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NRHA announces 2019 Rural Health Fellows

The National Rural Health Association is excited to announce the final selections for its 2019 Rural Health Fellows program.

After the completion of a competitive review process, 15 fellows were selected to participate in this yearlong, intensive program aimed at developing leaders who can articulate a clear and compelling vision for rural America.

“We are very pleased to announce this new class of fellows as this program enters its thirteenth year. Once again, this class represents various levels of rural health expertise,” says NRHA CEO Alan Morgan. “With the successes achieved by the previous classes, we look forward to continuing the tradition of building rural health care leaders through this valuable program.”

The new NRHA Rural Health Fellows are:

Kim Breidenbach, Gundersen Health System vice chief medical officer, Whitehall, Wis

Mellie Bridewell, Arkansas Rural Health Partnership chief executive officer, Lake Village, Ark.

Alexandra (Xan) Bryant, OSU-CHS Center for Rural Health NE regional coordinator, Tahlequah, Okla.

Lauren Canary, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention epidemiologist, Atlanta, Ga.

Cassity Gutierrez, Drake University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences chair & associate professor of health sciences, Des Moines, Iowa

Peiyin Hung, University of South Carolina assistant professor, Columbia, S.C.

SuLynn Mester, Childress Regional Medical Center chief nursing officer, Childress, Texas

Kay Miller Temple, Rural Health Information Hub physician content writer, Grand Forks, N.D.

Kim Mohan, New England Rural Health RoundTable executive director, Meredith, N.H.

Tammy Moore, Summit Pacific Medical Center chief clinical officer, Elma, Wash.

Josie Rudolphi, National Farm Medicine Center associate research scientist, Marshfield, Wis.

Demetrius Abshire, University of South Carolina College of Nursing assistant professor, Columbia, S.C.

Matt Shahan, West River Health Services, chief executive officer Hettinger, N.D.

Tasha Brown, MS State Office of Rural Health and Primary Care SORH coordinator, Jackson, Miss.

Matthew Workman, Arkansas Children's Hospital/UAMS pediatric resident physician, Little Rock, Ark.

The fellows' first meeting will be during NRHA's Rural Health Policy Institute Feb. 4 in Washington, D.C.

NRHA is a nonprofit organization working to improve the health and wellbeing of rural Americans and providing leadership on rural health issues through advocacy, communications, education, and research. NRHA's membership is made up of more than 21,000 diverse individuals and organizations, all of whom share the common bond of an interest in rural health.

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