

**2013 OHIP Work Group Quarterly Report**  
**3rd Quarter (January - March); SFY Ending June 30, 2013**



**Work Group Name: OHIP Infrastructure Workforce Workgroup**

**Work Group Goal: (5) Increase the Number of Health Care Professionals who Practice in Rural Areas**

Result Objective	Target Completion Date	Actual Completion Date	Accountability (Lead Person(s) Responsible)	Measure	Progress
1. Expand rural primary care residency program to address shortages in post doctoral training programs	Ongoing June 2014		Lead: OSU Center for Rural Health, OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine and OUHSC College of Medicine: Other participants: ORHE, professional associations such as OOA, OSMA, OPCA, OHA and ONA	Measures: By June 30, 2014, expand the number of Oklahoma residency programs in outside of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Cleveland Counties by 20% (Baseline is "5".) <u>Actions</u> 1. By September 30, 2010 establish our definition of primary care as a benchmark upon which to ascertain progress in the future 2. By June, 2011, identify federal funding opportunities available through health care reform and submit applications.  4. Continue to monitor throughout the years 2010-2014,	<b>3/7/2013</b> No new information. 12/7/12 OSU Office of Rural Research and Policy has been approved for state funding to support the family medicine rural residency program. McAlester is currently in the process of recruiting. Several other communities are being discussed. Dr. Bill Pettit will work with legislature to ensure continuation of the program. Department of Mental Health and OUHSC College of Nursing continue to work on development of psychiatric nurse program. <b>9/7/12</b> Rick commented that hopefully PMTC will be able to place new physicians in underserved areas soon. These are funds through TSET, over a five year period, it will be about \$5.6 million. One physician already signed up. She is in Frederick. <b>6/07/2012</b> PMTC has been funded through TSET and OHCA for a loan repayment program. This program will place 10 physicians in rural Oklahoma; PMTC has priority list of about 30 communities. Criteria includes those most in danger of losing physician services.

<p>2. Support mechanisms that provide loan repayment and retention for health care professionals</p>	<p>January, 2012</p>		<p>Lead: OUHSC College of Medicine, OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine, OPMTc and OSU Center for Rural Health. Other participants: OSDH Office of Primary Care, OHCWC medical provider organizations, such as OOA, OSMA, ONA</p>	<p>Measures: By January, 2012, establish a benchmark measure for the number of health care professionals participating in loan repayment and retention programs to use for establishing goals for utilization increases</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. By September 2011, convene a workgroup to look at these programs</li> <li>2. By January, 2012, establish a benchmark measure for the number of health care professionals participating in loan repayment and retention programs</li> </ol>	<p>3/7/2013 Espa Bowen, Office of Primary Care, reported that OK currently has: 133 National Health Service Corps providers. 130 are in loan repayment; 3 are scholars.</p> <p>Additionally, work is ongoing to fill Oklahoma's J-1 visa slots. We currently have 33 J-1 visa holders in Oklahoma, 3 of which are "flex spots".</p> <p>TSET program for dental loan repayment was expanded from 5 dentists to 25 dentists.</p> <p>Office of Primary Care has been working to approve National Health Scholars Corps sites. PCO and Ok Primary Care Association work to match clinicians to sites. Total number of certified sites: 95. Total number of loan repayors and scholars: 151 (124 loan repayors/27 scholars)</p> <p>9/7/12 Espa Bowen reported that through the National Health Service Corp, we currently have: 124 loan repayors 95 sites Oklahoma has added two loan repayors, two scholars, and eight sites since June.</p> <p>PMTc has placed 66 students in rural areas to fulfill loan repayment obligations.</p> <p>New Data Committee has been established and will develop benchmarks.</p>
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<p>3. Assist rural hospitals in maximizing federal funds to ensure viability</p>	<p>Ongoing January 2012</p>		<p>Lead: OHA, OHCWC, OSU Center for Rural Health and Oklahoma Foundation for Medical Quality (OFMQ) Other Participants: AHEC, OSDH, ODOC</p>	<p>Measures: In January, 2013, maintain number of rural hospitals in Oklahoma compared to data in the prior year. [Baseline 2011: 82 rural hospitals. 74 of 77 counties have rural hospital. [Alfalfa, Grant &amp; Cotton counties do not have one.]]</p> <p><u>Actions</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. By July 2011, identify federal funding available through health care reform (e.g., in the areas of telemedicine, electronic health records and community and quality collaboratives) to assist Oklahoma rural hospitals.</li> <li>2. In January, 2013, increase the number of rural hospitals in Oklahoma compared to data in the prior year and factors for their retention.</li> <li>3. Repeat cycle for 2012-2014</li> </ol>	
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