Identifying Core Attributes for New Rural Program Sustainability

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ACMC — ASHLEY COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER

Rural Training Program location. 25 Bed Critical Access Hospital located in Crossett, Arkansas. New construction of building in 1998, but hospital established for over 100 years – county owned and operated. Town of 4,700 people with medical services to over 10,000 in the rural southeast corner of the state near the Mississippi Delta.

arhp+ — ARKANSAS RURAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

Alliance of 18 rural healthcare organizations and 3 medical schools with a mission to provide resources to rural members. Administers HRSA Rural Residency Program Development grant for the RTP.

UAMS — University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

Arkansas's only state supported academic health system. UAMS Regional Centers program was founded in 1973 as a second generation AHEC system with 8 regional campuses as the rural outreach effort for UAMS. Seven of the campuses have a university administered, community-based Family Medicine Residency within their campus.

Three Objectives

1 Identify Medical Community Attributes Needed for the Program

2 Describe Clinical Infrastructure Needed for a Learning Environment

3 Find or Create Sustainable Funding

Identify Medical Community Attributes Needed for the Program

▶ Program Director

▶ Physician Community, Specialists and their Attitudes

Describe Clinical Infrastructure Needed for a Learning Environment

► Hospital Type

► Hospital Administration Willingness and Expectation

► Family Medicine Clinic, Infrastructure and Assets

Find or Create Sustainable Funding

- CMS Cost Reports and Sharing Agreements
  - Funds Flow Structure
- Selecting the right RTRP site from a funding perspective
- Partnering with grant administrator – ARHP administers HRSA RRPD grant

Summary and Questions

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