

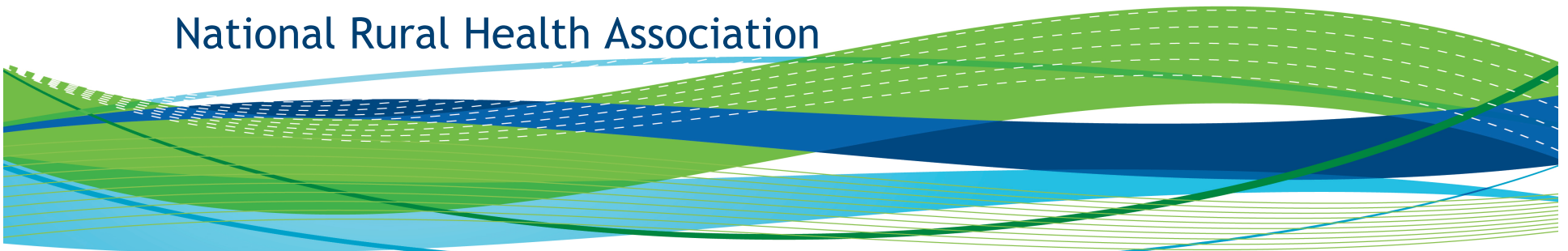


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National Rural Health Association: Internship Opportunities

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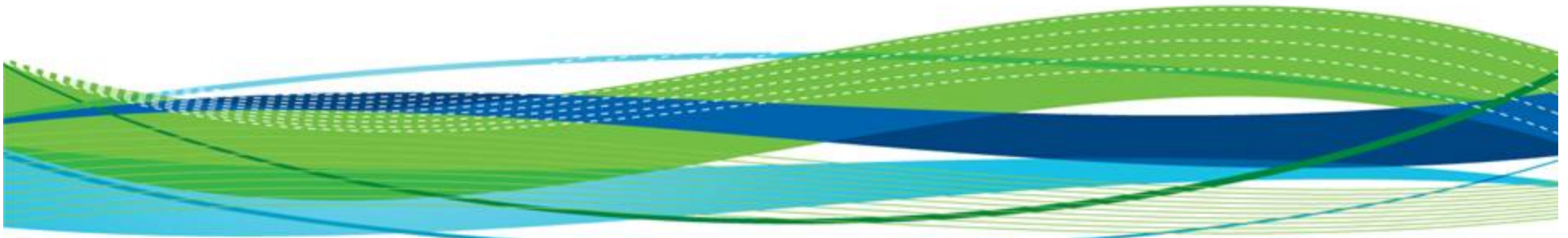
- Practicum at the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
- National Rural Health Association



NRHA Mission



The National Rural Health Association is a national membership organization with more than 21,000 members whose mission is to *provide leadership on rural issues* through advocacy, communications, education and research.

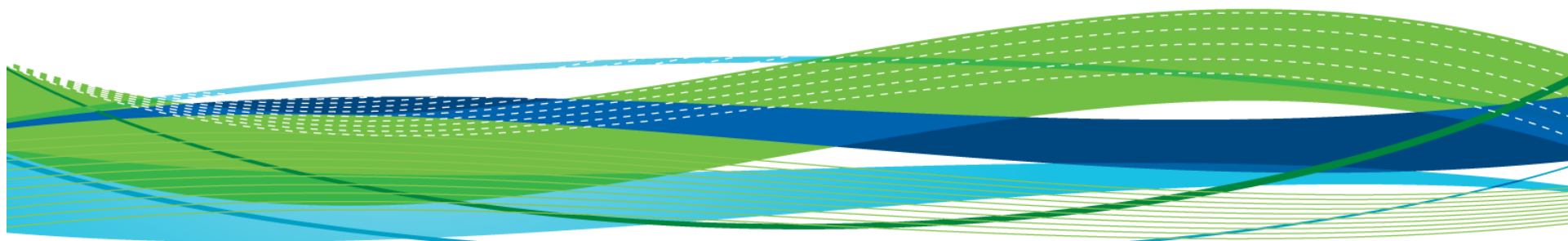


The NRHA Offers...



Advocacy and Policy Development

- Legislative development, strategy & tracking
- Action Alerts
- Information Alerts
- Congressional testimony
- Appropriations tracking
- Comments on regulations
- Policy briefs and papers



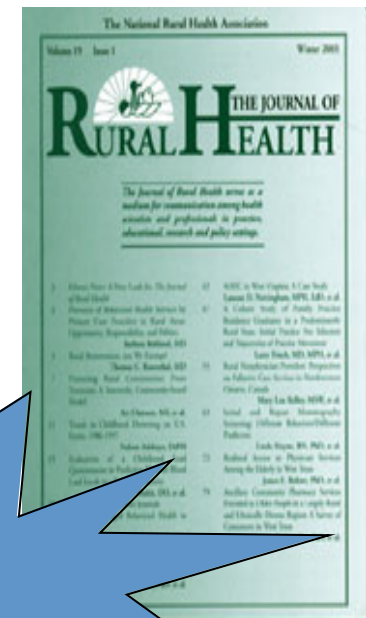


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The NRHA Offers...

