State Innovations and Opportunities to Improve Health and Well-being:
A National Meeting of State Health and Human Services Committee Chairs

Kate Blackman, Director, Health Program
Wade Fickler, Director, Children and Families Program
Strengthening the Legislative Institution
How NCSL Strengthens Legislatures

Policy Research
NCSL provides trusted, nonpartisan policy research and analysis

Connections
NCSL links legislators and staff with each other and with experts

Training
NCSL delivers training tailored specifically for legislators and staff

State Voice in D.C.
NCSL represents and advocates on behalf of states on Capitol Hill

Meetings
NCSL meetings facilitate information exchange and policy discussions
WHO is in the room?
2022 HHS Chairs Meeting Attendees

35 chairs and vice-chairs from 22 states
What an Interesting Group!

- Author of two books who has traveled to all 50 states in less than a year
- Great grandparent
- An attorney AND a physician
- Former owner of a cheese shop (yum!)
- First Asian American to serve in their state legislature
- Served in both the House and Senate of their state legislature
2022 Meeting of State HHS Committee Chairs

Meeting Objectives

**Build**
Build knowledge of health and human services issues related to behavioral health.

**Exchange**
Exchange policy options, successes and challenges of respective state efforts.

**Foster**
Foster connections among peer legislators, NCSL staff and national experts.

**Consider**
Consider how to apply what is learned here back home.
Aug. 1-3 | NCSL.org/Summit2022
Stay Connected

- Learn about NCSL trainings
- Subscribe to policy newsletters
- Read State Legislatures magazine
- Bookmark the NCSL Blog
- Listen to “Our American States” podcast
- Watch recorded policy webinars and training sessions
- Attend a meeting or training
- Follow @NCSLorg on social media
Thank You to Our Meeting Sponsor

• NCSL appreciates the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for their support of this meeting.

• Welcome Kim Patton, PsyD!
2022 National Meeting of Health and Human Services Chairs

National Conference of State Legislatures

HRSA Update – Behavioral Health

June 6, 2022

Kimberly Patton, Psy.D.
Public Health Analyst
Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs (HRSA IEA), Region 8-Denver

Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People
TENS OF MILLIONS of Americans receive quality, affordable health care and other services through HRSA’s 90-PLUS PROGRAMS and more than 3,000 GRANTEES.
Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Vision
Healthy Communities, Healthy People

Mission
To improve health outcomes and achieve health equity through access to quality services, a skilled health workforce, and innovative, high-value programs.

Goals
Goal 1: Take actionable steps to achieve health equity and improve public health
Goal 2: Improve access to quality health services
Goal 3: Foster a health workforce and health infrastructure able to address current and emerging needs
Goal 4: Optimize HRSA operations and strengthen program engagement
# HRSA IEA Core Functions

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Function</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| **External Affairs and Outreach** | • Amplify and expand knowledge about HRSA programs, funding opportunities, and initiatives to increase access to care  
• Manage National Organizations of States and Local Officials (NOSLO) Cooperative Agreement |
| **Strategic Stakeholder Partnerships** | • Engage federal, state, local, and tribal partners to advance HHS and HRSA priorities and take strategic action |
| **National and Regional Surveillance** | • Report critical ground-level trends across federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial levels  
• Inform HRSA's operations, decision-making, and allocation of resources. |
| **Regional Management**           | • Manage HRSA's regional human capital, technology, and facilities across 12 locations                                      |

Serves as the principal Agency lead on intergovernmental and external affairs, regional operations, and tribal partnerships
Benefits of HRSA’s Regional Presence

- Linkage to local and state-level partners
- Leverage state and federal resources
- Local representation, customer service support, and triage
- Rapid response to crisis
- Seamless participation and execution of HHS/HRSA initiatives
- Intel from the field to HRSA Headquarters
- Disseminate HRSA information to the field
HRSA – Behavioral Health Priorities

- President Biden’s National Strategy to Address Our Mental Health Crisis
- Integrated Behavioral Health and Primary Medical Care
  - Integrated, Interdisciplinary, Whole-Person Care
- Substance Use Disorders/Drug Overdose
- Behavioral Health Workforce
  - Education and training; Providers in underserved areas; Provider resilience
- Maternal and Pediatric Behavioral Health
- Rural Behavioral Health
- Telebehavioral Health

Source: https://bhw.hrsa.gov/
HRSA – Behavioral Health Programs

- Primary Care
  - Health Center Program
  - Supplemental Funding to support behavioral health services
  - Workforce

- Maternal and Child Health Care
  - Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program
  - Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program
  - Screening and Treatment for Maternal Depression and Related Behavioral Disorders Program
  - Bright Futures Guidelines for Health Supervision of Infants, Children, and Adolescents

