

ANNUAL REPORT

2021 - 2022

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The RTT Collaborative*



Message from the Executive Director

On a Year of Transition and Growth



Dr. Hana Hinkle
Executive Director

I am pleased to present you with our Annual Report. This past year has been marked with transition, change and incredible opportunity for the future of our Collaborative.

Associate Director Dr. Darin Bell and I were named in our roles for the RTTC early in 2022 after the retirement of founder and Executive Director Dr. Randy Longnecker. Randy graciously stayed on with RTTC to serve as Senior Advisor and has served as an important mentor and guide for me and Darin as we transitioned into our roles.

This year, Dawn Mollica also stepped down from her position with the RTTC to spend more time in her role with Ohio University. Dawn's incredible work in building RTTC to the organization it is today has not gone unnoticed. I have appreciated learning from both Randy and Dawn and their work has provided an important framework as we continue to grow and expand the RTTC.

I am thrilled to share that Heather Whetsell, MBA, MSHI has joined our leadership team as our newly appointed Administrative Director. She has joined our team that now also includes Jessica McGuire, MsED and Jessica Tripp who have been onboarded to help further scale our operations. Dr. David Schmitz continues to work with us as a Senior Research Advisor. These individuals will be critical in helping us to advance our membership experience, enhancing our communication platforms and help us grow in our vision to further impact rural health training. Aligned with communication, I also want to acknowledge the incredible work of Kate Kruback, a journalism and marketing student at Ohio University, supporting our communication presence. There is so much work that happens behind the scenes, including engagement of our board of directors, that supports our urgent work and critical mission.

As I reflect on the last few months of being in the executive director role, I am filled with gratitude for all of you in your support of our mission and related activities, including our Annual Meeting that was held in beautiful Hood River, our virtual Residency Fair + Fest, the AAFP annual conference and student breakfast programs like Rural Program Director University, our partnership with Rural Residency Planning and Development Program and many, many more.

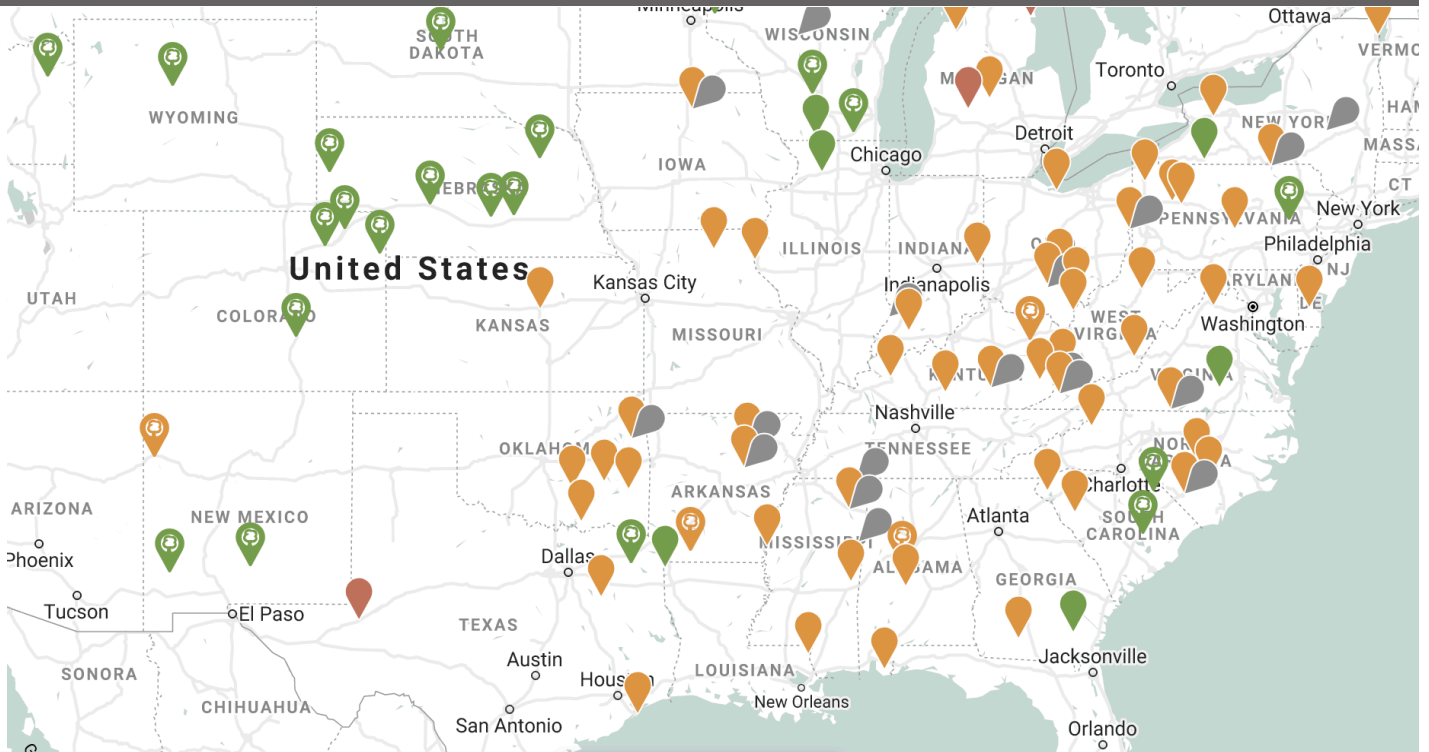
Thank you for being so supportive, welcoming and enthusiastic throughout this year of transition. I'm excited for the future of RTTC as we continue to build our work, and grow our own, together.