Communications and Information Access:

- Weekly E-News: *NRHA Today*
- Quarterly publication: *Rural Horizons*
- Journal of Rural Health
- Other publications
- Policy experts
- Organization linkages
- NRHA Connect
- Facebook/Twitter



Website:

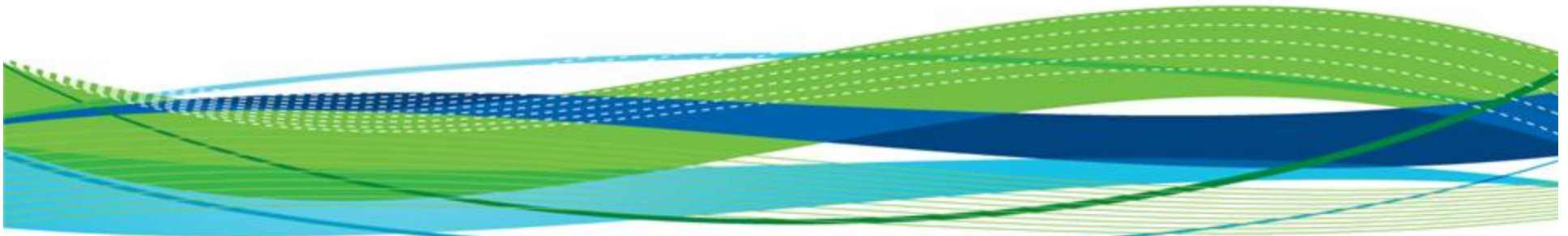
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The NRHA Offers...



Educational Opportunities

- 22nd Health Equity Conference: May 9, 2017, San Diego, CA
- Rural Medical Education: May 9, 2017, San Diego, CA
- 40th Annual Conference: May 9-12, 2017, San Diego, CA
- Rural Hospital Innovation Summit: May 9-12, 2017, San Diego, CA
- SRHA Leadership Conference: July 11-12, 2017, Nashville, TN
- 13th Quality & Clinical Conference: July 12-14, 2017, Nashville, TN
- Rural Health Clinic Conference: Sept 26-27, 2017, Kansas City, MO
- Critical Access Hospital Conference: Sept 27-29, 2017, Kansas City, MO
- 29th Rural Health Policy Institute: February 6-8, 2018, Washington, DC

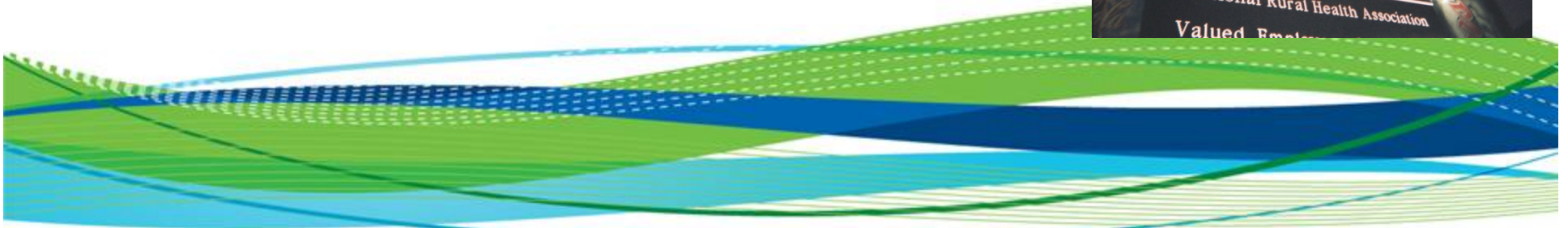
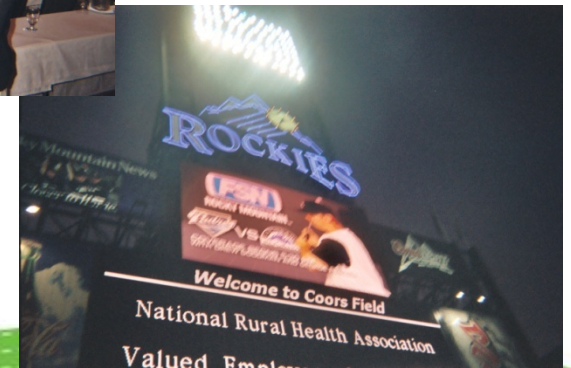


