

Summer 2015

Idaho Rural Health Association

Quarterly Newsletter



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Quarterly newsletter focused on IRHA's interests
- Networking opportunities
- One-time introductory subscription to NRHA's magazine Rural Roads
- NRHA's Action Alerts
- NRHA's Media Alerts
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- NRHA membership discount

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The Mission of the Idaho Rural Health Association is to provide leadership on issues related to rural health in Idaho through advocacy, communication, and education.

Idaho Rural Health Association Update

Rural Community Outreach

In June, your Idaho Rural Health Association in conjunction with the Bureau of Rural Health & Primary Care provided the suicide prevention training "QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer)" at the Shoshone Family Medical Center in Shoshone, Idaho. The QPR training was also provided to the rural community of Kuna, Idaho earlier this September and an additional training is planned for ISU in October.

If you feel that there is a need for this training in your community, please contact the IRHA at idahorha@gmail.com. More information regarding the training can be found at www.qprinstitute.com.



The IRHA in partnership with the Suicide Prevention Action Network of Idaho Region 4, the Meridian Police Department and Sportsman's Warehouse are participating in a suicide prevention campaign distributing gun locks throughout the state. The locks are free of charge and have a laminated card attached displaying Idaho suicide statistics, warning signs, and the Idaho Suicide Hotline 1-800-273-8255. If you would like to help us with this campaign, you can request the locks by contacting the IRHA at idahorha@gmail.com.

Our Vision is to be the recognized advocate for rural health

Idaho's Statewide Healthcare Innovation Plan (SHIP) has a new website (<http://ship.idaho.gov/>). The SHIP is a comprehensive statewide initiative to improve the health of all Idahoans by reforming our healthcare delivery system to one that values improved health outcomes through a patient-centered focus. Idaho's SHIP will affect you, your family and community by improving healthcare at an affordable cost.

STATE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM (SLRP)

EXPANDED OPPORTUNITY! FUNDING AVAILABLE!

The Idaho Bureau of Rural Health & Primary Care invites you to explore this new opportunity for clinician and physician loan repayment. SLRP is a federal grant created to improve healthcare access in Health Professional Shortage Areas. Award amounts range from \$5,000-\$25,000 per year, depending on discipline and matching employer contributions.

Eligible disciplines include:

- MD
- DO
- NP
- CNM
- PA
- DDS/DMD
- RN (NEW!)
- LCSW
- Psychologist
- Psychiatrist
- Pharmacist
- RDH

Eligible facilities must:

- Be a nonprofit or public entity located in an Idaho Health Professional Shortage Area
- Provide a sliding fee scale for low income and uninsured patients
- Must accept Medicare and Medicaid
- Provide \$1:\$1 matching loan repayment funds

Apply Now!

Visit:
www.ruralhealth.dhw.idaho.gov
 Questions?
 Email: ruralhealth@dhw.idaho.gov
 Call: (208) 334-0669



Idaho CAH - RHC - Free Medical Clinic Annual Conference

Don't miss this opportunity for Idaho's Critical Access Hospitals (CAH), Rural Health Clinics (RHC) and Free Medical Clinics!

Travel and lodging support available for Idaho participants.
Details and registration information available soon.

Save the Date:

November 3, 2015 - Riverside Hotel in Boise

The Bureau of Rural Health & Primary Care invites you to take advantage of this annual opportunity to network with peers and obtain advice from experts in the healthcare industry. Join us as we seek to innovate, integrate, and collaborate to transform healthcare in Idaho!

- CAHs: Tools & Strategies for Reporting Required MBQIP Measures
- RHCs: Policies, Evaluation, Compliance, & Medicare Advantage Plans
- Free Medical Clinics: Association Development, Medicaid, & Healthcare Innovation



Questions or more information?
www.ruralhealth.dhw.idaho.gov or call 208-334-0669





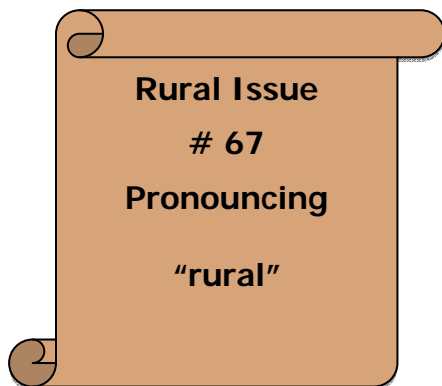
SAVE THE DATE!

IRHA 2015 Mini Conference

November 2, 2015

6:30pm

Details to Follow



**Rural Issue
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"rural"**

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Follow us on Facebook
and Check out the IRHA

Website:
[http://
www.idahorha.org](http://www.idahorha.org)



November 19, 2015

START SNAPPING PHOTOS TODAY TO EN-
TER THE

2015 NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH DAY 3RD
ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST!

LET US KNOW!

Why is rural health important to you? What
is your passion in rural health?

We will include your response in our next
newsletter.

Send to Shannon at
idahorha@gmail.com

Join Us Today!

By joining IRHA, you become a member of a growing
statewide network of professionals who are working
to improve the health and quality of life for rural
Idahoans. Members have come to rely on IRHA to be
the voice for rural communities through advocacy, infor-
mation exchange and collaboration.

IRHA has moved to a new web-based member manage-
ment system. Now you can join conveniently online. Go to
www.idahorha.org to register or renew your membership.

Annual Dues:

- Individual \$25
- Organization \$100 (up to 5 members)
- Student \$15