VIRGINIA STATE OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH

Greetings from the Virginia Primary Care Office & the State Office of Rural Health

The Virginia Office of Health Equity and Virginia Department of Health are conducting a survey in order to fuel discussion about how to improve the Primary Care system for all Virginians.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact VA-SORH's Program Coordinator, Sarah O'Connor, at sarah.oconnor@vdh.virginia.gov.

Primary Care Needs Assessment Survey

Digital Survey Flyer

Information & Resources for Providers

The Current Evidence on Telemedicine in SUD Treatment

Wednesday, October 14 at 6:00 PM ET

The American Osteopathic Academy of Addiction Medicine will describe background on current challenges with substance use disorder (SUD) treatment access and delivery and present evidence for telemedicine for SUD treatment based on a recent systematic review published by the speaker and describe gaps in the research knowledge to date.

For More Information and to Register

HRSA-NETRC: Telehealth to Screen for Maternal Mental Health

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 1:00 PM ET

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the Northeast Telehealth Resource Center (NETRC) will hold a one-hour webinar on best practices for mental health screenings during perinatal telehealth visits.

For More Information and to Register

Op-ed by Dr. Kornegay and Beth O'Connor on rural health and flu shots

Dr. Kornegay, Director of the Central Shenandoah Health District, and Beth O'Connor, Executive Director of the Virginia Rural Health Association, discuss the importance of getting an annual flu shot and common misconceptions regarding rural health.

"Navigating the Needs of Unhoused Populations Amidst COVID-19" Webinar

October 14, 2020 from 3:00 - 4:00 PM ET

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is offering a webinar addressing the public health needs of unhoused populations (to include access to testing and ability/safe place to quarantine, among others) is an integral component of containing the spread of an infectious disease.

For More Information and to Register

"Understanding the Ground: Social Determinants of Health in Rural Populations" Webinar

Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 1:00 PM ET

Social determinants of health are defined by the World Health Organization as "the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work, and age." For rural populations, many of these elements are less favorable than within urban areas. Building on work conducted by the Rural and Minority Health Research Center, this presentation will review some of the key elements associated with health across rural White and minority populations, such as education, income, and health facility availability.

For More Information and to Register

For Hospitals and Healthcare Facilities (FQHCs, RHCs, Free Clinics, Tribal):

Join 3RNet for the 2020 Academy "Recruiting for Retention Hierarchy: Strategically Market Using Candidate Motivations," a free six-part webinar series

Starting Tuesday, October 6, 2020

There are a lot of options for recruitment education, but the 3RNet Recruiting for Retention Academy is the only online training specific to rural and underserved communities. The Virginia Office of Health Equity is offering the 3RNet 2020 Academy webinar series at no charge.

If you have any questions please contact 3RNet at info@3rnet.org or 1-800-787-2512 or Olivette Burroughs at 804-864-7431 or olivette.burroughs@vdh.virginia.gov.

Registration Code: VIRGINIASORH!

For More Information   **Link to Register**

New CDC Social Media Campaign, "#Sleeve Up to #Fight Flu"

The new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) social media campaign, "#SleeveUp to #FightFlu" aims to encourage everyone aged 6 months and older to get the flu vaccine. Widespread vaccination will help reduce the strain on health care systems responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. The CDC's preliminary estimates for the 2019-2020 flu season include up to 740,000 hospitalizations and up to 62,000 deaths.

For More Information

State & Regional Funding Opportunities

"Investment" Connection Funding Opportunity for CRA Eligible Projects

Application Deadline: October 23, 2020

The Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond has opened its Investment Connection application process today to give community and economic development organizations an opportunity to connect with funders whose support can help fulfill their missions in their communities.

For More Information and to Apply

Community Connect Broadband Grant Program

Application Deadline: December 23, 2020

USDA is offering Community Connect Broadband Grant Program funding for communities without broadband access to provide residential and business broadband service and connect facilities such as police and fire stations, healthcare, libraries, and schools.

For More Information and to Apply

H-1B Rural Healthcare Grant Program

Application Deadline: November 13, 2020

The US Department of Labor is offering funding that seeks toalleviate healthcare workforce shortages by creating sustainable employment and training programs in healthcare occupations (including behavioral and mental healthcare) serving rural populations. Applicants are encouraged to design their programs to assist unemployed individuals seeking entry or reentry into the workforce and underemployed workers in need of new skills and full-time employment opportunities.

For More Information and to Apply

HRSA Rural Health Care Services Outreach Program

Application Deadline: December 1, 2020

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will make 60 awards with total funding of $12.75 million to enhance the delivery of health care services in rural communities. Eligible applicants are public and private, nonprofit and for-profit entities with demonstrated ability to serve rural populations. Applicants must represent a network of three or more health care provider organizations; at least two-thirds of these must be located in a HRSA-designated rural area.

TODAY, Tuesday, October 13 at 3:00 PM ET HRSA will hold a 90 minute webinar to assist applicants for the HRSA Rural Health Care Services Outreach Program. Dial In: 888-282-1677; Participant Code: 2385833.

Application Assistance   **To Apply**

FCC Extends Purchasing Deadline for COVID-19 Telehealth Program

Deadline: December 31, 2020

The Federal Communications Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau has extended the deadline for recipients of COVID-19 Telehealth Program funding to purchase eligible telehealth devices and implement services to December 31.

FCC Public Notice

Community Champion Updates

United Way of Southwest Virginia is offering their first ever VIRTUAL Careers Expo for Youth

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Southwest Virginia

The virtual program is now live. The Careers Expo for Youth is an annual event where students move through four zones filled with hands-on activities by regional employers in 17 different career paths. This year, due to COVID-19 restrictions, they have chosen to make this a virtual event with the safety of Southwest Virginia students in mind. At this annual event, seventh grade students see first-hand what it's like to participate in a chemistry experiment, climb a utility pole, practice CPR, or use a 3D printer – directly from industry professionals located in Southwest Virginia.

To Check It Out and Register

Southern Virginia Botanical Gardens Celebrates 2020 Interns

The 2020 Healthy Harvest Community Garden interns helped to provide nutritious food for local residents. This was the third year of the grant and workforce development internship. This project was supported by the Virginia State Office of Rural Health of the Virginia Department of Health.

To Learn More and "Meet" the Interns

"Like" us on Facebook to receive live updates on Virginia rural health issues and important messages from our community partners on your Facebook News Feed.

Visit the VA-SORH Facebook Page

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