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Networking Opportunities

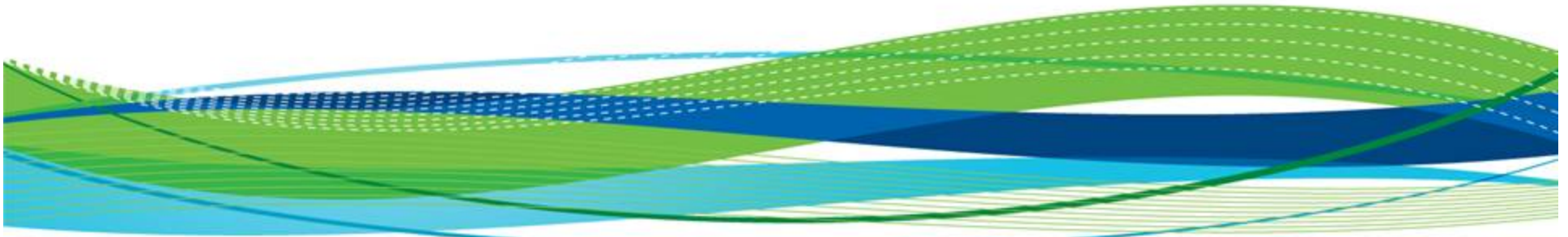
- Sharing of information, best practices, experiences
- Innovative ideas
- Research
- Build contacts among peers



Organizational Structure



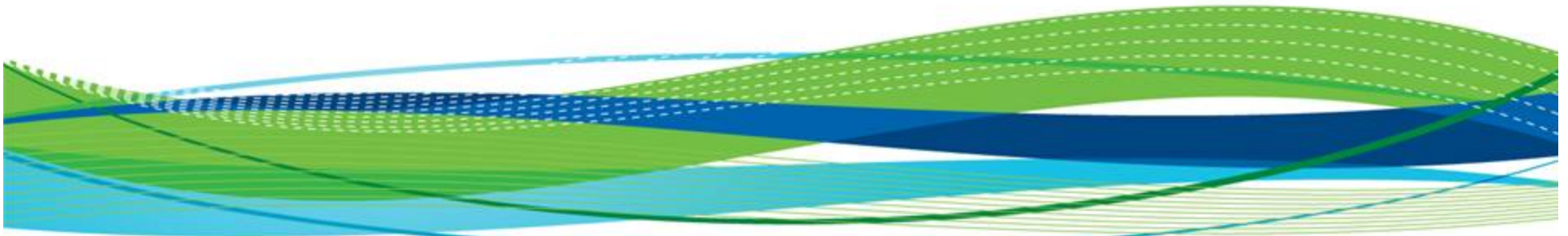
- Board of Trustees
- Rural Health Congress
- Government Affairs Committee
- Constituency Groups



Constituency Groups and Councils



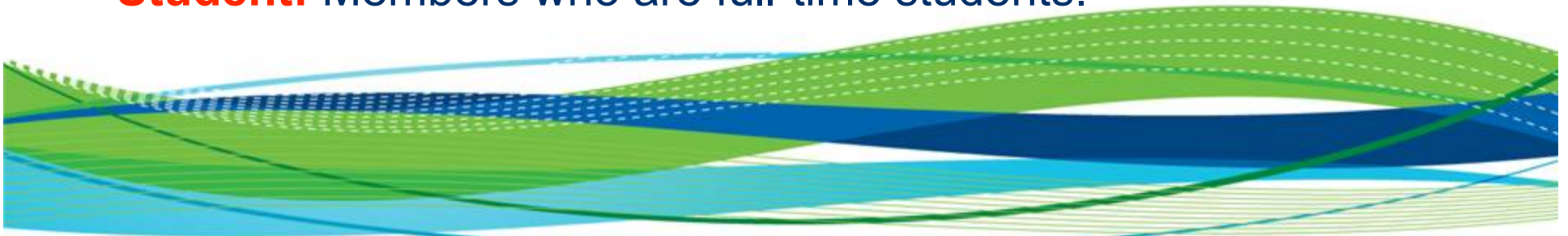
- **Clinical Services:** Members interested in clinical issues, including proprietary and non-proprietary practices.
- **Federally Qualified Health Center:** Members affiliated with a primary care practice operated and governed by a community board of directors, such as a community health center.
- **Frontier:** Diverse membership (clinicians, researchers, statewide organizations) united because they work or live in sparsely populated areas.
- **Hospitals & Health Systems:** rural hospitals or hospitals with significant interest in rural areas.
- **Research and Education:** practitioners and scientists located at academic medical centers as well as persons involved in health professions education in rural communities.