Wishing you all a wonderful 2023!

Hana Hinkle, PhD
Executive Director
Rural Training Track Collaborative



Participating Programs



The RTT Collaborative has expanded [the rural programs map on its website](#) to now include **72 participating programs!** Check it out on our website, or by clicking the link above.

Become a Participating Program

Join the Movement

Participation fees support an infrastructure for this national co-op of peer programs for rural health professions education and training. These fees are invoiced in May of each year and paid annually as a participant for the academic year July 1 through June 30. For a single annual fee, participants also receive these benefits:

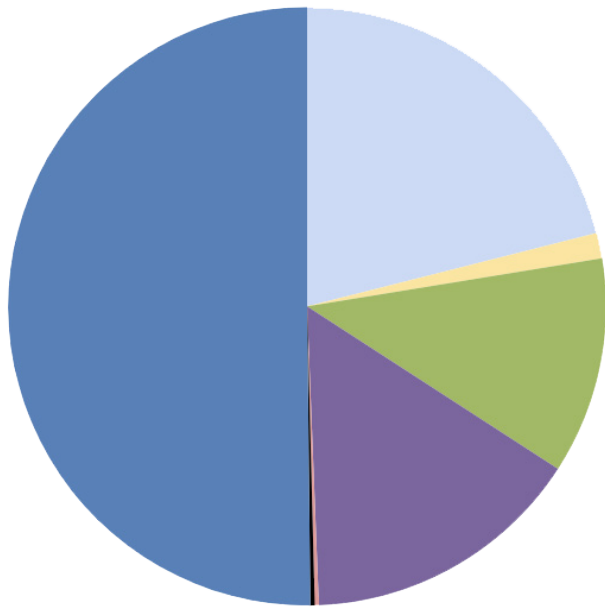
- Periodic technical assistance by phone or email at no charge, 50% charge for in-person
- Reduced Annual Conference Registration fee for two program faculty, administrators or staff
- Promotion of participating programs to potential students and faculty
- Access to our Research Network
- Communication: Quarterly newsletter, event notifications and other platforms
- Preference for Board nominations
- Faculty Development through our annual meeting and online learning communities
- Opportunity for NIPDD rural Fellows scholarship
- Policy: Content expertise and testimony to national accrediting bodies and federal and state government for the accreditation, finance and governance of rural programs.

Detailed Information

Current Program List

Program Requirements

Financial Graphs

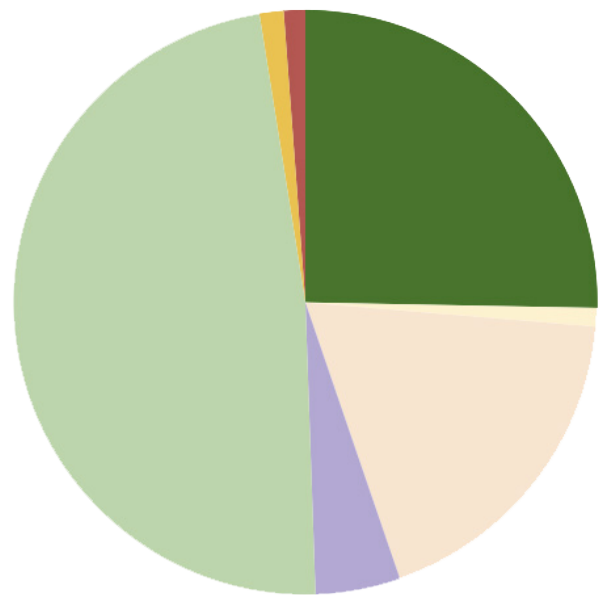


Income

- Annual Meeting Income (\$76,479)
- Charitable Contributions (\$5,000)
- Consulting (\$42,550)
- Contracts (\$55,338)
- Interest Income (\$857)
- Participating Program Fee (\$182,250)
- Direct Services (\$793)

