HRSA’s Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs (HRSA IEA): Connecting and Supporting HRSA Grantees and Stakeholders throughout the Nation

Healthy Grants Workshop

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Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People
Today’s Road Trip

1. HRSA IEA Overview
2. Priorities
3. Connecting with HRSA IEA
4. HRSA IEA/Grantee Collaborations in Action
HRSA IEA Overview
Mission & Core Functions

Ambassador and Liaison

Strategic Collaboration and Consultation

Outreach and Education

Public Health Issues
HRSA IEA STAKEHOLDERS

- HRSA Grantees
- State, Local, Territorial Leadership
- Tribal Organizations
- Community & Faith-Based Organizations
- Colleges/Universities
- Private Sector Organizations & Foundations
- HHS Regional Directors/Regional Health Administrators
- HHS Operating Divisions
- Federal Departments or Agencies
HRSA IEA Overview

Ten Regions - One HRSA

HRSA IEA Headquarters

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Director

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Deputy Director

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Senior Advisor

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Executive Officer

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Director
Office of External Affairs

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Director
Office of Tribal Affairs
Pack your bags!
Benefits of HRSA’s Regional Presence

- Linkage to local and state-level partners
- Leverage state and federal resources
- Local representation, customer service support, and triage
- Rapid response to crisis
- Seamless participation and execution of HHS/HRSA initiatives
- Intel from the field to HRSA Headquarters
- Disseminate HRSA information to the field
On the Road again... Next Stop Rockville, MD
External Affairs: What We Do

Facilitate HRSA’s interactions with intergovernmental agencies and external stakeholder groups on cross-cutting public health issues

- Liaise with HHS IEA on stakeholder engagements and information requests
- Partner with Bureaus and Offices to forge and strengthen relationships and coordinate activities with stakeholders across the nation
- Engage at the Regional Office level to amplify HRSA programs and priorities
- Facilitate quarterly meetings with Regional Commissions
- Administer HRSA’s NOSLO cooperative agreement program
National Organizations of State and Local Officials (NOSLO)

Supported MORE THAN 40 PUBLICATIONS AND WEBINARS addressing HRSA priorities

Confronted with Overdoses, Rhode Island’s Emergency Departments Employ Peer Services to Promote Treatment

By Jodi Manz and Kitty Purington
Tribal Affairs: What We Do

- Coordinate tribal public health activities across HRSA
- Serve as HRSA’s primary point of contact for tribal governments and tribal organizations and HRSA liaison to and representative on tribal health related committees and working groups
- Coordinate with HRSA Bureaus and Offices to leverage resources or develop initiatives to support tribal health resources and services
- Coordinate, support, and convene the HRSA Tribal Advisory Council
Engaging with partners and stakeholders on HRSA priorities
HRSA IEA Addresses HRSA Priorities - Behavioral Health

• HRSA IEA advances evidence-based and promising behavioral health practices through outreach, surveillance, convening, partnerships, and technical assistance.

• Behavioral Health activities centered around regional priorities include:
  ▪ Collaborations to address SUD/opioids and suicide, pediatric and maternal behavioral health, workforce, rural behavioral health, and tribal behavioral health
  ▪ Engagement with state behavioral health leadership and key stakeholders
  ▪ Health Centers and other HRSA-supported entities
HRSA IEA Addresses HRSA Priorities - Workforce

Purpose:
To recognize issues and trends regarding the Health Workforce, support stakeholder collaborations, and provide recommendations to help HRSA focus policies and programs.

Themes:
- Health Care Workforce Pipeline
- Professional Pathway & Ongoing Development
- Workforce Burnout & Wellbeing
- Workplace Safety
- Research & Evaluation

Key Stakeholders:
Academic Health Care Training Centers, Health Professions Organizations, SAMHSA, CMS, State Primary Care Associations, AHECs, State Licensing Boards, State Departments of Health

Strengthens partnerships with Perinatal Quality Collaboratives, University Medical and Nursing Schools, Professional organizations, State Departments of Public Health, and the March of Dimes.
HRSA IEA Addresses HRSA Priorities- HIV/AIDS, Rural Health, Tribal Health
Fasten your seat belt...New York is next!
Regional surveillance
HRSA Contacts

“What’s the difference between my Project Officer and the HRSA IEA office?”

- Opportunity to share information about regional/locally based initiatives
- Provide assistance in establishing partnerships
- Explore opportunities that extend across all of HRSA
- Help in connecting with other regional HHS partners
- An extra HRSA contact to assist in ensuring your programs are successful!
When should you contact HRSA IEA?

- When you want to know more about HRSA programs or initiatives
- When you need contextual information about the regional/state landscape that may impact your stakeholders
- When you are looking for technical assistance, resources (including funding opportunities) or new partners
- Simply to connect!
When might HRSA IEA reach out to you?

• When HRSA has information about new funding opportunities, policies, resources, or priorities

• When HRSA is convening stakeholders or brokering relationships

• When HRSA is collecting information to inform an issue

• When HHS or HRSA is interested in being present at a meeting or event

• When HRSA is developing partnerships

• Simply to connect!
All Aboard!!... Express Train to Nebraska!
HRSA IEA Collaboration in Action

IEA R7  Meeting with the Ponca Health Services

Nebraska Indian Community College
Santee (West Campus)

Santee Sioux Nation Pow Wow Grounds
We’re heading West...San Francisco!
HRSA IEA Collaboration in Action (cont.)

How California’s Salinas Valley went from covid hot spot to a model for vaccination and safety

Near the beginning of harvest, more than two-thirds of farmworkers already vaccinated
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