Constituency Groups and Councils



- **Rural Health Clinics:** representatives of rural health clinics for both free standing and provider based clinics.
- **Statewide Health Resources:** Members interested in building or strengthening statewide rural health care systems.
- **Public Health:** Members interested in public health efforts.
- **State Office Council:** Members from State Offices of Rural Health.
- **State Association Council:** Members representing State Rural Health Associations.
- **Health Equity Council:** Members interested in the elimination of health disparities and the improvement of access to quality health care services for underserved populations.
- **Student:** Members who are full-time students.

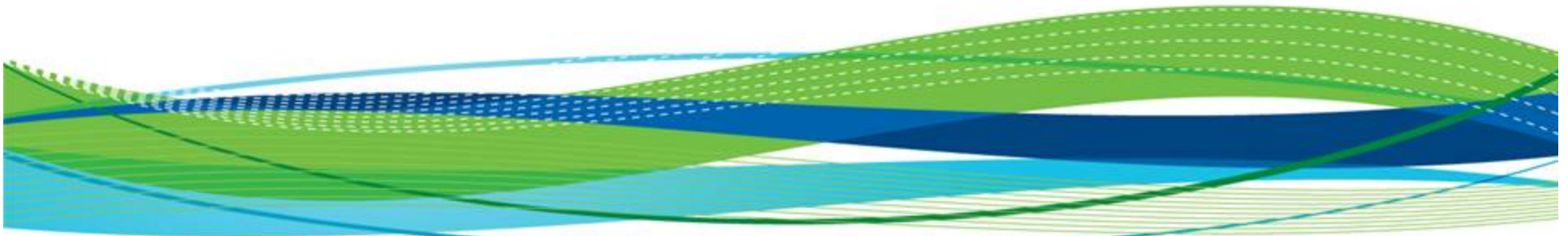


Student Opportunities



- Practicum/Internship opportunities
- Scholarships for Conferences
- Rural Health Fellows Program
- Poster and Research Presentations
- Student track
- Leadership development

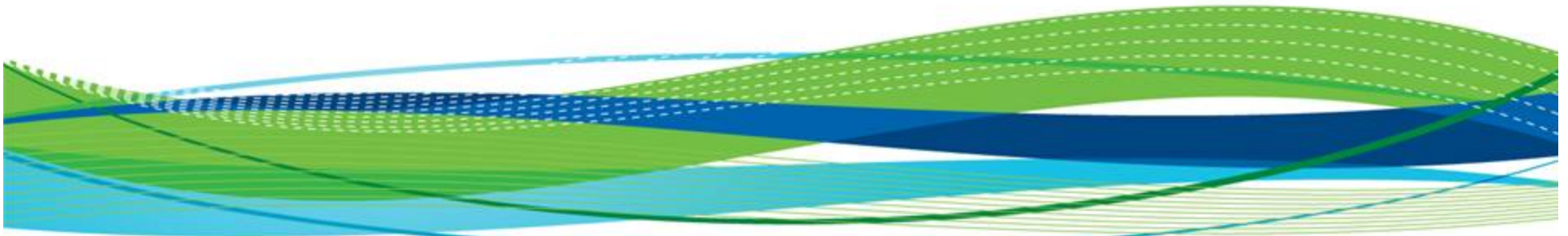
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NRHA Intern Experience



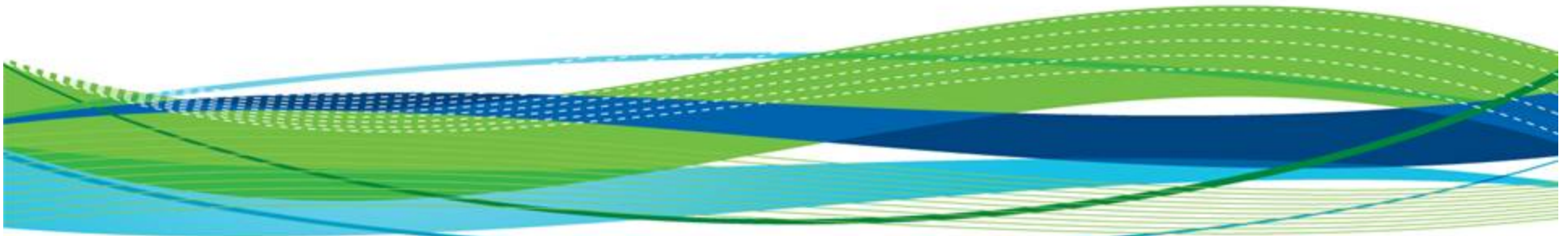
- In 4 years, over 20 students have interned with the NRHA from 16 different schools (undergraduate and graduate levels);
- Studies in public health, biostatistics, MPH/MD programs, health administration, political science, and sociology;
- Projects:
 - Policy briefs on rural HIV/AIDs; scan of best practices in opioid abuse treatments; integration of oral health as part of primary care, monitoring of Capitol Hill briefings; survey analysis, meeting coordination; infograph design; and nomination letters for national appointments.



