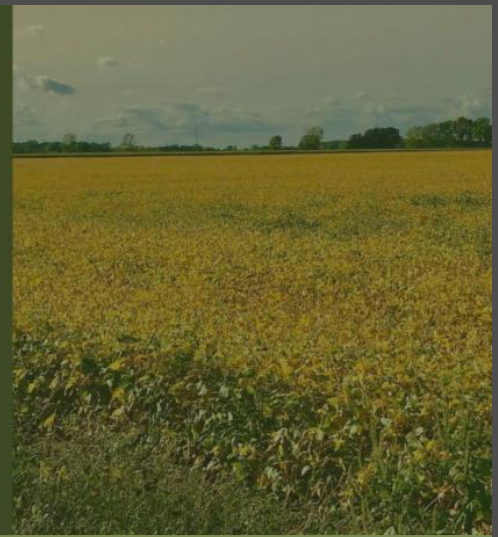




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TO COORDINATE, PLAN,
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MICHIGAN'S RURAL
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MCRH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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26th Annual Michigan Rural Health Conference

Register Today to Attend the Michigan Rural Health Conference

Registration is open to attend the 26th Annual Michigan Rural Health Conference at Soaring Eagle Resort in Mt. Pleasant Thursday, April 27th, and Friday, April 28th!

The agenda is designed to amplify ideas and innovations in Michigan's rural health landscape and some of the highlights include:

-Rural Health Equity, Poverty, and Rural Resilience
Michael Meit, MA, MPH, Director, East Tennessee State University Center for Rural Health Research

-Opioid Settlement Funds: State and Local Perspectives
Amy Dolinky, Technical Advisor Michigan Association of Counties, and Brandon Hool, State of Michigan



[Click Here to View the Conference Agenda and Register](#)

Booking A Room for the Conference?

The Michigan Center for Rural Health room block is also now open for attendees to arrange for lodging at Soaring Eagle.

-Federal Update on Rural Health Issues
Brock Slabach, MPH, FACHE, Senior Vice President
for Member Services, National Rural Health
Association

-Grants that Amplify the Reach of Telemedicine
Chris Green-Hutchings, Michigan Moonshot Program
Manager, Merit Network. Also presenting with Scott
Stepanski, Merit Network, & Bree Holtz, Michigan
State University.

-And Much, Much More

A variety of exhibitors will also be on hand along
with student medical research presentations. A
Thursday evening networking reception rounds out
this event.

We hope to see you in April!

When you book your room,
please use the Group Code:
MCRH042523

Make your reservation by
phone
1-877-232-4532 or online by
clicking [here](#).

**The deadline to make a
reservation is Tuesday,
April 4th!**

26th Annual Michigan Rural Health Conference Partner Sponsorships
April 27-28, 2023, Soaring Eagle Resort – Mt. Pleasant, MI

Why Exhibit: The 26th Annual Michigan Rural Health Conference provides the single most targeted opportunity to reach the Michigan rural health community with your organization's message, products, services, and educational outreach efforts. We expect a diverse audience to discuss relevant issues, network, and disseminate information.

TABLE EXHIBITORS
(Each Exhibitor Table Includes 1 Registration)

GOLD \$1500

- Recognition as GOLD Sponsor
- Participant List prior to the event
- 1 Additional Complimentary Registration
- 1 8' Exhibit Table
- Meals Included
- Recognition as PLATE SPONSOR
- One Pre-Registration included in the Safe Travel Zone to the event

SILVER \$1000

- Recognition as SILVER Sponsor
- Participant List prior to the event
- 1 8' Exhibit Table
- Meals Included
- Recognition as SNACK SPONSOR

BRONZE \$750

- Recognition as BRONZE Sponsor
- Participant List prior to the event
- 1 8' Exhibit Table
- Meals Included

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Phone Charging Station Sponsor - \$600
(1 Sponsorship Available)

Charging stations are the new "water cooler" when it comes to attendees looking for a place to network and collaborate with each other. Your logo will be prominently displayed by each charging station for maximum visibility!