Expenses

- Annual Meeting Expense (\$88,773)
- Communications (\$3,594)
- NIPDD Scholarships (\$16,500)
- Personnel (\$168,532)
- Travel and Meetings (\$4,673)
- Consulting and Training (\$64,634)
- Other (\$4,171)



Newsletter Highlights

September 2021

- Thriving in Transitions Through Reflective Practice
- AAFP National Conference Highlight
- Rural Residency Fest Summary
- Rural Residency Fair Summary

December 2021

- A Growing Coalition and Community of Practice
- North Dakota Participation Program Highlight: ROME medical program + Hettinger and Williston RTT
- Rural Residency Consultant Learning Community (CLC) Highlight

March 2022

- New Beginnings + A Season of Change
- Informing Policy and Incremental Design
- Supporting Rural Medical Education by Fostering Scholarly Activity
- Meet Dr. Hana Hinkle (new Executive Director)
- Meet Dr. Darin Bell (new Associate Director)

June 2022

- Greeting from Dr. Hinkle, new Executive Director
- Rural Program Directors University (Rural PDU)
- Marshall Rural Surgery Program (first of it's kind)



Members of the Board

Andrew Bazemore, Director, American Board of Family Medicine, Washington, DC

Lisa Dodson, Regional Campus Dean, Medical College of WI, Central WI Campus, Wausau, WI

Robert Epstein, Program Director, Swedish Port Angeles RTT, Port Angeles, WA

Jay Erickson, Director of TRUST for UW & Regional Campus Dean for MT, Whitefish, MT

Stuart Hannah, Program Director, Rural Program (IRTT), Baraboo, WI

Joyce Hollander-Rodriguez, Program Director, Cascades East Family Medicine Residency Program, Klamath Falls, OR

Tiffani Maycock, Associate Professor, Selma Family Medicine School of Medicine, Selma, AL

Darrick Nelson, Program Director, Hidalgo Medical Services Family Medicine Residency Program (IRTT), Silver City, NM

Mike Shimmens, Executive Director, 3RNet (Rural Recruitment and Retention Network), Jefferson City, MO

Kara Traxler, Associate Director, RTTC; Rural GME Development and Support, Sauk City, WI

Michael Woods, Retired Program Director, University of Oklahoma-Rural Residency Program (IRTT), Ramona, OK

Robert Gobbo, Program Director, Providence Hood River Family Medicine Rural Training Program and One Community Health, Hood River, OR

Dave Kermode, General Surgeon and Director of a surgical skills enhanced family medicine fellowship in development, Des Moines, IA

Keri Bergeson, Program Director, Chelan Family Medicine Residency, Chelan, WA

Resident & Student Representatives

Victoria Vorwald, MS3, University of Colorado School of Medicine, CO

Araminta Ray, MS2, ETSU Quillen College of Medicine, Johnson City, TN

David Nitschmann, PGY3 at North Colorado Medical Center/ Sterling RTT, Sterling, CO

Directors

Hana Hinkle, Executive Director, RTTC; Interim Director, National Center for Rural Health Professions; Associate Director, Illinois Area Health Education Center Network Program, Rockford, IL.

Darin Bell, Associate Director, RTTC; Associate Director for Rural Education Family Medicine Residency of Western Montana, Missoula, MT.

Dawn Mollica, Administrative Director; Administrative Director of the Office of Rural and Underserved Programs, Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine, Athens, OH

Founder

Randall Longenecker, Senior Advisor, Athens, OH

Thank you for your support over the years! The RTT Collaborative is a national board directed 501(c)(3) non-profit cooperative of programs in rural health professions education registered in Ohio and anchored at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. Our purpose is to sustain health professions education and training in rural places through mutual encouragement, peer learning, practice improvement, and the delivery of technical expertise, all in support of a quality rural workforce. The "RTT" moniker in our name is a tribute to our earliest participating integrated rural track residency programs, but also speaks to our expanding community of practice representing other rural education and training pathways and programs in other specialties and professions. Charitable contributions to The RTT Collaborative are 100% tax deductible.