

State Health Improvement Drivers of Health Taskforce

10.8.2025

9:00 AM-10:00 AM

Facilitators: Dr. Aley Cristelli, Manager, Population Health Strategy at Oklahoma Complete Health and Adrienne Elder, Director of Interagency Special Projects

Meeting Schedule and Format Maintained:

- The group will continue meeting on the second Wednesday of each month from 9-10 AM.
- The format will remain the same as in previous years.
- A new Zoom link and calendar invitation will be sent out in November or December for the 2026 meeting series.

Newsletter Continuation:

- The SHIP newsletter, which has received positive feedback, will continue through 2026, with the next issue being sent out in December.

Rural Health Transformation Program-Brandie Combs, OSDH Chief of Staff

- Brandie Combs provided a detailed update on the \$50 billion [federal Rural Health transformation Program](#)
- She covered the application process, funding structure (competitive and noncompetitive pots), and the focus on stakeholder engagement and sustainability.
- The Oklahoma State Department of Health has created a website to share updates
 - <https://oklahoma.gov/health/rhttp.html>
- Oklahoma's application is due on November 5, with the Oklahoma State Department of Health as the lead agency, supported by multiple state partners and Boston Consulting Group
- Extensive stakeholder engagement has been conducted, including an RFI that received nearly 400 responses, targeted meetings with hospital partners and regional outreach.
- Key challenges identified in listening sessions include workforce shortages, transportation barriers, infrastructure needs, and chronic health conditions.
- The application must address five strategic goals (Make Rural America Healthy Again, sustainable access, workforce development, technology innovation, and innovative care) and select at least three of twelve eligible spending areas.

- Annual detailed plans and metrics are required, with the risk of funding callback if goals are not met.
- Ongoing collaboration with the legislature is focused on identifying and supporting policy changes that facilitate rural health transformation, including recent and potential legislative actions.

Family Resource Centers (FRCs) Sustainability Study:

- Adrienne Elder highlighted the importance of FRCs as community hubs, the push to include a federal definition in state statute, and the benefits of FRCs for family and community stability.
- The study aims to support policy change and sustainable funding for FRCs across Oklahoma.

Community Announcements:

- Dr. Fahad Khan shared the Urban League of Greater Oklahoma has been designated as the first Pathways Community Hub in Oklahoma
 - <https://www.oklahomacompletehealth.com/newsroom/urban-league-of-greater-oklahoma-city-designated-as-first-pathwa.html>
- Tracy Meeuwssen with the Avedis Foundation shared that Pottawattamie County is nearing completion of their Community Needs Health Assessment with the support of many partners on the call. They are shifting to their Community Health Improvement Plan.
- Mitch Drummond shared a request for teens to survey.
 - Several partners highlighted suggestions including:
 - Bigger libraries who have teen programming;
 - Girls Scouts of Western OK and Eastern OK;
 - Youth Action for Health Leadership;
 - <https://www.yahlok.org/>
 - <https://sldr.page.link/xyK8>
 - Latino Youth Leadership Club (LYLC)
 - <https://www.lcdaok.com/latino-clubs>
- Adrienne Elder shared an invite to the SDOH Facilitators Sub-Committee Meeting, which takes place on the 2nd Wednesdays at 10:30am.
 - <https://www.addevent.com/event/NZ17365087>