



RRPD May 2024 Newsletter

TAC Update

The RRPD-TAC has partnered with 3RNET to add a new feature to promote faculty and teaching opportunities NATIONWIDE! [3RNET.org](https://3rnet.org) now allows you to quickly and easily post faculty and teaching positions. These positions are added to 3RNET the same way employment opportunities are, and they are searchable to our thousands of registered candidates via our interactive website. Simply select “Faculty/Teaching Opportunity” when adding your opportunity to [3RNET.org](https://3rnet.org). Contact your 3RNET [Network Coordinator](#) for more information.

Recent Webinars

All slides and recordings of the webinars can be found in the RuralGME [Toolbox](#). If you wish to be notified via the listserv of upcoming webinars, workshops, and other opportunities, please email us at info@ruralgme.org.

February 13, 2024 – What’s New with Rural GME Financing?

March 12, 2024 – Grantee Spotlight: Georgia South Psychiatry Program

April 9, 2024 – Preventive Medicine: What it is and Why Everyone Should Care

April 15, 2024 – Expanding Rural Residencies Without Separate Accreditation: Section 127 Opportunities and More!

May 14, 2024 – Tools for Recruiting Your Program Team

Upcoming Webinars

May 15, 2024 – Getting Started in GME through AHEC Partnerships

12-1pm Eastern, 9-10am Pacific

Please register for the webinar [here](#).

June 11, 2024 – RuralGME and THCGME Tools and Resources

12-1pm Eastern, 9-10 Pacific

Please register for the webinar [here](#).

July 9, 2024 – Navigating Resident Recruitment: Strategies for Success with Thalamus

12-1pm Eastern, 9-10 Pacific

Please register for the webinar [here](#).

Upcoming Events

AAFP National Conference

Come see us at the American Academy of Family Physicians National Conference, August 1 – 3, 2024, in Kansas City! The RRPD-TAC will have a booth to showcase RRPD grant recipients and opportunities across the nation. The National Conference is for medical students and residents to network, learn more about potential programs and employers, understand about post-residency opportunities, and more! Stop by our booth to say hi! To register for the conference, please use this [link](#).

Join us at the 2024 AAFP National Conference!

Booth # 1206

August | 1-3

Kansas City



Kansas City Convention Center
301 W 13th St #100, Kansas City, MO 64105

2024 RRPD & THCPD Annual Grantee Meeting

The 2024 HRSA RRPD and THCPD Annual Grantee Meeting has been set for August 21 – 23rd, 2024, in Atlanta, Georgia. The Annual Meeting will be held at the Westin Peachtree Plaza located at 210 Peachtree Street NorthWest, Atlanta, Georgia. Please secure your hotel room block through our meeting room block [here](#). Please register for the Annual Meeting on our website [here](#).

Although only the project director (i.e., principal investigator) from your grant program is required to attend the Annual Meeting, we are happy to accommodate more individuals from your program. In addition to project directors, we encourage attendance by residency coordinators, reimbursement and finance officers, CFOs, program faculty, support staff, and DIOs. Please email us at info@ruralgme.org if you have any questions.



SAVE THE DATE!

2024 Annual Grantee Meeting

August 21-23
Atlanta, GA



NACHC CHI Conference

Immediately following the 2024 Annual Grantee Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, the National Association

of Community Health Centers (NACHC) is holding its Annual Community Health Institute & Expo Conference at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta. The RRPD-TAC is working together with NACHC to offer several optional workshops for grant recipients and others interested in rural and THC GME. If you are interested in attending the NACHC CHI Conference, please use this [link](#). Please note that the NACHC CHI Conference is a 5-minute walk from the Westin Peachtree Plaza if you are staying there after the Annual Grantee Meeting. Please watch for an email to the listserv with a more detailed workshop agenda.

Featured Consultant Organization

McDermott+Consulting (McDermottPlus) is a wholly owned subsidiary of McDermott Will & Emery LLP that exclusively serves health industry clients in policy services. They have a team of policy professionals and data analysts with decades of experience working with rural and safety net providers on federal health care program reimbursement issues. Their strategies are informed by policy, clinical, legal, and political experience combined with data analytics.

RRPD grant recipients are eligible for up to 38 hours of RRPD-TAC-sponsored consultative services through the end of the grant recipient's period of performance. Please review the summary of RRPD-TAC consultants with your team and work with your RRPD-TAC advisor to start the process!



Grant Recipient Profile

Program: Marion Health Family Medicine Residency Program

Institution: Marion Health

Location: Marion, Indiana

What are some of the strengths and/or accomplishments of your program?

The Marion Health Family Medicine Residency Program received ACGME accreditation in 2023 on the first attempt and fully matched all six residency spots before the SOAP. The residency has already started a pre-orientation program; we have met three times with our residents, and two more meetings are planned, to better prepare them for the transition to GME.