NRHA Internship Requirements



- List of applicant's area(s) of interest;
- Applicant's CV or résumé;
- Requested timeframe for the non-paid internship;
- Link for more information:
www.ruralhealthweb.org/programs/nrha-internships



Expectations/Opportunities



- Coordinate various program content for specified rural health meetings;
- Develop policy briefs for review by the Rural Health Congress;
- Evaluate various programs for effectiveness;
- Assist with duties related to non-profit management;
- Become versed in rural health related issues;
- Understand the grant writing and legislative processes.



Impact of Federal Government on Rural Health



- Legislation
- Regulations
- Funding/Appropriations

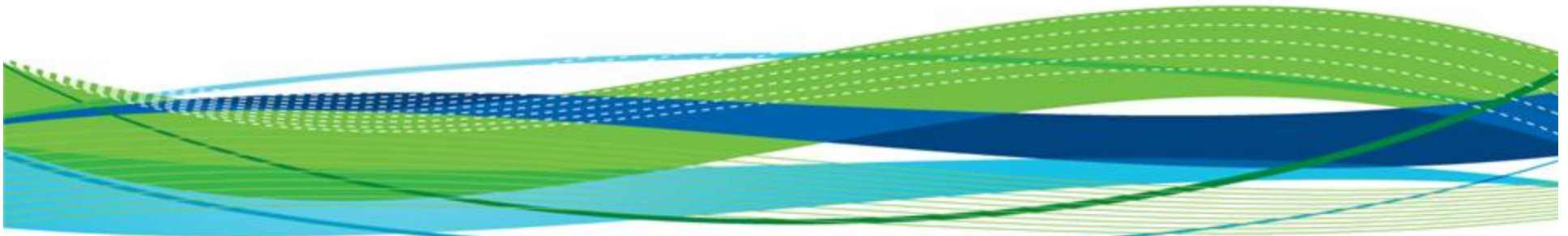




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State Rural Health Associations

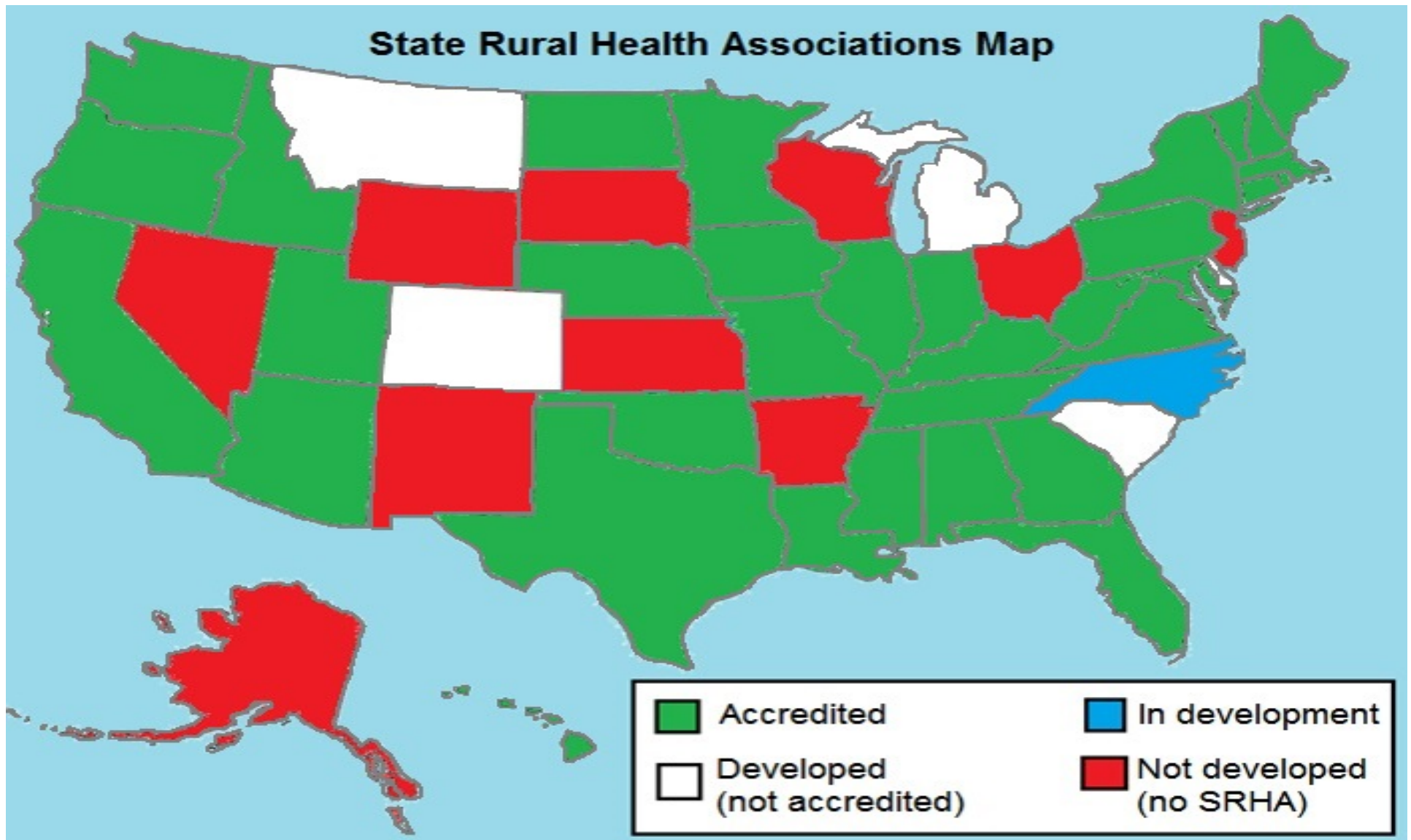
- 40 State Rural Health Associations
- Advocacy
- Annual Leadership Conference
- Technical Assistance Grants