Guidebook Conference App Sponsors - \$500
(Limited Sponsorships Available)

Our interactive Guidebook App is a terrific opportunity to keep your brand in front of this year's attendees. The app contains multiple ways for users to share photos, engage in live chat, and keep up to date on the agenda of events and speakers in one place!

For more information and details, contact Doug Siwek (siwekdou@msu.edu) or 517-884-0561

UPDATE: Rural Health Conference Exhibitor Tables Sell Out, Opportunities Still Available

Due to overwhelming demand, the exhibitor tables for the upcoming 26th Annual Michigan Rural Health Conference have completely sold out! BUT, there are still two valuable branding options available.

First, your brand could be prominently displayed at our conference phone charging stations along with a QR Code directing participants back to your organization's website. Second, consider sponsoring our interactive, exciting, and fun Conference Guidebook App by having your brand logo front and center any time an attendee opens the app while at the conference!

(UPDATE: Both of these partnerships come with ONE Complimentary Registration)

Please contact Doug Siwek today for more information at siwekdou@msu.edu

2023 Rural Health Professional of the Year Nominations are Due April 6th



This award is presented to an individual deserving of recognition for their efforts in rural health in Michigan in honor of Loren O. Gettel.

An individual, by nomination by their peers, has carried out exemplary work in promoting health in rural areas, shown excellent leadership in the improvement of health care

services to the rural areas of Michigan, and has made worthy contributions to the improvement of health for the people in rural Michigan.

Though many are worthy, MCRH will announce the winner at our Michigan Rural Health Conference, on April 27th, 2023 at Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort.

The deadline to nominate is April 6, 2023, at 11:45 pm

[Click Here to Complete Your 2023 Rural Health Professional of the Year Nomination and View Previous Winners](#)

More News & Information You Can Use



[Read HRSA's Complete Budget Justification](#)

BREAKING: FORHP's Budget Requests Announced for FY'24

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Service's **budget request for FY 2024**, Building a Healthy America, was released on March 9, 2023, and HRSA's **FY 2024 Congressional Budget Justification** was released on March 13, 2023.

The total request for the **Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP)** was a budget of \$416 million, an **increase of \$63 million from the FY 2023 enacted budget**. This budget request would enable FORHP to continue funding technical assistance partners, expanding reach to additional rural communities, and developing three new programs.

Notable increases would include:

-Rural Outreach Grants: \$2 million

-Rural Communities Opioids Response Program: \$20 million

-Rural Health Clinic Behavioral Health Initiative: \$10 million

-Rural Hospital Sustainability (including RHCs and CAHs): \$30 million

-Financial and Community Sustainability for At-Risk Rural Hospitals Program: \$10 million

-Rural Hospital Stabilization Pilot Program: \$20 million

The request also proposes significant investments in the health workforce. HRSA's **Bureau of Health Workforce** would see an overall increase of \$892 million from the FY 2023 budget, of which **National Health Service Corps** would receive a \$548 million increase to ensure even more providers are incentivized to practice in underserved and rural communities.

Additionally, \$125 million would be added to the **Ending the HIV Epidemic in the United States Initiative**, specifically to increase evidence-based practices and support HIV care for clients including those in the seven states with substantial rural HIV burdens.



[Click Here for More Information and to Begin an Application](#)

Apply Today for the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) is now accepting applications for three loan repayment programs.

Each program has a different award level and varying eligibility:

- **NHSC Loan Repayment Program** provides up to \$50,000 for a two-year service commitment.
- **NHSC Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program** provides up to \$75,000 for a three-year service commitment.
- **NHSC Rural Community Loan Repayment Program** provides up to \$100,000 for a three-year service commitment.

In addition to tax-free loan repayment, you receive a competitive salary, and a chance to

have a significant impact on an underserved community.

The application deadline for ALL programs is Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. ET.

NEW: SAMHSA Rural Emergency Medical Services Training Notice of Funding Opportunity



The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) expects to make 37 awards with total funding of \$7.4 million to train emergency medical services (EMS) personnel in rural areas.

