



OPCRH Staff Introductions

Erin Olsen has been in the Office of Primary Care Rural Health since the program started 24 years ago and 36 years with the department of health. Erin knows every section of every program in our office and has been an invaluable employee.

Erin is looking at retiring in the next couple years and enjoying her new puppies and traveling to California where she is originally from.

OPCRH Quarterly Update

- ✓ State Primary Care Grant Program II has awarded to 27 rural and urban agencies the amount of \$1,947,689 to provide primary care, mental health, dental care services and referral services. Those agencies with awards should submit their quarterly progress report by January 15, 2015. For the complete list of agencies please check [OPCRH website](#).
- ✓ OPCRH is celebrating the National Rural Health Day, Nov 20 2014. For the third year in a row a rural photo contest has been organized and deadline to submit your picture is December 5th, 2014, click [here](#) for more details.

Conferences & Trainings

- ✓ [26th Rural Health Policy Institute](#)
- ✓ [StuderGroup Conference](#)
- ✓ [Baldrige Regional Conferences](#)

Policy Updates

- [Rural Health Clinics \(RHC\) TA Series Calls](#)
- [Federal Register News](#) from the past 120 days
- Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services: be up to date on policies, news and other topics. [Get Email Updates](#)

Funding Opportunities

- [Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program](#) Applications and guidance were posted September 4, 2014 and will be close on November 14, 2014
- [HRSA-15-036 Rural Health Network Development Planning Program](#). Apply by January 9, 2015
- [Grants.gov](#) is your place to FIND and APPLY for federal grants.
- [USDA programs and Services](#)

Events and Data Links

- CMS MLN Connects- National Provider Call Program-[Upcoming Events](#)
- [County Health Ranking & Road Maps](#): Check your county ranking on Health Outcomes and Health Factors.
- National Rural Health Day, November 20, 2014.

Issue's Topic

- [Conducting Rural Health Research, Needs Assessment, and Program Evaluation Guide](#).

Issue's Definition

- [MBQIP](#): is the Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Program, a QI activity under the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (FLEX) grant program. The goal of MBQIP is to improve the quality of care provided in small, rural Critical Access Hospital (CAHs). To see the federal MBQIP monthly newsletter please click [here](#)

Helpful Websites

[NOSORH](#) [NRHA](#) [NHSC](#) [3RNet](#) [MBQIP](#) [HCAHPS](#) [ICD-10](#) [TASC](#)
[National Rural Health Resources Center](#) [Flex Monitoring Team](#) [Rural Assistance Center \(RAC\)](#)
[Rural Health Research & Policy Centers](#) [Federally Qualified Health Centers Center](#)
[CMS-MLN](#) [HPSA Designations](#) [Utah Telehealth Network](#) [the Baldrige Framework](#)

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