2017 SRHA Map



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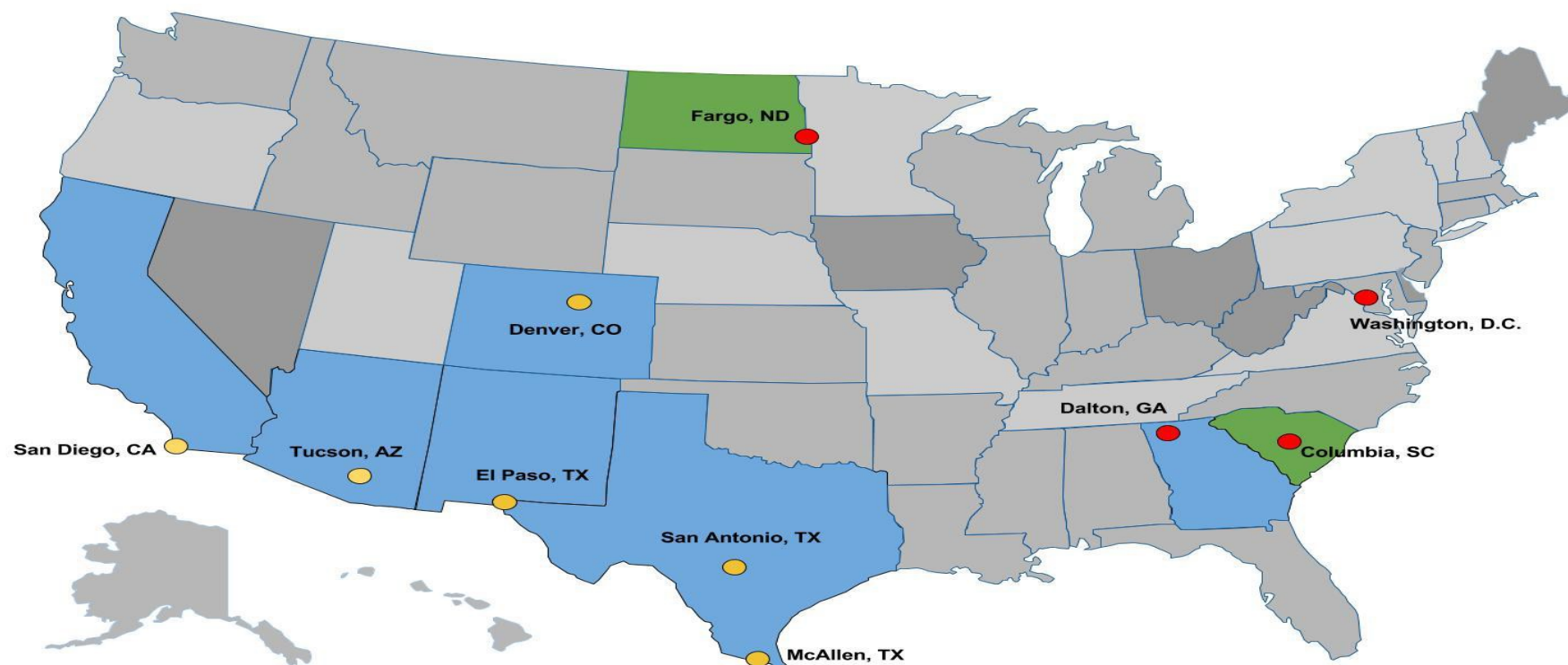


