project, we will seek to increase awareness and offer learning opportunities to empower K-12 students to pursue these important health care fields.

## Target Population

Medically underserved populations and communities and rural and frontier communities across the state of South Dakota.

## Communities and Counties the Project Serves

Name	County	State
Medically underserved population, English language learners	Beadle	SD
Medically underserved communities	Brookings	SD
Rural community	Lake	SD
Rural and frontier communities	Other rural and frontier counties	SD

## Primary Network Members and Partners

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Huron Regional Medical Center	Beadle	SD	Critical Access Hospital (CAH)
Brookings Health System	Brookings	SD	Critical Access Hospital (CAH)

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Madison Regional Health System	Lake	SD	Critical Access Hospital (CAH)
South Dakota State University	Brookings	SD	Academic Institution

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# Southwest Georgia Area Health Education Center

## Grant number:

TR1RH45931

## Track 3:

Community Para-Medicine

## Organization type:

Area Health Education Center (AHEC)

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## Project Description

The Southwest Georgia Community Paramedicine Network Program (SOWEGA-CPN) project will build upon the success of the Georgia State Office of Rural Health's Community Paramedicine (CP) Pilot Project and develop a CP training program for the southwest Georgia region. By implementing a hospital-based CP Program, rural hospitals may reduce nonemergent superuser emergency room (ER) visits and improve the hospital's financial health and community health outcomes.

The Southwest Georgia Community Paramedicine Network includes SOWEGA-AHEC, the Georgia State Office of Rural Health and five southwest Georgia rural hospitals. THE SOWEGA-CPN will develop a Southwest Georgia Community Paramedicine Program for training purposes to include a CP workforce provider training curriculum and guidelines, processes, and reporting matrix to assist participating hospitals in identifying hospital ER superusers to be enrolled into the program.

Program project goals include (1) Establish a network of regional hospitals and service providers to create a CP workforce training program, (2) Develop and implement a regional CP training program to train five CP providers and future workforce, and (3) Support implementation of new hospital-based CP departments in five southwest Georgia rural hospitals.

The intended outcomes include (1) Establish the SOWEGA-CPN and continue collaboration, (2) Develop the SOWEGA-CPN training program, (3) Expand the CP workforce, and (4) Reduce participating hospital nonemergent superuser ER visits, readmittance rates and costs.

By implementing a CP training program and CP department, hospital-based community paramedicine can expand access to preventative care and reduce nonemergent superuser ER visits by providing access to resources during CP visits in their homes improving health outcomes resulting in cost savings for the hospital and increased access to emergency medical services for emergent patients.

## Target Population

The target population includes southwest Georgia, specifically the five rural network member hospital communities in Clinch, Coffee, Colquitt, Irwin and Tift counties. All five hospitals are located in federally designated rural, primary care Health Professional Shortage Areas and Medically Underserved Areas/Population counties.

## Communities and Counties the Project Serves

Name	County	State
Clinch Memorial Hospital	Clinch	GA
Coffee Regional Medical Center	Coffee	GA
Colquitt Regional Medical Center	Clinch	GA
Irwin County Hospital	Irwin	GA
Tift Regional Medical Center/Southwell	Tift	GA

## Primary Network Members and Partners

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Southwest Georgia Area Health Education Center (SOWEGA-AHEC)	Dougherty	GA	Nonprofit Organization
Georgia State Office of Rural Health (SORH)	Crisp	GA	State Organization
Clinch Memorial Hospital	Clinch	GA	Critical Access Hospital (CAH)
Coffee Regional Medical Center	Coffee	GA	Hospital (non-CAH)
Colquitt Regional Medical Center	Colquitt	GA	Hospital (non-CAH)
Irwin County Hospital	Irwin	GA	Hospital (non-CAH)
Tift Regional Medical Center/Southwell	Tift	GA	Hospital (non-CAH)

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# The Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio

**Track 1:**  
Community Health Support

**Track 3:**  
Community Para-Medicine

**Grant number:**  
TR1RH47060

**Organization type:**  
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## Project Description

The project will address critical rural health care gaps in Wood, Ottawa, and Huron counties as well as nearby rural communities as designated by HRSA. Activities include: establishing a network to create and expand training programs for community health workers and paramedics; providing cross-training to expand health care capacity affected by COVID-19 and skills to engage in population health; providing trainees with high-quality, good-paying jobs; providing culturally and linguistically appropriate workforce training to improve health care; partnering with established, certified training programs to maximize clinical and operational capacity; increasing the rural public health workforce; increasing patients attending well visits with a primary care physician; decreasing hospital readmissions of COVID-19 patients, decreasing patients inappropriately utilizing emergency departments; decreasing uninsured patients treated at hospitals; and increasing reimbursement for health care services by getting patients insured. Wood County Hospital in Wood County, Magruder Hospital in Ottawa County, and Fisher-Titus Medical Center in Huron County will collaborate with the Northwest Ohio Pathways HUB to increase workforce development, increase rural health care jobs, and connect at-risk residents to needed medical care and social services to improve health outcomes.