[Click Here to View the NOFO](#)

Grant program description: The purpose of this program is to recruit and train EMS personnel in rural areas with a particular focus on addressing substance use disorders (SUD) and co-occurring disorders (COD) substance use and mental disorders. Recipients will be expected to train EMS personnel on SUD and COD, trauma-informed, recovery-based care for people with such disorders in emergency situations and, as appropriate, to maintain licenses and certifications relevant to serve in an EMS agency.

Applications are due: Monday, May 1st, 2023

NEW: Apply for the Nurse Corps Scholarship

Worried about how to pay for your nursing degree? Apply to the [Nurse Corps Scholarship Program](#)! The program will help pay your tuition, fees, and other educational costs (ex. books, clinical supplies, and instruments), plus a monthly stipend for living expenses.



After graduation, you will serve at least two years in the Nurse Corps. Our team helps you find employment in a critical shortage facility in a [shortage-designated area](#) in a U.S. state or territory.

Make a [real impact in underserved communities](#) as a Nurse Corps Scholar!

The Nurse Corps Scholarship Program application is open now and will close **Thursday, May 4, 2023.**

[Click Here for More Information and to Begin an Application](#)

How RHCs Will be Impacted by

Click Here for CMS' Flexibilities to Fight COVID-19 Full Document

Click Here for the Full NARHC Article

The Biden Administration announced the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) Declaration is anticipated to end on May 11, 2023. This will significantly impact CMS Certified Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs).

Please disseminate this to your state's RHCs and FQHCs to help them stay up-to-date and in compliance.

To learn more about how the end of the PHE Declaration will affect other provider types, please see the link below.

<https://www.cms.gov/coronavirus-waivers>

The National Association of Rural Health Clinics (NARHC) is the nation's #1 resource for all things RHC. We recommend reviewing their article, linked below, as well as keeping an eye on the Resources tab for any **upcoming TA webinars**.

Register for Rural Suicide Prevention Workshops – May 23, and July 25

This comprehensive training for service providers in rural communities includes a special focus on youth, substance use, and Indigenous communities. The interactive workshop features video demonstrations, active discussion groups, and access to the latest research on best practices.

Attendees will get free, ongoing support – including online discussion forums and monthly Q&A video calls – for one year after the workshop.

This opportunity is provided by the University of Rochester Recovery Center of Excellence (COE), one of [three COEs in FORHP's rural opioid programming](#).



Click Here for Complete Webinar Details and Registration



Michigan Center for Rural Health 2023 EMS CE Education Schedule

MCRH EMS CE courses are free to participants and 2023 offers learning on a variety of topics that will improve professional development led by EMS industry experts. Plan your year accordingly with this schedule.

Date/Time (EST)	CE Webinar/Workshop Topic	Instructor(s)
March 15 th @1800	Learning From and Leveraging Career Missteps	Laurie Thiel VP of Operations MMR & Andrea Abbas
April 6 th (full-day) In-person	Introduction to Quality Assurance Workshop	Mike Taigman Improvement Guide FirstWatch
May 11 th (full-day) Virtual	Certified Ambulance Documentation Specialist Course	Page, Wolfberg & Wirth
June 14 th @1800	EMS Wilderness Medicine	Jeff Callard PA-C EPMG/Envision Health
July 26 th @1800	Q&A with MAAS and Mi-REMS	Angela Madden Executive Director MAAS, Leslie Hall Executive Director Mi-REMS & Andrea Abbas
August 3-6 th In-person	EMS Leadership Academy Session I Application deadline 6.16.23	SafeTech Solutions LLP
August 23 rd @1800	OB Pre-hospital Trauma Care	Maternal 911
September 27 th (full-day) In-person	EMS Financial Leadership	SafeTech Solutions LLP
September 28- October 1 st In-person	EMS Leadership Academy Session II	SafeTech Solutions LLP
October 18 th @1800	EMS Recruitment, Retention & Diversity	Jeff Butcher EMS Programs Director Lansing Community College & Andrea Abbas
November 8 th @1800	Pre-hospital Pain Management	Allison Biliti State EMS Regional Coordinator
December 6 th @1800	HR Competencies for EMS Leaders	Scott Moore, Moore EMS Consulting & Andrea Abbas

Click [here](#) to register or visit mcrh.msu.edu/programs/EMS



Follow our social media for the latest course details and registration links

Contact:

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Andrea.Abbas@affiliate.msu.edu

To assist in planning additional training resources for Michigan's rural EMS providers, MCRH has just released its 2023 EMS CE Education Schedule.