Source: https://bhw.hrsa.gov/
HRSA – Behavioral Health Programs

☐ Healthcare Workforce
  • Health professional training programs (Graduate Psychology Education Program, Addiction Medicine Fellowship, Community Health Worker Training Program, Area Health Education Centers)
  • Connecting skilled professionals to communities in need: Scholarship and loan repayment programs (National Health Service Corps, Nurse Corps)
  • Workforce stress, burnout, and resiliency (Health and Public Safety Workforce Resiliency Training Program)

☐ Rural Health
  • Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP)
  • Rural Veterans Health Access Program
  • Evidence-Based Tele-Behavioral Health Network Program

Source: https://bhw.hrsa.gov/
HRSA – Behavioral Health Data

Health Center Data – Uniform Data System (UDS)
https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/data-reporting/program-data
- Depression Screening and Follow-up
- Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)
- Number of providers with a DATA waiver to provide MAT services
- Number of patients who receive MAT for opioid use disorder

data.HRSA.gov
- Grantees, workforce data, mental health shortage areas, and more

Behavioral Health Workforce Research Center:
https://www.behavioralhealthworkforce.org/
- Scopes of Practice Characteristics
- SOP State Comparison

Source: https://bhw.hrsa.gov/
HRSA – Behavioral Health Data

Explore Data and Maps on HRSA’s Health Care Programs

More than 16,000 health professionals providing care through the National Health Service Corps in FY 2020

More than 57,000,000 people supported by Federal Office of Rural Health Policy programs in FY 2020

An estimated 60,000,000 people (including pregnant women, infants, children, and children with special needs), and their families in the United States benefitted from a Title V supported service in FY 2019.

Source: https://bhw.hrsa.gov/
HRSA – Behavioral Health Data

Source: https://bhw.hrsa.gov/
Investing In A 21st Century Health Workforce: A Call For Accountability

Strengthening the public health workforce through access to care and accountability.
HRSA – Behavioral Health Websites and Resources

- HRSA Behavioral Health Webpage: https://www.hrsa.gov/behavioral-health
- HRSA Maternal and Child Health: Mental and Behavioral Health: https://mchb.hrsa.gov/programs-impact/focus-areas/mental-behavioral-health
- HRSA Behavioral Health Workforce Research Center: https://www.behavioralhealthworkforce.org/
Substance Use Warmline
Peer-to-Peer Consultation
Monday – Friday, 9am – 8 pm ET
1.855.300.3595
http://ncc.ucsf.edu/clinical-resources/substance-use-resources/

1-833-9-HELP4MOMS – National Maternal Mental Health Hotline

24/7, Free, Confidential Hotline for Pregnant and New Moms in English and Spanish

https://mchb.hrsa.gov/national-maternal-mental-health-hotline
Rural Health Information Hub (RHIhub)

- RHIhub - Nation’s rural health information source
  - Library of resources
  - State guides
  - Toolkits: Mental Health in Rural Communities, Rural Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), Prevention and Treatment of Substance Use Disorders in Rural Communities, and Rural Suicide Prevention
  - Program models
  - Website: https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/

- Provides customized assistance
  - By phone: 1.800.270.1898
  - By email: info@ruralhealthinfo.org
Telehealth Resource Centers (TRCs)

The National Consortium of Telehealth Resource Centers (NCTRC) is a collaborative of 12 regional and 2 national TRCs, committed to implementing telehealth programs for rural and underserved communities.

The Telebehavioral Health Center of Excellence is dedicated to providing the most current, vetted, practical information for starting or enhancing telebehavioral or telemental health-related services.
Other Resources

- **Providers Clinical Support System (PCSS)**
  - Provides training and resources for primary care clinicians on the prevention and treatment of opioid use disorders and treatment of chronic pain. Includes access to coaching and mentoring [https://pcssnow.org/about/](https://pcssnow.org/about/)

- **AIDS Area Education Centers (AETC)**
  - Provides targeted, multidisciplinary education and training for health care professionals to provide health care services to people living with HIV (PLWH) [https://aidsetc.org/](https://aidsetc.org/)

- **HRSA IEA Regional Offices**
  - Serve as a behavioral health resource, promote evidenced-based and promising practices for states, communities, and tribes
  - Provide technical assistance, training, and consultation to address regional, state, and local behavioral health issues [https://www.hrsa.gov/about/organization/offices/hrsa-iea](https://www.hrsa.gov/about/organization/offices/hrsa-iea)
Upcoming HRSA Webinar for Healthcare Providers

Healthcare Workforce Stress, Burnout, and Resiliency

Friday, June 17, 2022
1:00-2:30pm ET    12:00-1:30pm CT
11:00am-12:30 pm MT    10:00-11:30am PT

Hosted by HRSA’s Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs-Denver

This FREE Webinar is designed for healthcare workers, students, trainees, provider organizations, and healthcare settings.

To Register: https://bit.ly/3lhE7fK
Kim Patton, PsyD
Public Health Analyst, Office of Regional Operations
Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
Denver, CO
Email: Kpatton@hrsa.gov
Phone: 303-844-7865
Connect with HRSA

Learn more about our agency at:

www.HRSA.gov

Sign up for the HRSA eNews

FOLLOW US: