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## 2020 NYSARH Talking Points

Restore Full Funding for Area Health Education Centers

- Workforce development is a primary concern for all levels of rural health and wellness providers

Restore Full Funding for Rural Health programs: Rural Health Network & Rural Health Access Development

- The Executive Budget reduces funding 30% from 2019-20, on top of a previous 20% cut

Workforce Recruitment & Retention

- Doctors Across New York
- Diversity in Medicine
- Rural Residency Programs

Build capacity to provide more comprehensive, timely, affordable and effective behavioral health care.

- Standardize licensure/certification
- Provide fair payment to Peers
- Support 3 for 5 Initiative
- Provide SUD services in local jails
- Expand Supported Housing

Fully fund wellness promotion and disease & accident prevention programs

- Address the primary causes of mortality and morbidity in NY
- Support the Prevention Agenda
- Fund Public Health initiatives

Rethink current approaches to non-emergency medical transportation

- Preserve rural public transportation
- Improve customer service
- Save money

Explore new paradigms for rural EMS

- Support volunteer engagement
- Increase training flexibility
- Approve paramedicine
- Increase Medicaid reimbursement

Additional Priorities

- Ban flavored tobacco/vape products
- Expand rural broadband
- Expand telehealth/telemedicine
- Assure health insurance coverage
- Require public health involvement with legalized marijuana
- Support rear seat belts



## **NYSARH Members are...**

Rural Health Networks	Schools of Higher Education
Area Health Education Centers	Health Foundations
Medical Providers	Long Term Care Providers
Federally Qualified Health Centers	Disease Prevention Organizations
Behavioral Health Agencies	Veteran Organizations
County Public Health Departments	Community Action Agencies
Hospitals & Urgent Care Centers	Emergency Services

## **NYSARH Members ...**

- Administer unique programs, tailored to rural communities
- Deliver prevention and education services
- Develop the health professionals of the future
- Engage with DSRIP Performing Provider Systems
- Implement Population Health Improvement Programs
- Navigate healthcare and health insurance
- Offer continuing education and internships
- Partner with other organizations to leverage resources and maximize impact
- Prepare for value-based payment
- Provide or coordinate transportation
- Reduce unnecessary hospital and emergency department visits
- Solve community challenges at the community level

## **NYSARH ...**

- Advocates for the health and well-being of Rural New Yorkers
- Facilitates networking and collaboration across Upstate New York
- Participates in the Rural Health Policy Institute in Washington, DC
- Produces the premier Rural Health Conference in New York State
- Publishes a Quarterly Newsletter
- Works in conjunction with the NYS Office of Rural Health
- Represents New York with the National Rural Health Association

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