



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development

RURAL GATEWAY PEER-TO-PEER CONFERENCE CALL
Health Care in Rural America and Economic Development:
A Discussion of Best Practices

Date: March 27, 2012

Time: 2:00 p.m. EST

The Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development (ORHED) invites you to take part in our next Peer-to-Peer conference call. Scheduled for **March 27, 2012**, this call will offer participants the opportunity to learn about the current issues related to health care and economic development activities throughout Rural America.

Leaders of Rural Health organizations will share their knowledge of successfully implementing health care activities that have expanded and created opportunities and improved health for those living in Rural America. Various organizations will have an opportunity to discuss and share issues related to health care and economic development and the impact it has on Rural America. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions about best practices, discuss the challenges of developing health care programs and economic development activities within Rural communities and establish contacts for future reference.

Join HUD's Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development (ORHED) and the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Office of Rural Health Policy staff as we engage rural community leaders in this open forum on the perspective of improving health care as it pertains to economic development. Speakers will include **Tom Morris**, Associate Administrator; **Julia Bryan**, Grants Program Coordinator; **Larry Bryant**, Senior Advisor in the Office of the Advancement of Telehealth; and other representatives from the Office of Rural Health Policy.

Topics to be discussed

- The types of economic development activities developed and implemented
- Performance outcomes of the economic development activities
- Public and Private sources of funding to carry out projects
- Best practices and lessons-learned

Format of the call:

Call-in instructions and additional materials will be emailed to participants on **Friday, March 23, 2012**. The call will consist of a 60 minute presentation by our speakers, followed by a Q&A session.

Please **RSVP** by email to rhed@hud.gov no later than close of business on **Friday, March 23, 2012**. Please include your name and organization.

If you have any questions, please call 1-877-RURAL-26 (1-877-787-2526).