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***“Build it Well and They Will Come:
Rural Curriculum Development and Accreditation”***

The RTT Collaborative Annual Meeting

Denver, Colorado

February 24-26, 2016



The meeting will begin Wednesday evening, February 24, with a reception and plenary session at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Participants are welcome to bring a guest. Everyone is invited to participate and contribute to this rural training collaborative as we all aspire to new heights in rural medical education!

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The RTT Collaborative Call for Presentations

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Call for Presentations



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Do you have ideas for rural-specific content and curriculum design? Have you discovered creative ways of meeting the requirements of accreditation and focusing on preparation for rural practice at the same time? This is your opportunity to both teach and learn! We are soliciting workshop proposals for Thursday and Friday of our meeting.

The Rural Medical Educator group this year will also be separately holding their annual Conclave in Denver, and will be joining us Wednesday evening, February 24 for a reception and plenary session at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Everyone is invited to participate and contribute to this rural training collaborative as we all aspire to new heights in rural medical education!

We are particularly interested in presentations that highlight curriculum design and creative solutions to accreditation challenges for rural programs:

- Meeting the standards of ACGME and AOA accreditation
- Making the transition from AOA to ACGME accreditation
- New program development
- Distance learning and the use of technology
- Formation of medical education consortia and/or community collaborations
- Alignment of undergraduate and graduate medical education tracks

Submission Deadline: Monday, November 2, 2015

For more information follow this link to rttcollaborative.net

Breaking The Graduate Medical Education Policy Logjam

The content and effectiveness of Graduate Medical Education (GME) is an important determinant of the quality and cost of our health care system. Location of GME affects the size and geographic distribution of our physician workforce, thereby influencing access to care.

Given this important relationship and the investment of tax-payer dollars to fund GME, it is essential to resolve the longstanding GME policy controversy which impairs coordination of GME policy with national needs.

Click [here](#) for the entire article found in Health Affairs Blog published in August entitled *Breaking the Graduate Medical Education Policy Logjam*

AAMC Resources for RTTs and Teaching Hospitals

RTTs

The AAMC provides resources to help members better understand and make use of the pathways available to engage in rural training. Developed in collaboration with others, including The RTT Collaborative's Executive Director Dr. Longenecker, this free PDF explains the intricacies of current Medicare funding for rural training tracks.

<http://tinyurl.com/RTT-medicare-reg>

Teaching Hospitals

Becoming a New Teaching Hospital: A Guide to Medicare Requirements 2014 (PDF) is available for free to AAMC members and to others for a \$100 fee. Check with your local medical school for access.

<http://tinyurl.com/TH-medicare-reg>

The 2015 New Mexico Primary Care Training Consortium Summit

The State of New Mexico has been extremely proactive to meet the need of primary care providers by creating a Medicaid Teaching Health Center Program. The purpose of the summit was to learn more about this funding mechanism and to help communities interested in family medicine residency training to explore primary care training with local partners..



For summit resources, presentations and handouts click [here](#)

Message from the Executive Director



I've been to several "summits" recently and from that vantage point, there is certainly a lot of ferment around RTTs at the national and state level! Ted Epperly and I had the privilege of participating in a GME Summit in New Mexico this past month and last week, Dave Schmitz, Mike Shimmens, and I participated in the 2015 Rural Health Summit in Portland, Oregon, a combined meeting of NOSORH, 3RNet, and the Association of Rural Health Networks (ARHN). At the latter meeting we caught wind of a grant announcement that will probably be released in November, targeting developing rural residencies, providing them with an opportunity to mitigate the substantial costs of residency development, and ensuring that such development is done in a thorough manner, including appropriate faculty development (e.g. NIPDD training for the potential program or site director) and consultations.

I will be attending GME Summit West in November, sponsored by the Colorado Institute of Family Medicine, entitled "GME Reform: Moving from Proposals to Action." This event will bring together several key stakeholders and individuals who have been working to help craft legislative solutions to the financial challenges of primary care residencies, especially in rural settings. Language for the funding of rural residencies has been proposed and will be considered further. For anyone who has not already seen it, please read, "A Pathway to Breaking the GME Logjam" on the [Health Affairs Blog](#) and it's proposal that The RTT Collaborative be represented in formal GME oversight.

Speaking of NIPDD, three new Rural Fellows have been selected for the 2015-2016 year - Robert Hughes DO, of Corvallis, OR; Dieter Kreckel MD, of Rumford, ME; and Emillio Lloyd MD, of Puebla, CO - and will bring to 17 the number of individuals and almost that many residencies that have benefited from this program. The RTT Collaborative Board has strategized around continuing this valuable scholarship for budding rural residency programs of all types. Dave Schmitz and I will be meeting with NRHA and ORHP this month in assuring a seamless transition for this initiative among others associated with the RTT Technical Assistance Program grant, as it likely will conclude in August of next year.

Speaking of summits, hopefully all of us will be within sight of the mountains in Denver, the location of our Annual Meeting, February 24-26, 2015. The host committee, chaired by Kim Marvel, has helped us choose the theme, "*Build it Well and They Will Come: Rural Curriculum Development and Accreditation.*" The NRHA Rural Medical Educator group will be holding their annual Conclave this year at the same general time February 23-25, at the University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine in nearby Aurora. They will also focus on rural curricula and will be joining us on Wednesday evening, February 24 for our opening session at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. We are inviting leaders of the Family Medicine Review Committee to our Annual Meeting to address accreditation challenges, similar to the CMS presentation on finances this past May. A call for workshop proposals has been released, and if you have not seen it, please visit the [News](#) section of our website and offer to present your own creative ideas and solicit other's perspectives in solving persistent dilemmas around curriculum and accreditation.

Please join our LinkedIn group for more frequent and timely updates to all of these ongoing activities, because as rapidly as things are changing, a quarterly newsletter is just not enough! Simply send me an [email](#) or send me a message in LinkedIn and I will send you an invite.

Randall Longenecker MD

Executive Director

2015-2016 Participating Program Applications Available

If you would like to become a RTT Collaborative participating program , please click [here](#) or contact [Dawn Mollica](#) for more information.

Stay Tuned...

Thinking about starting a new rural residency ?
Watch for an upcoming HRSA announcement .

For more information contact Dr. Randy Longenecker at 740-597-3058 or longenec@ohio.edu

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ AATHC, September 16-17, Washington DC
- ◆ GME Summit West - *GME Reform: Moving from Proposals to Action*, November 2-3, Denver, CO
Free registration link: www.surveymonkey.com/s/GMESummitWest
- ◆ RTTC Annual Meeting – “*Build it Well and They Will Come: Rural Curriculum Development and Accreditation,*” February 24-26, 2016, Denver, CO,

Help to Sustain the Work of this Organization

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If you have something you would like to be included in the upcoming edition of the newsletter, please submit ideas by December 1, 2015 to Dawn Mollica at mollicd1@ohio.edu