Iowa Center for Rural Health & Primary Care and Health and Long-Term Care Access Update

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National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services WHO?

The National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services is a 21-member citizens' panel of nationally recognized experts that provides recommendations on rural health and human services issues to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius.

National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services WHO?

- Chaired by former South Carolina Governor David Beasley

Three Iowa representatives:

- **Donna K. Harvey**

Executive Director
Hawkeye Valley Area Agency on Aging, Inc.
Waterloo, IA

- **Todd Linden, M.A.**

President and CEO
Grinnell Regional Medical Center

- **Maggie Tinsman, M.S.W.**

Former Iowa State Senator
Policy Analyst and Consultant
Davenport, IA

National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services WHO?

HRSA will select a full-time or permanent part-time Federal employee to serve as the Designated Federal Official (DFO) to attend each Committee meeting and ensure that all procedures are within applicable, statutory, regulatory, and HHS General Administration Manual directives. The current DFO is the Office of Rural Health Policy.

- Jennifer Chang – Executive secretary
- Tom Morris – Ex Officio

National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services HOW?

Each year, the Committee selects one or more topics upon which to focus during the year. Background documents are then prepared for the Committee by both staff and contractors to help inform members on the issue. The Committee then produces a report with recommendations on that issue for the Secretary by the end of the year. In addition to the report, the Committee may also produce white papers on select policy issues. The Committee also sends letters to the Secretary after each meeting. The letters serve as a vehicle to raise other issues with the Secretary separate and apart from the report process.

National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services WHAT?

1. HOSPITAL PAYMENTS
2. PHYSICIAN AND MID-LEVEL PAYMENTS
3. REGULATORY REFORMS
4. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH CARE REFORM
5. RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATIONS
6. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
7. MENTAL HEALTH
8. AGRICULTURAL HEALTH AND SAFETY
9. PHARMACY

Reports and Recommendations

- The 2008 report was a 20 yr retrospective and was the 20 year anniversary of The Committee
- The 2009 report focused on create a viable patient-centered medical homes in rural areas, workforce and community development, and service children-at-risk in rural areas
- The 2010 Report topics are in the context of a frontier rural community (not released)

When reading the reports and recommendations one quickly see the foundation ideas for presidential recommendation & congressional legislation

National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services WHERE & WHEN?

The Committee meets three times a year. The first meeting is held during the winter months in Washington. The Committee then meets twice in the field (in June and September). The Washington meeting often coincides with the opening of a Congressional session and serves as a starting point for setting the Committee's agenda for the coming year. The field visits include ongoing work on the yearly topics with some time devoted to site visits and presentations by the host community.

- Iowa will be the site of the September meeting!

National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services MORE

Website Resources

http://ruralcommittee.hrsa.gov/index.asp

http://ruralcommittee.hrsa.gov/nacpubs.asp

http://www.raconline.org/news/news_details.php?news_id=11641

http://ruralcommittee.hrsa.gov/2009_NAC.pdf