Rural Community Health Worker (CHWs) Training Network



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- Training CHWs in the areas of diabetes/technology, cancer prevention/intervention, public health and oral health as part of increasing access to care.



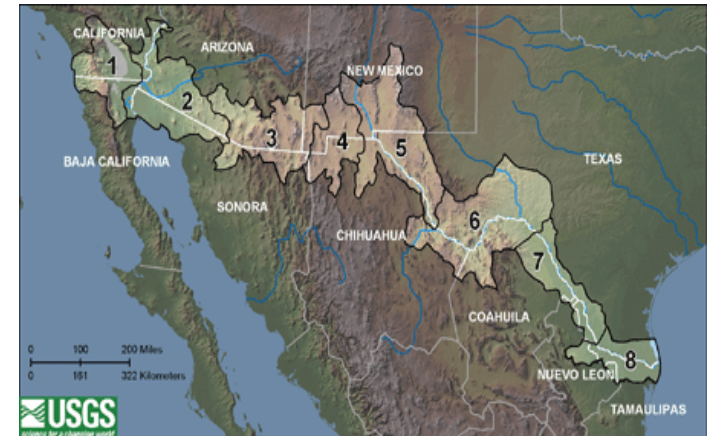
NRHA Border Health Initiative



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Began in 2008 to:

- Highlight best practices, policy, education and research
- Annual meetings (11 since inception)
- Official Border Health Policy brief developed
- Quarterly expert calls
- Collaboration with the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, US-Mexico Border Health Commission, State Offices of Border Health and Community Health Worker networks



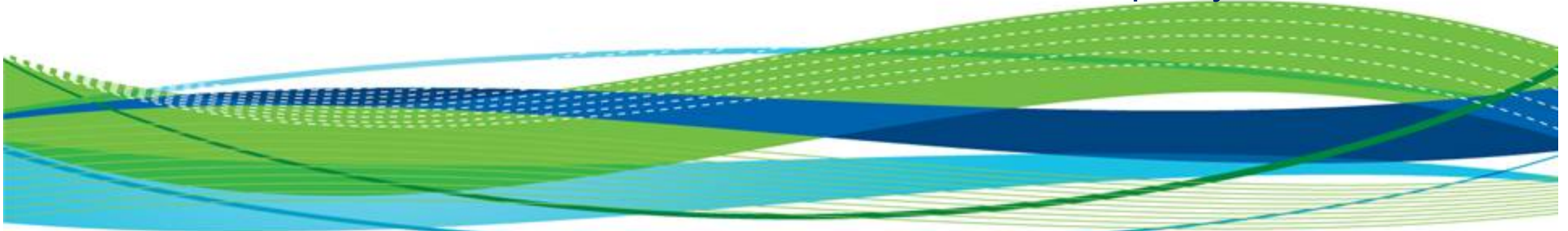


Rural Oral Health Initiative

Purpose: *provide leadership on rural oral health care with the intent to establish oral health care as part of primary care, thereby increasing health care access for all rural Americans.*

Year-long initiative in collaboration with the DentaQuest Foundation with a focus on:

- **Policy:** Development of a Special Rural Oral Health Interest Group to provide policy recommendations/analysis that target legislative and regulatory barriers.
- **Communications:** Disseminate rural oral health information and a compendium of best practices via NRHA avenues.
- **Education:** integrate rural oral health related tracks within NRHA conferences, Rural Community Health Worker Training, and within strategies utilized by State Rural Health Associations.
- **Research:** Advance rural oral health related research and policy.



Rural Veterans Health Initiative



Purpose: *provide leadership to address access to health care needs of rural veterans.*

- 5 year initiative that began in 2014 with support from the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy
- Annual meetings to assess current issues impacting rural veterans' care.
- Collaboration on placement of transitioning military personnel into health care positions.
- Dissemination of best practices
- Additional collaboration with the VA Office of Rural Health to highlight rural veterans' research and communication of models of care.