"I know how busy the schedule of an EMS professional can be," said Andrea Abbas, EMS Programs Manager for MCRH. "I wanted to be mindful of that and allow for advanced planning."

For more details on MCRH EMS educational resources, please visit our [website](#). Click [here](#) for a downloadable schedule.



Upcoming MCRH Educational Events for April 2023

APRIL GRAND ROUNDS AND PROJECT ECHO SESSIONS

GRAND ROUNDS:

Wednesday, April 5, 2023, 12-1 PM EST

Geriatric Grand Rounds: Communication Techniques for those Living with Dementia

Presented by Linda Keilman, DNP

Registration: [Here](#)

CE for Nursing, Social Work, Physicians, and Community Health Workers (CHW).

Project ECHO:

Wednesday, April 19th, 2023, 12-1 EST

Infectious Disease ECHO: topic TBD

Peter Gulick, DO is presenting and offering cases

Registration: [Here](#)

CME available for Physicians

Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 12-1 EST

One Health ECHO: Lyme Disease - What to Know

Dr. Peter Gulick & Dr. Jim Sunstrum, & Dr. Megan Moriarty presenting

Registration: [Here](#)

CME, CHES, and NEHA, are provided. (Physicians, Health Educators, Environmental Health)

APRIL EMS WORKSHOP SESSION - AN INTRODUCTION TO QUALITY ASSURANCE & IMPROVEMENT

Thursday, April 6th, 2023, 9 AM - 5 PM EDT

Kirtland Community College Gaylord, MI

Instructor: Mike Taigman of First Watch

Registration: [Here](#)

[DOWNLOAD FLYER](#)

CE: 2 Preparatory & 3 Operations

ADDITIONAL NEWS & RESOURCES:

NEW FUNDING - Applications Due 5/12/23: [Rural Communities Opioid Response Program – Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health \(RCORP-CABH\)](#)

NEW GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY - Apply by 4/27/2023: [HRSA's Bureau of Health Workforce \(BHW\) will invest \\$8.9 million in the Nurse Education, Practice, Quality, and Retention – Pathway to Registered Nurse Program](#)

CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL RESOURCE: [Telehealth Guide for Critical Access Hospitals](#)

VETERANS RESOURCE: [Tools to Help Protect Veterans From Scams](#)

NEW SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY: [National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians Diversity Scholarships](#)

NEW RURAL NURSING PROGRAM INFORMATION: [Lake Superior State University Announces Post-Baccalaureate Rural Nurse Residence Certificate Program](#)

NEW BROADBAND GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: [MIHI Launches ROBIN Grant Program](#)

EVENT REGISTRATION STILL OPEN: [6th Annual North American Active Assailant Conference \(NAAAC\)](#)

TELECOM FUNDING - APPLICATION DEADLINE 4/1/23: [Rural Health Care Telecommunications \(Telecom\) Program](#)

NEW COVID-19 RESOURCE: [Updated Guidance on COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

RESOURCES FROM VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION FOR ELDERLY VETERANS: [Telemedicine for Geriatric Care in Rural Areas From VHA](#)

RHC RESOURCE: [Rural Health Clinic COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution \(RHCVD\) Program](#)

ONGOING: [HRSA Payment Program for RHC Buprenorphine-Trained Providers](#)

Public Health Emergency (PHE) Information and Resources

[White House Extends PHE Until May 11, 2023](#)

[Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services \(CMS\) COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Blanket Waivers \(1135\) for Health Care Providers](#)

[UPDATED: Additional Information on 1135 Waivers](#)

[Kaiser Family Foundation Article on PHE Flexibilities](#)

[UPDATED: CMS Current Emergencies Page](#)

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