

NYSARH Newsletter

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Summer 2021

Working to preserve and improve health and human services in rural New York State.

Rural Health Symposium

Please plan to join NYSARH for a Rural Health Symposium on Monday September 27th. We are honored to welcome Dr. Donna Beegle of Communication Across Barriers. Dr. Beegle's appearance is sponsored by the National Rural Health Association and presented in collaboration with the New York Association of Community Action Agencies.



“ My education, my work, and my passion are to help people from all races who are trapped in poverty. I want them to have genuine options for lifelong success. This can only happen if the voices of those struggling with poverty can be heard and their perspectives understood. Poverty is resolvable, however, making a difference for people who live in the crisis of poverty requires a paradigm shift. A shift that moves us beyond stereotypes and judgement to a deeper understanding of the causes of poverty and its impact on human beings. With this awareness, we

can work together to provide genuine opportunities for people to move out of poverty. -- Donna Beegle ”

Symposium will feature an update on national issues from Alan Morgan, President of the NRHA.

The NYSARH Policy Committee has organized a Policy Forum with NYS legislators that will provide another highlight for the day. Although this is a virtual event, there will be opportunities for Networking.

For NYSARH members, the Symposium will conclude with the 2021 Annual Meeting at which new Board members and Officers are welcomed.

Intern Profile

Did you know that NYSARH welcomes the contributions of student interns?

NYSARH is pleased to thank Ava Boal of Vassar Collage for her contribution to rural health. During her internship she has participated in advocacy visits with Congressional offices, researched topics and promoted our monthly webinars on social media and produced the NYSARH Annual Report. She now serves on the Student Membership Advisory Committee.

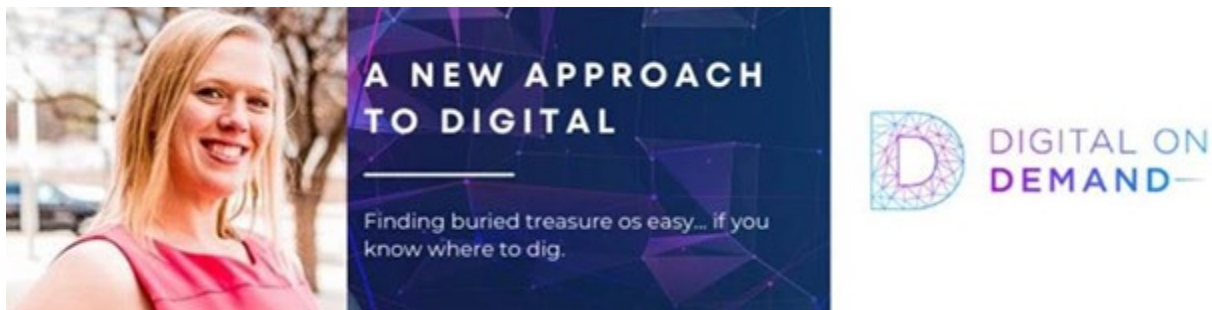
The NYSARH Membership Committee is seeking other students who would like to get involved with rural health. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Mandy Qualls at mqualls@cnyahec.org.

Digital on Demand

NYSARH has partnered with Digital On Demand to provide assistance to our members. You may participate in free social media coaching clinics Tuesday and Thursdays: spend less time more wisely.

Web: www.digitalondemand.org

Email: mel@digitalondemand.org



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COVID-19 Vaccine Resources

NRHA's Resources

<https://www.ruralhealthweb.org/programs/covid-19-pandemic/covid-19-resources>

NYSARH's Resources

General COVID-19 Resources: <https://nysarh.org/resources/covid-19-resources-updates/>

Vaccine Hesitancy Resources:

NRHA Legislative Tracker

NRHA is tracking rural health bills in Congress, and our [new legislative tracker](#) enables you to view the rural health bills the association is monitoring, supporting, and opposing.

Bills are searchable and categorized by topic area, and by clicking on a bill, you can find its summary, review cosponsors, and stay up to date on Congressional actions. To recommend bills for the legislative tracker, contact NRHA's government affairs team at dc@nrharural.org.

The NRHA also has automated advocacy campaigns.

Tick-borne Disease Information

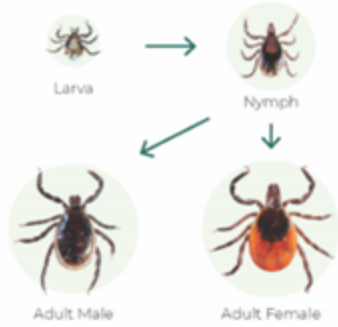
<https://www.cdc.gov/lyme/index.html>

<https://thangamani-lab.com/>

<https://cnylymealliance.org/>

TICK IDENTIFICATION

**Black-Legged Tick
(Deer Tick) Growth Stages**



Photos: TickEncounter, University of Rhode Island



TICK PREVENTION CHECKLIST



Wear tall socks and pull over pants if possible.



Apply Tick Repellent. Use as labeled (Permethrin for clothes, ≥20% DEET or Picaridin for skin).



Wear light-colored clothing with sleeves.



Toss clothing in dryer on high heat for 15 mins. If washing, use hot water.



Shower or bathe as soon as you return inside.



Mow lawn regularly. Avoid tall grass in yards, parks and recreation areas and while hiking.

WHERE TO CHECK FOR TICKS

FOUND A TICK?

We are proud to be affiliated with the Thangamani Lab at SUNY Upstate Medical University, which has a procedure for accepting and testing ticks and communicating results for **FREE**.

Visit thangamani-lab.com/tick-submission to learn more!



LYME DISEASE SYMPTOMS

		LIKELY	
EARLY LYME	CHRONIC LYME		
Fatigue	Fatigue		
Rash	Joint Pain		
Headache	Muscle Pain		
Fever	Other Pain		
Sweats	Sleep Issues		
Chills	Cognitive		
Muscle Pain	Depression		
Joint Pain	Neuropathy		
Neck Pain	Headache		
Sleep Issues	Heart Issues		
		LESS LIKELY	

Help Us Advocate for Rural Health



NRHA is drafting advocacy campaigns for the future of the rural health clinic program and more. Be on the lookout!



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Upcoming Webinar

Thursday, Sept 22, 2021

Panel on Rural Opioid Programs

The September webinar panel presentation will explore the rural response to the U.S. opioid crisis. The panelists bring rural perspectives from various regions across the U.S. to the discussion.

Moderator:

Ann Abdella, NYSARH Board Member

Executive Director at Chautauqua County Health Network

Panelists:

Maria Coutant Skinner, McCall Center for Behavioral Health

Tonya Stokes, Ellenville Regional Hospital

John Wilson, Credo Community Center

Participation in the Rural Health Webinar Series is \$10 per webinar.

Some events offer CME and NYS Social Work CE credits are available for purchase for an additional \$20.00 fee.

Funding Opportunities

New Payment Opportunity for RHCs and FQHCs under the DATA 2000 Waiver Training Payment Program

HRSA is accepting applications for payment from rural health clinics (RHC) and federally qualified health centers (FQHC) employing buprenorphine waived providers under a new program, the DATA 2000 Waiver Training Payment Program. RHCs and FQHCs have the opportunity to apply for a \$3,000 payment for each eligible employed provider who attained a Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 (DATA 2000) waiver on or after January 1, 2019. The program is conducted in collaboration with SAMHSA. Waivers are issued by SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) and its Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality (CBHSQ) maintains the verified waived practitioner database. There is no deadline to apply for this payment program, but available funds are limited and will be paid on a first-come, first-served basis. The Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Act, Section 6083, made \$6 million available to FQHCs and \$2 million available to RHCs under the DATA 2000 Waiver Training Payment Program. HRSA will accept applications for payment and process payments until all available funds are exhausted.

Perinatal and Infant Community Health Collaboratives

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) is issuing this Request for Applications (RFA) to announce the availability of approximately \$14 million annually to support implementation of the Perinatal and Infant Community Health Collaboratives (PICHC) initiative. Funds will be awarded to approximately 25 programs throughout New York State (NYS) to support the development, implementation and coordination of collaborative community-based strategies to improve perinatal and infant health outcomes and eliminate racial, ethnic, and economic disparities in those outcomes. Funded programs will work to improve specific perinatal and infant health outcomes including preterm birth, low birth weight, infant mortality, and maternal mortality.

The anticipated funding period is July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2027.