What barriers have you had to overcome in developing your program and how did you overcome them?

Two barriers we have faced are financial constraints and faculty recruitment. In addition to the RRPD Grant awarded in partnership with the Indiana Rural Health Association, we secured an Indiana GME Residency Expansion Grant to further support the start-up phase of the residency. We have also hired a recruitment agency, which has led to multiple possible new hires in the next two months.

Describe the area you serve and what appeals to you most about the location.

Marion is a rural, underserved, high-need area in the middle of Indiana. What appeals to us most about Marion is the opportunity to make a real difference in the care of our patients and the community.

Featured TAC Staff Member

Shelby Rimmler-Cohen, MPH, is a research program manager at the RRPD and THCPD Technical Assistance Centers. She has a background in health workforce research and practice, specializing in tailored approaches for increasing health provider training and supply to address population health needs of rural and underserved communities. Shelby is responsible for managing RRPD-TAC research and dissemination efforts, contracts and invoicing, educational services for grant recipients and much more. Since joining the team, she has played a key role in strengthening RRPD-TAC processes and efficiencies to better support grant recipients, advisors, and partners. We are grateful for Shelby's contributions, leadership, and support, and we are thankful for her outstanding work!



Select Dissemination

RRPD grant recipients and members of the RRPD-TAC have been busy disseminating information about underserved GME development and the RRPD program. Check out some of their recent works below:

News

- Article featuring Beebe Medical Center, Inc. grant. [Online.](#)
- Article featuring Maine Medical Center grant. [Online.](#)
- Article featuring Mountain Area Health Education Center grant. [Online.](#)
- Article featuring Corry Memorial Hospital Association grant. [Online.](#)
- Article featuring The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler grant. [Online.](#)
- Article featuring Cahaba Medical Care Foundation grant. [Online.](#)
- Article featuring University of Missouri System grant. [Online.](#)
- Article featuring Marshall University Research Corporation grant. [Online.](#)

Publications

- Hershberger PJ, Flowers SR, Bayless SL, Conway K, Crawford TN (Wright State University grant). Interface Between Motivational Interviewing and Burnout. *Advances in Medical Education and Practice*, 2024;15:181-187. <https://doi.org/10.2147/AMEP.S450179>.
- Castro MG, Roberts C, Hawes EM, Ashkin E, Page CP. Ten-Year Outcomes: Community Health Center/Academic Medicine Partnership for Rural Family Medicine Training. *Family Medicine*, 2024;56(3):185-189. <https://doi.org/10.22454/FamMed.2024.400615>.
- Fraher EP, Rains J, Bacon TJ, Spero J, Hawes EM. Lessons Learned From State-Based Efforts to Leverage Medicaid Funds for Graduate Medical Education. *Academic Medicine*:10.1097/ACM.0000000000005678, February 27, 2024. | DOI: [10.1097/ACM.0000000000005678](https://doi.org/10.1097/ACM.0000000000005678).

Presentations

- Rodefeld L, Hawes EM, Alfero C. State Strategies to Bolster the Rural Physician Workforce. NRHA Annual Conference; May 2024; New Orleans, LA.
- Wang G, Rodefeld L, Koday M, Vaglia A, Mena H, Brah G. Recipes for Success: Health Center Healthcare Provider Training Partnerships. NACHC Conference for Agricultural Worker Health; April 2024; Atlanta, GA.
- Spencer R, Rodefeld L. Setting Up OB Residency Training in Rural and Underserved Settings. AACOM webinar series; April 2024; virtual.
- Zolotor A, Byron J, Hawes EM, Longenecker R. Creative Solutions to Providing Housing for Rural Residency Programs. RMTTC Annual Meeting; April 2024; Asheville, NC.
- Weidner A, Evans D, Spencer R, Patterson D. Recruitment of Residents to Rural Programs: Early Outcomes of RRPD Cohort 1. RMTTC Annual Meeting; April 2024; Asheville, NC.
- Rodefeld L, Crubel J, Etheridge D, Spittle B. Coordinator Retention Revolution. RMTTC Annual Meeting; April 2024; Asheville, NC.
- Lombardi B, de Saxe Zerden L, Byron J, Rimmler S, Hawes EM, Fraher EP. Interprofessional Education and Practice: Lessons Learned from First Year Rural Residency Programs. RMTTC Annual Meeting; April 2024; Asheville, NC.
- Wehner P (Marshall University Research Corporation grant recipient). Opportunities and best practices in GME in West Virginia. AAMC Investing in GME and the Physician Workforce: A Check-up on the CAA, 2021; April 2024; Washington, DC.
- Boll J, Rodefeld L. Strategies to Launch Rural Residency Programs in Critical Access Hospitals. AOGME GME Development Series; March 2024; virtual.



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