



**Nebraska Collaborative Rural Health Funding Summit:  
Infrastructure, Health IT, Broadband, and Technical Assistance**

Thursday, January 19, 2017  
CHI Health Good Samaritan Hospital  
10 E. 31<sup>st</sup> Street  
Kearney, NE

**Agenda: 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM**

**8:00 AM – 8:30 AM Check-in and Networking**

**8:30 AM – 9:00 AM Kick-Off: Collaborative Rural Health Funding Initiative**

- Maxine Moul, Nebraska State Director, US Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Development (RD)
- Leila Samy, Rural Health IT Coordinator, Office of the National Coordinator, US Department of Health and Human Services

**9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Part I: Rural Healthcare Landscape in Nebraska**

*Trends and changes in Nebraska's healthcare system*

*Why invest in rural health and rural health IT in Nebraska?*

*How can we help? Anticipating the needs of Nebraska's rural health care organizations*

- John Roberts, Chief Executive Officer, Nebraska Rural Health Association
- Deb Bass, Chief Executive Officer, Nebraska Health Information Initiative (NeHII)

**10:00 AM – 10:10 AM Break: Refreshments provided by CHI Health Good Samaritan**

**10:10 AM – 12:40 PM Part 2: Financing, broadband, and technical assistance available to rural health care providers in the state**

**10:10 AM – 11:40 AM Panel of Funding Experts (90 min)**

- USDA Rural Development Programs (30 min)
  - Denise Meeks, Director Community Facilities Programs, USDA RD
  - Joan Scheel, Business Programs (REDLG), USDA RD
  - Roger Meeks, General Field Representative, Rural Utilities Service, Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program and USDA Telecommunications Programs
- US Department of Health and Human Services Programs (30 min)
  - Lisa Goschen, RN, MSN, Health Resources and Services Administration, Regional Administrator, Office of Regional Operations, Kansas City Regional Division (15 min)
  - Margaret Brockman, Administrator, Nebraska Office of Rural Health
  - Doris Barta, Director, Great Plains Telehealth Resource and Assistance Center (GPTRAC) (10 min)
- Brian Gaskill, NE Department of Economic Development, Community Development Block Grants (15 min)
- Joel VanderVeen, Partner, Kutak Rock LLC Law Firm, Omaha, NIFA Tax Exempt Bond funding for medical equipment (15 min)

**11:40 AM – 11:50 AM Break: Refreshments provided by CHI Health Good Samaritan**

**11:50 AM – 12:40 PM Broadband Experts Panel**

- Video from Universal Service Administrative Company, FCC Rural Health Care subsidies (5 min)
- Lesley LaFile, Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation—Success Stories: Projects supported by USDA financing and USAC subsidies (15 min)
- Anne Byers, EHealth and Community IT Manager, Nebraska Information Technology Commission (15 min)
- Brad Moline, CEO, Allo Communications (Imperial, Nebraska) (7 min)
- Tom Shoemaker, Pinpoint Communications (Cambridge, Nebraska) (7 min)

**12:40 PM- 1:15 PM Lunch: Provided by Bryan Health**

**1:15 PM – 3:15 PM Part 3: All-hands problem-solving workshop**

- Facilitated by Leila Samy (HHS), this is a discussion amongst the full group. Leadership from each health care organization is asked to identify top 3 challenges (e.g., broadband speeds, costs of health IT, local access to expertise or technical assistance) or top 3 projects (e.g., expanding the types of telehealth services offered at a specific facility, building a new clinic). Then, we link each health care organization with a set of assistance programs that may be able to finance or assist their projects. Health care organizations will meet face-to-face with the POCs responsible for each of these programs.
- Partners, including rural telecommunications providers, foundations, and non-Government economic development organizations are welcome to join in the problem solving.

**3:15 PM – 3:30 PM Closing and Next Steps**