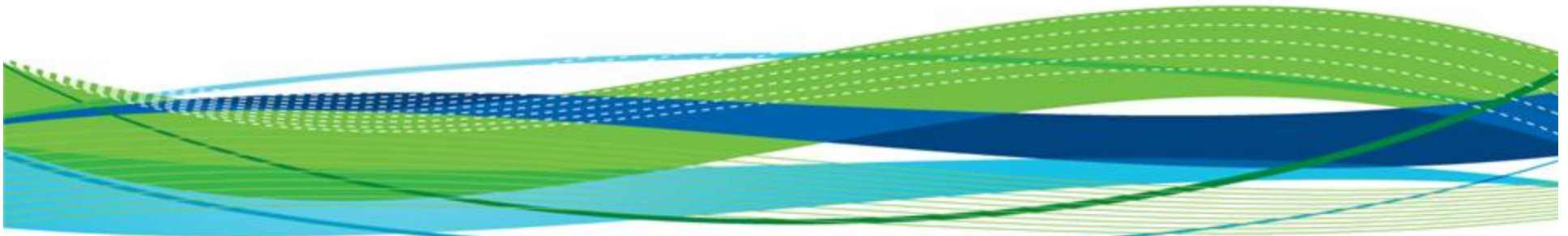


Rural Philanthropy



Purpose: provide forum to foster public-private partnerships to enhance continued investment and opportunities in rural health innovation.

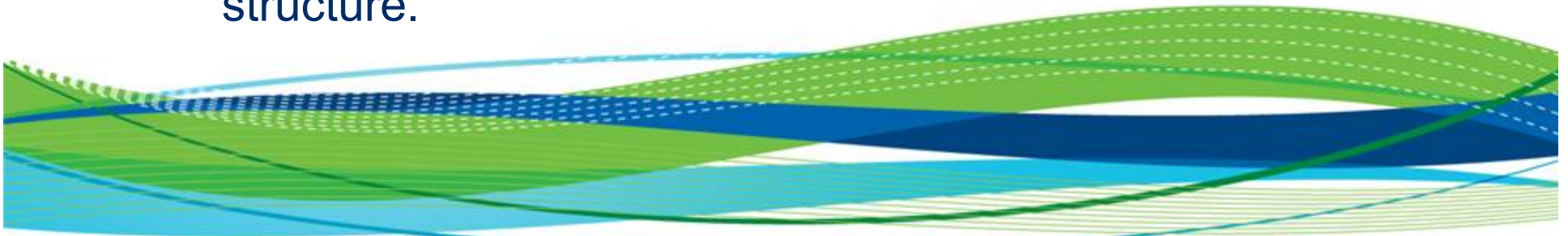
- Collaboration with the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy and Grantmakers In Health
- Host annual meetings of foundations investing in rural health to focus on current issues and collaborations
- NRHA led foundations meeting during the Annual Conference
- Foundation representation in the Rural Health Fellows Program





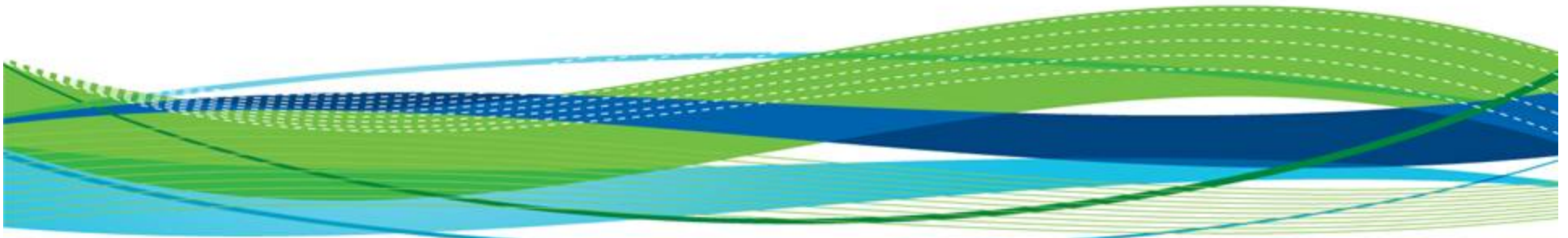
Rural Health Fellows Program

- The Rural Health Fellows Program (RHF) is a year long, intensive program that will develop leaders who can articulate a clear and compelling vision for rural America.
- Fellows will gain valuable insights and build critical skills in three primary domains:
 - 1) Personal, Team, and Strategic leadership;
 - 2) Health policy analysis and advocacy;
 - 3) National Rural Health Association governance and structure.



Acquired Skills

- Networking, networking, networking;
- Staying connected;
- Conducting informational interviews;
- Staying involved as Alumni;
- Paying it forward.







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Thank you.

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