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2019 NYSARH Talking Points

Restore Full Funding for the Population Health Improvement Program

This program funds many activities that address the social determinants of health in rural communities

Restore Full Funding for Rural Health Networks RHNs address the social determinants of health by bringing together healthcare providers, nonprofit agencies, community advocates, local governments and business leaders to tackle local problems where they can be solved most effectively – locally!

Restore Full Funding for Rural Health Workforce Development

* Area Health Education Centers
* Provider recruitment & support
* STEM and pipeline programs
* Doctors Across NY
* Rural health access programs
* Graduate medical education
* Medical school rural residencies
* Worker retraining

Rethink current approaches to non-emergency medical transportation

* Preserve public transportation
* Support volunteer engagement
* Improve customer service

Explore new paradigms for rural EMS

* Support volunteer engagement
* Increase training flexibility
* Para-Medicine
* Support long-term care options

Restore funding for disease & accident prevention programs

These programs address the primary causes of mortality and morbidity in NY

Additional Priorities

* Tele-Health
* Maternal and Child Health
* Oral Health
* Healthcare Navigators
* Broadband

Thank You for raising the age to purchase tobacco products to 21 and for restricting vaping e-cigarettes

**NYSARH Members are…**

Rural Health Networks

Area Health Education Centers

Medical Providers

Federally Qualified Health Centers

Behavioral Health Agencies

County Public Health Departments

Hospitals & Urgent Care Centers

Schools of Higher Education

Health Foundations

Long Term Care Providers

Disease Prevention Organizations

Veteran Organizations

Community Action Agencies

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 the Population Health Improvement Program

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

Represents New York with the National Rural Health Association