



Health Resources and Services Administration Technical Assistance Workshop

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
Health Resources & Services Administration



Technical Assistance Overview

- HRSA 101
 - HRSA Vision and Mission
 - Overview of HRSA programs



HRSA Vision and Mission

Vision statement:

Healthy Communities, Healthy People

Mission statement:

Improve health and achieve health equity through access to quality services, a skilled health workforce and innovative programs

Strategic plan:

1. Improve access to quality health care and services
2. Strengthen the health workforce
3. Build healthy communities
4. Improve health equity
5. Strengthen program management and operations



HRSA Overview

- One of 11 agencies in HHS
- HRSA's \$9 billion budget (FY 2014) supports 95 grant programs
- Primary Federal agency for improving access to health care for people who are uninsured, isolated or medically vulnerable
- Awards grants to state, local and community-based organizations that deliver health care services
- HRSA's 100-plus programs and more than 3,000 grantees serve tens of millions of individuals with affordable health care and other services



HRSA Overview

- HRSA focuses on six major program areas:
 - Health Workforce
 - Primary Health Care
 - Healthcare Systems
 - HIV/AIDS Care
 - Maternal and Child Health
 - Rural Health



Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW)

Supports the health care workforce across the entire training continuum – from academic training of nurses, physicians, and other clinicians to clinicians currently providing health care in underserved and rural communities across the United States.

Programs include:

- National Health Service Corps Scholarship and Loan Repayment
- NURSE Corps Scholarship and Loan Repayment
- Diversity Programs including Centers of Excellence and Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students
- Interprofessional Training
- Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training
- Grants to health professions schools and training programs

Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW)

Workforce Priorities

- Increase health care workforce and align training and education with changing practice environment
- Inter-professional training
 - Drive the integration of practice and training
 - Bring practice and academia together
- Focus on diversity and culturally competent care
- Support placement in underserved communities
- Increase availability and timeliness of workforce projections and analyses
- Integrate mental and oral health into primary care



Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW)

- FY 2016 Budget Request \$1.8 billion
 - Increase of \$741 million over FY 2015
- Helps to build a skilled national health workforce
- Focus on priority areas:
 - Supply and distribution
 - Diversity
 - Contemporary practice environment including interprofessional and team based care.



Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC)

- HRSA provides Federal grant funding to almost 1,300 health center grantees operating over 9,000 service delivery sites to provide comprehensive primary care services in every State, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and the Pacific Basin.
- Health centers served nearly 22 million patients in FY 2013.
- Since 2011, HRSA has invested over \$2.35 billion in health center funding to 13 states in the Appalachian region. Over \$1.31 billion* has been invested in the 8 states in the Delta region.

2013 Health Center Impact

2013 HEALTH CENTER IMPACT

PROGRAM GRANTEES

SERVED
21.7 MILLION PATIENTS

93% Below 200% poverty

73% Below 100% poverty

35% Uninsured

1,131,414 homeless Individuals	861,120 agricultural workers	227,665 residents of public housing
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PROVIDED
86 MILLION PATIENTS VISITS
 in 1,202 organizations across more than 9,208 service sites

EMPLOYED MORE THAN
156 THOUSAND STAFF
 including 10,733 physicians, 8,156 nurse practitioners, physicians assistants, and certified nurse midwives

