

HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

OFFICE OF HEALTH EQUITY

Minority Serving Institutions e-Bulletin

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Requests for Information

Health Professional Shortage Areas

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) seeks input and feedback from the public to inform policy considerations related to changes to scoring criteria for Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs). HRSA also seeks stakeholder input on possible additions or alternative approaches to HPSA scoring. These would include, but are not limited to, new factors, components, or point weighting. Details on current scoring criteria and how to provide input and feedback can be found at <https://bhwh.hrsa.gov/shortage-designation/hpsa-criteria/information-request>. **The deadline is September 18, 2020.**

Maternity Care Health Professional Target Areas

HRSA is seeking input and feedback from the public to inform policy considerations related to the establishment of criteria for Maternity Care Health Professional Target Areas. Respondents must provide responses to this Request for Information (RFI) via email to RFIComments@hrsa.gov and you must reference "Health Professional Shortage Area Scoring Criteria RFI" in the subject line. Please include organization name, state, and partners (if applicable) in the body of the email. More detailed information on submission guidelines and ways of providing feedback can be found at <https://bhwh.hrsa.gov/shortage-designation/hpsa-criteria/information-request>. **The deadline is September 18, 2020.**

Note: While HRSA welcomes input from all stakeholders and parties with an interest in our mission, we specifically seek input from those with knowledge and experience in these specific public *health areas*

Sign up for HRSA eNews



For current information on HRSA programs and opportunities. Please sign up for the HRSA eNews at: <https://www.hrsa.gov/enews/index.html>

HRSA Responds to Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19)

HRSA continues its efforts to provide information, data, and resources to staff and the public relative to the impact of COVID-19 on vulnerable communities. On HRSA's Federal Office of Rural Health Policy's (FORHP) COVID-19 resources webpage (<https://www.hrsa.gov/rural-health/coronavirus/frequently-asked-questions#telehealth>), there are a list of available funding announcements offered to low resourced, geographically isolated, medically vulnerable communities, and health centers. Some of these available resources include Provider Relief Funds, which support American families, workers, and healthcare providers.

HRSA's Bureau of Primary Health Care is dedicated to garnering and distributing racial and ethnic data as it relates to COVID-19. In addition, FORHP manages a large portion of broadband and telehealth efforts and provides resources to support changes to telehealth policy and the most efficient and effective ways of responding to the pandemic.

Become a HRSA Grant Reviewer!

HRSA is seeking subject matter experts in the health professions to provide peer reviews of the agency's grant applications. This is mutually beneficial as it allows you to gain knowledge of the objective review process, and provides HRSA with professional guidance on securing grant applications.

To become an HRSA grant reviewer, you must first register at <https://rrm.grantsolutions.gov/AgencyPortal/hrsa.aspx>

For assistance with the registration process, email RRMTechAssistance@hrsa.gov.



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Establishment of HRSA Tribal Advisory Council



HRSA is soliciting comments and recommendations regarding HRSA's intent to establish the HRSA Tribal Advisory Council (TAC) and is seeking nominations of qualified tribal officials as candidates for consideration for appointment as voluntary delegate members of the HRSA TAC.

The HRSA TAC will engage in regular and meaningful collaboration and consultation with tribal officials on policies that have tribal implications and a substantial direct effect on Indian tribes. The HRSA TAC will be the vehicle for acquiring a broad range of tribal views, determining the impact of HRSA programs on the American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) health systems and population, developing innovative approaches to deliver health care and assisting with effective tribal consultations.

Nominations for membership must be received on or before July 6, 2020. For additional information on how to submit comments recommendations: <https://www.hrsa.gov/about/organization/bureaus/ohe/populations/aian.html>

Be Alerted to New Funding Opportunities

Tribal and non-tribal organizations can sign up to be notified by email each time HRSA publishes a new notice of funding opportunity here:

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/manage-subscriptions.html>

View All Funding Opportunities

HRSA Bureaus and Offices offer a variety of funding opportunities, including competitive, expansion, and non-competing continuation opportunities. View open and previously funded competitive opportunities here:

<https://www.hrsa.gov/grants/fundingopportunities/default.aspx>

Pathways Program – Opportunities for Students and Recent Graduates



Pathways is a federal internship program for enrolled students and recent graduates to gain experience and explore Federal careers. Successful completion of the Pathways Program may provide the student or recent graduate eligibility to become a permanent civil service employee. For more details, visit:

USAJOBS:

<https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/working-in-government/unique-hiring-paths/students/>

OPM:

<https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/hiring-information/students-recent-graduates/#url=intern>

Health Equity Spotlight - Publications

In its ongoing efforts to heighten awareness and understanding of the importance of health equity for all populations, HRSA's Office of Health Equity (OHE) has raised its research and publications profile through regular submissions to scientific journals of national significance, including:

1) **Gopal K. Singh, Mehrete Girmay, Michelle Allender, Christine T. Ramey** 2020. Digital Divide: Marked Disparities in Computer and Broadband Internet Use and Associated Health Inequalities in the United States. *International Journal of Translational Medical Research and Public Health*. 2020;4(1):64-79. DOI:10.21106/ijtmrph.148

2) Deborah E. Linares, Romuladus E. Azuine, **Gopal K. Singh**. Social Determinants of Health Associated with Mental Health Among U.S. Mothers with Children Aged 0–5 Years 2020. *Journal of Women's Health*. DOI:10.1089/jwh.2019.8111

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