## Target Population

a The target population includes adults in the rural communities of Huron, Ottawa, and Wood counties. Risk factors include low-income levels, a lack of health care access, and being located in Health Professional Shortage Areas. The project expects to serve approximately 420 residents in Wood and Ottawa counties and approximately 1,280 residents in rural Huron County and nearby rural communities.

## Communities and Counties the Project Serves

Name	County	State
Adult rural communities	Huron	OH
Adult rural communities	Ottawa	OH
Adult rural communities	Wood	OH

## Primary Network Members and Partners

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Wood County Hospital	Wood	OH	Hospital (non-CAH)
Magruder Hospital	Ottawa	OH	Critical Access Hospital (CAH)
Fisher-Titus Hospital	Huron	OH	Hospital (non-CAH)

## Funding Information

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# University of Kansas Medical Center Research Institute, Inc.

**Grant number:**  
TR1RH45932

**Track 4:**  
Case Management Staff and/or  
Respiratory Therapy

**Organization type:**  
Academic Medical Center

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## Project Description

The purpose of the proposed project is to expand respiratory therapy and registered nursing workforce capacity in Kansas Health Professional Shortage Areas and Medically Underserved Areas, focusing especially on building skills to engage in population health and treat persons with long COVID-19. We will leverage resources to create the Interprofessional COVID-19 Academic Network (I-CAN). The I-CAN will include a collaborative group of stakeholders: educators, clinicians, payers, policy makers, professional organizations, patients. Specifically, our network will address the goals for Track 4: Case Management Staff and/or Respiratory Therapists by training respiratory therapy and registered nursing students in pulmonary rehabilitation principles and treating the negative effects of long COVID-19. Our interprofessional team also will collaborate with rural clinical partners at community hospitals to expand the skills of practicing respiratory therapists and registered nurses to meet the needs of people with long COVID-19. The I-CAN will focus on increasing skills in the rural health care workforce in Kansas and delivering a combination of didactic and clinical experiences centered on evidence-based pulmonary rehabilitation principles, for improving the lives of people with long COVID-19.

## Target Population

Our target population is individuals suffering from long COVID-19 in Health Professional Shortage Areas and Medically Underserved Areas in Kansas. The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the need for more specialty-trained providers, as more pulmonary rehabilitation programs need to expand and include people with long COVID-19. There have been 767,870 COVID-19 cases in Kansas, representing 25% of the state's population. Our network will train respiratory therapy and registered nursing students and practicing clinicians in rural communities to address the negative effects of long COVID-19.

## Communities and Counties the Project Serves

Name	County	State
Parsons, KS and surrounding communities	Labette	KS
Liberal, KS and surrounding communities	Seward	KS
Salina, KS and surrounding communities	Saline	KS

## Primary Network Members and Partners

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Labette Community College	Labette	KS	Community College
Seward Community College	Seward	KS	Community College
KU School of Nursing, Salina Campus	Saline	KS	Academic Medical Center

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# Virginia Rural Health Association

**Track 1:**  
Community Health Support

**Grant number:**  
TR1RH45933

**Organization type:**  
Nonprofit Organization

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## Project Description

Track 1: Community Health Support of the RPHWTN program. The area of workforce training focuses on cross-training in high-value areas to improve operational and clinical capacity. A secondary area of need specific to doulas will consider how doulas can be utilized in high-risk pregnancies and how they can be leveraged to help link pregnant patients to broader social and mental health services to encourage enhanced outcomes. The collaborative is planning to train approximately 110 new community health support workers as community health workers, doulas, licensed practice nurses, and similar positions at the associate degree level or below, in order to strengthen the public health safety net in rural Virginia. The development of the collaborative would not only increase career opportunities for individuals who wish to enter the public health and health care workforce but also increase access to care and resources for community members seeking a variety of services, from prenatal care to recovery services.

## Target Population

The catchment area of the hospitals in the Carilion Clinic and Sovah Health systems will serve as the rural target service area. This includes Franklin, Giles, Henry, Pittsylvania, Rockbridge, and Tazewell counties, as well as Danville, Martinsville, and Lexington cities (which are independent of their surrounding counties, though still classified as rural). Those making less than a living wage.

## Communities and Counties the Project Serves

Name	County	State
	Franklin County	VA
	Giles	VA
	Henry County	VA
	Pittsylvania County	VA

## Primary Network Members and Partners

Name	County	State	Organization Type
Carilion Medical Center		VA	Hospital (non-CAH)
New River/Mt. Rogers Workforce Development Area Consortium Board	Mt. Rogers	VA	Nonprofit Organization
West Piedmont Workforce Development Board	Martinsville	VA	Nonprofit Organization
United Way of Roanoke Valley	Roanoke	VA	Nonprofit Organization
SOVAH-Danville	Danville	VA	Hospital (non-CAH)
SOVAH-Martinsville	Martinsville	VA	Hospital (non-CAH)
Western Virginia Workforce Development Board	Roanoke	VA	Nonprofit Organization

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