



## OPCRH Staff Introductions

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## OPCRH Quarterly Update

- ✓ On January 16<sup>th</sup>, the Flex program held the 1st advisory meeting for the year, rural hospitals CEOs discussed possible strategies and activities to address and improve health care in rural Utah.
- ✓ On January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 the State Primary Care Grant Program held a Statutory Committee meeting to review and update the grant guidelines and application process.
- ✓ OPCRH will send the 2015-2016 SHIP hospital application to 21 rural hospitals. Hospitals will select interventions to improve the quality of care in rural Utah. These interventions will be implemented from Sept 2015 through May 2016.

## Conferences & Trainings

- ✓ [NQFAC. March 23-24, 2015](#)
- ✓ [National Rural Health Association](#)
- ✓ [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. [Get Email Updates](#)

## Funding Opportunities

- [Rural Outreach Benefits Counseling Program](#). Apply By March 30, 2015.
- [Healthcare Access Mobility Design Challenge](#). Apply by March 27, 2015.
- [HRSA Rural Health Open Opportunities](#)
- [Anthem Foundation Grants](#). Apply by March 6, 2015.
- [Funding & Opportunities in Utah](#)
- FIND and APPLY for federal grants @ [Grants.gov](#) and [USDA](#).

## Events

- [National Organization of State office of Rural Health](#)
- National Advisory Committee on [Rural Health](#) (Feb.18) & [Human Services](#) (Feb.26)
- CMS MLN Connects- National Provider Call Program-[Upcoming Events](#)

## Tools, Resources, and Links

- [Community Paramedicine Evaluation Tool](#)
- [Community Health Needs Assessment Toolkit](#)
- [The Affordable Care Act and Your Community](#)
- Rural Assistance Center: [Get updates](#) & Rural Health Research Gateway [Flyer](#)
- ICD-10 [Implementation Toolkit](#) and [Provider Resources](#)
- HRSA Rural Health: [Policy and Research](#)
- National Association of Rural Health Clinics – [Online Training](#)
- [County Health Ranking & Road Maps](#): Check your ranking!

## Issue's Topic

- [Utah Rural Health Plan](#): Describes Utah's rural health system, the organizations comprising its health care safety net and the environment in which those organizations provide services.

## Issue's Definition

- [HPSAs](#): Health Professional Shortage Areas are designated by HRSA as having shortages of primary medical care, dental and mental health providers and may be geographic, population or facility.

## 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](#)