Briefing to the Health and Long-Term Care Access Advisory Council



Iowa Rural & Agricultural Health & Safety Resource Plan

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Where we are now

- The "rural health resource plan" was dubbed the Rural & Agricultural Health & Safety Resource Plan (RAHSRP), because in Iowa farm and agro-industry are a huge health issue
- Several partners have stepped in to help with development of the plan
- The RAHSRP will be a stand-alone document serving as a resource and guide for "rural" stakeholders and constituents



The Future

- Brief detour! The SORH federal grant application is due February 15th
- Complete the unfinished parts and SECTIONS
- Send for final review
- Submit to Michelle
- Get limited hardcopy versions & CDs, & post electronically-- distribute
- Submit to federal office HRSA ORPH



WRAP UP

Rural health access to care and services

"There are 62 million Americans currently residing in rural areas. It is estimated that 20 percent of the rural population is uninsured, and this number is projected to increase to 25 percent by 2019. The need for increased access to care and insurance coverage is especially crucial for rural populations because they receive less preventive care and have higher rates of all chronic diseases than their urban counterparts. Out of the millions of rural residents living in the United States, 17 percent are minorities. In general, minorities have poorer health and higher rates of serious diseases such as stroke, HIV/AIDS and certain types of cancer. A national survey places access to quality health services as the topranking priority among rural health care stakeholders and leaders. Unfortunately, this is also one of the hardest obstacles to overcome in rural areas due to lack of health care providers and limited or no health insurance coverage for rural residents." - Health Rural People 2020 -

Questions?????



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