

# Rural Health Update

## Utah Office of Primary Care & Rural Health (OPCRH)

October 1 - December 30, 2016

### OPCRH NEWS!

The Office will be hiring two full time positions with benefits:

- An Office Specialist I: The incumbent will provide office and administrative support to staff and their specific programs.

- Health Program Coordinator: The incumbent will work on multiples programs, manage and meet deadlines. Some of the task are: plans, develops and coordinates one or more large, complex projects; analyzes, summarizes and/or reviews data; reports findings, interprets results and/or makes recommendations; Gathers data, prepares reports or summarizes information; grant writing experience in federal grants among other tasks.

OPCRH has now opened the Health Care [Workforce Financial Assistance Program](#) (Apply by March 1, 2017) and the [Rural Physician Loan Repayment Program](#) (Apply by May 31, 2017). Application are review and process based on the programs criteria and the availability of funds for the current fiscal year. Both programs are one-time funded and the continuity of the programs are based on annual appropriations from the Utah Legislature. Contact Robbin Williams for additional information at [opcrh@utah.gov](mailto:opcrh@utah.gov) or 801-273-6641.

The Utah State Office of Rural Health is celebrating the Rural Health Week in Utah. As part of the celebration the office is working on the following activities:

- The Annual Utah Rural Health [Photo Contest](#)
- The Utah Governor Declaration
- Rural Health Press Release on November 14
- The [2016 Utah Community Star Stories](#) and
- The Annual OPCRH Rural Hospital Awards.

### 3RNet News

Southern Utah AHEC is excited to be the host agency of 3RNet for the State of Utah. If you are an individual interested in working in a rural or underserved area, or if you are an employer who would like to advertise your job, please visit <https://www.3rnet.org/> or contact Rita Osborn at [osborn@suu.edu](mailto:osborn@suu.edu).

### Policy Updates

- Policies updates and policy briefs: [FORHP](#), [CRH](#), [RUPRI](#), [NARHC](#)
- [Comment on PTAC's Payment Model Guidance](#) - Oct 14.
- [Comment on State Innovation Model Initiative \(SIM\)](#)- Due October 28
- [Federal Registry](#) from the past 120 days
- Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services: [Get Email Updates](#)

### Funding Opportunities (FO)

- [HRSA-17-063](#) Nursing Workforce Diversity (NWD) Program. By Nov 14
- [HRSA-17-066](#) Nurse Faculty Loan Program. Apply by Nov 14
- [HRSA-17-018](#) Rural Health Network Development Program. By Nov 28
- [HRSA-17-0564](#) Nurse Anesthetist Traineeship (NAT) Program. By Dec 5
- [Rural Funding & Opportunities](#)

### Events

- [HRSA-17-064 Technical Assistance](#) Webinar
- [Corps Community Month](#)
- CMS MLN Connects-[Upcoming Events](#), and [Medicare Learning Network](#)
- Webinars & TA Series Calls: [RHC](#), [NOSORH](#), [RH Research Gateway](#)
- Conferences: [Studer Group](#) , [NRHA](#), [NARHC](#)

### Tools, Resources, and Links

- [Physician-Focused Payment Model Advisory Committee Fact Sheet](#)
- [Trends in Rural Children's Access to Care Webinar](#)- Oct 13
- [Veterans Transportation Program](#), see [video](#)
- [Rural Health Updates](#), Evidence-Based [Toolkits](#)
- [Impact of Fin. & Operational Int. Funded by the Flex Program](#)

### Issue's Topics

- [The Supply and Distribution of the Behavioral Health Workforce in Rural America](#)
- [Winning Rural Opioid Fight Depends on Family Physicians](#)
- [Utah Community Star Stories Nomination](#)

### Helpful Websites

[NOSORH](#)   [NRHA](#)   [NHSC](#)   [3RNet](#)   [MBQIP](#)   [HCAHPS](#)   [ICD-10](#)   [TASC](#)  
[National Rural Health Resources Center](#)   [Rural Health Information Hub](#)  
[Rural Health Research & Policy Centers](#)   [Federally Qualified Health Centers Center](#)  
[CMS-MLN](#)   [HPSA Designations](#)   [Utah Telehealth Network](#)   [The Baldrige Framework](#)

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