LOOK-ALIKES

SERVED
1 MILLION PATIENTS

93% Below 200% poverty

74% Below 100% poverty

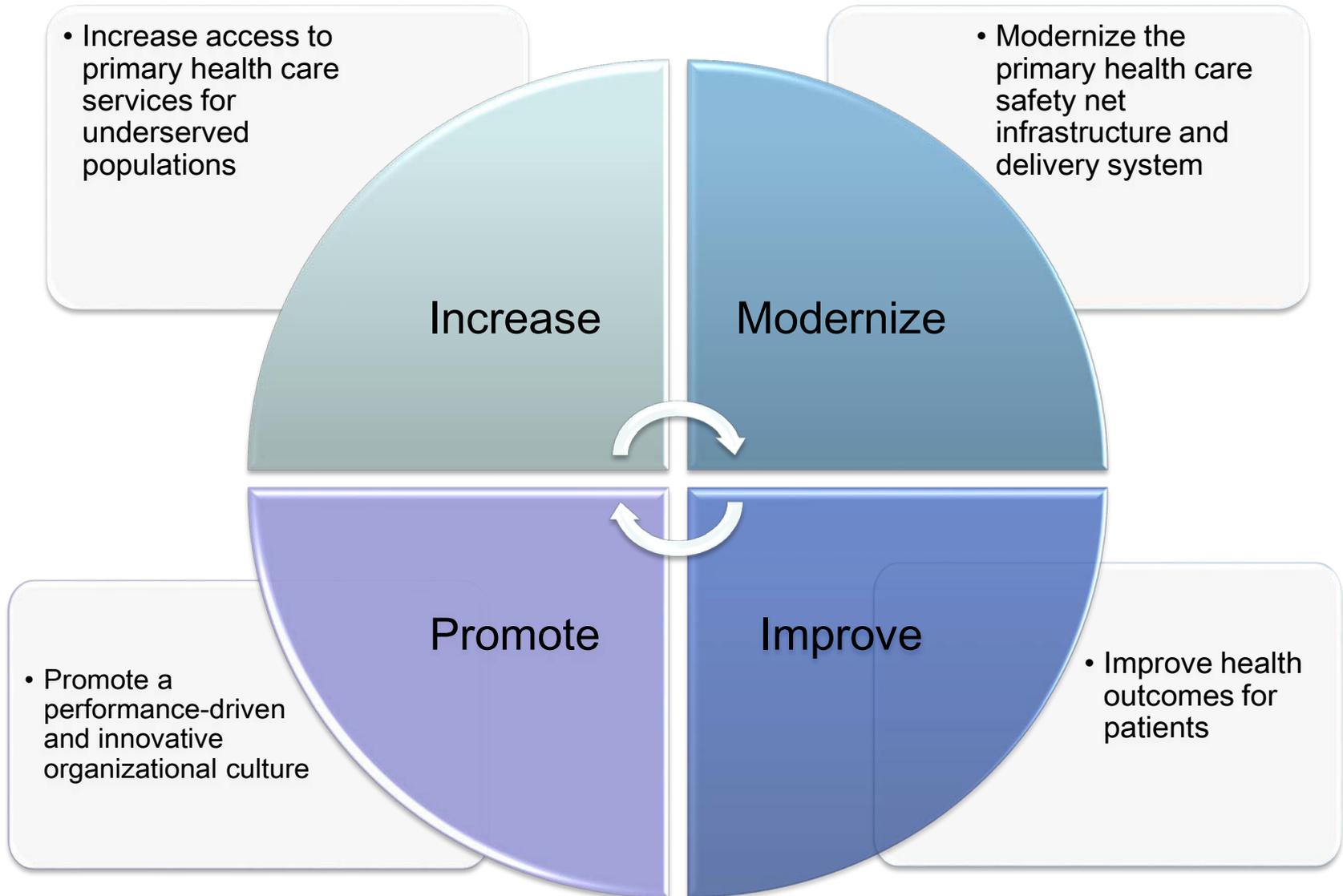
32% Uninsured

20,011 homeless Individuals	10,681 agricultural workers
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PROVIDED
4 MILLION PATIENTS VISITS
 in 100 organizations across more than 310 service sites

EMPLOYED MORE THAN
6 THOUSAND STAFF
 including 588 physicians, 325 nurse practitioners, physicians assistants, and certified nurse midwives

Key Strategies



Bureau of Primary Care (BPHC)

Health Center Program grantees – Public and private non-profit health care organizations that meet certain criteria under section 330 of the PHS Act and receive funds under the Health Center Program.

Health Center Program look-alikes – Health centers that have been designated as meeting the requirements of a health center, but do not receive grant funding under the Health Center Program





Benefits of Becoming an FQHC

- Access to Federal grant funds to support the costs of uncompensated care (*Health Center Program grantees only*)
- Eligible for
 - Enhanced reimbursement under Prospective Payment System (PPS) or other state-approved alternative payment methodology for services provided under Medicaid
 - Cost-based reimbursement for services provided under Medicare
- Participation in the 340B (discounted) Drug Pricing Program
- Health Professional Shortage Area Designation and participation in National Health Service Corps
- Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) malpractice coverage (*Health Center Program grantees only*)
- Federal Loan Guarantee Program (*Health Center Program grantees only*)



Bureau of Primary Care (BPHC)

FY 2015 Funding

- \$51.3 million for 210 Mental health Service Expansion – Behavioral Health Integration Grants to Health Centers
- \$36.3 million to 1,113 health centers for one-time Quality Improvement grants
- \$101 million in New Access Point funding for 164 new health center sites



HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB)

- Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program
 - Funds primary health care
 - Provides support services and medications
- The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)
 - State-run ADAPs provide antiretroviral medications to patients who cannot afford them
- The Global HIV/AIDS Program
 - Part of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR); funds HIV care and treatment, health manpower and organizational capacity



Healthcare Systems Bureau (HSB)

- Organ and Blood Stem Cell Transplantation Program
- Poison Control Program
- 340B Drug Pricing Program
- National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program
- National Countermeasures Injury Program
- Hill-Burton Program
- National Hansen's Disease Program

Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB)

MCHB administers programs that serve more than 40 million women, infants and children each year.

- **Title V Block Grants**

- \$540,026,002 million expected in FY 2015
- State Formula Block Grants
- Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS)
- Community Integrated Service Systems (CISS)



- **Healthy Start**

- 101 Healthy Start sites in 38 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico



Additional MCH Programs

- Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program
- Family-to-Family Health Information Centers
- Universal Newborn Hearing Screening
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Emergency Medical Services for Children
- Children with Autism and Epilepsy
- Family-to-Family Health Information Centers



Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP)

- Supports and funds State Offices of Rural Health
- Administers Outreach and Network Development grant programs
- Funds and conducts research
- Provides technical assistance
- Oversees the University of North Dakota's Rural Assistance Center



Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP)

Other Major Grant Programs:

- Hospital – State
 - State Offices of Rural Health, Rural Hospital Flexibility Grant, Small Rural Hospital Improvement Programs
- Telehealth
 - Licensure Portability, Telehealth Network, Telehealth Resource Center Grant Programs
- Community Based
 - Rural Health Outreach, Rural Network development, Network Planning, Quality Improvement, Rural Workforce and Delta States Rural Development



Office of Regional Operations

HRSA's national network of 10 Regional Offices strive to increase access to quality care, information and resources.

Core functions:

- Leverage geographic proximity to provide responsive outreach and assistance to HRSA grantees, target populations and stakeholders
- Partner with and convene local and regional stakeholders to advance HRSA priorities
- Extend the reach of HRSA's Bureau and Office programs
- Represent HRSA at meetings and events to promote HHS/HRSA initiatives
- Identify emerging regional/state trends, priorities, and effective strategies



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