Agenda

I. Welcome & Introductions

II. Overview: UNMC Rural Health

III. Looking Ahead: Plans for 2020-2021 Academic Year

IV. Questions/Feedback

V. Adjourn

Next Meeting: October 27, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. Noon
2020-2021 SARH Officers

President: Taylor White, PT2
Vice President: Logan Spencer, M2
Secretary: Jaden Hattery, M2
Treasurer: Carmen Pavlik, PT2
About SARH

• SARH is an interdisciplinary, student-run organization that explores topics related to providing health care in rural communities.

• If your goal is to someday practice in a rural community, you will enjoy meeting other UNMC students with similar interests, as well as learning more about the challenges and opportunities.

• All UNMC students are welcome to attend the monthly meetings usually held over the lunch hour on the 4th Tuesday.
Overview: UNMC Commitment to Rural Health
UNMC Rural Health Vision - 2030

• Rural Health Education Network (RHEN), established 25+ years ago as a comprehensive partnership
  • Rural communities
  • Primary care providers
  • Hospitals
  • State colleges and other educational institutions

• Change
  • Rural demographics
  • Economics
  • Politics
  • Healthcare technology, education, and delivery

• Charge: Re-Imagine RHEN
Rural Health In 2030 Report: The Role of UNMC

Available online at:

www.unmc.edu/rural-health
Status of the Nebraska Healthcare Workforce: Update 2020

Available online at:

UNMC Rural Health: 2020-2021 Action Plan
Support rural health care providers to address disruptive changes and thrive in their practices.

1) Develop and make available a portfolio of training resources that meet day-to-day office and overall practice needs of rural practitioners and their support teams.

2) Expand use of UNMC’s mentoring toolkit for rural clinical preceptors.

3) Collaborate with rural hospitals and practices to develop and evaluate innovative practice models including but not limited to health care cooperatives or community care teams.
Enhance education and training programs that improve rural health care workforce preparation, distribution and retention.

1) Collaboratively enhance UNMC’s rural guaranteed admissions pathway programs by addressing system requirements; eligibility, enrollment and retention; inclusivity and diversity; student connections to UNMC; and, data collection and reporting.

2) Deploy a centralized online tracking tool to capture UNMC rural student rotation information, enhance interprofessional service learning opportunities and collect related structured educational programming data to inform current and future educational needs and opportunities.

3) Develop new programming and specialty focused educational opportunities for students to address the health workforce and health care needs of rural Nebraska.
Expand the accessibility of health education, outreach, care and research by supporting utilization of emerging technologies in rural Nebraska.

1) Develop and offer a training for those faculty from the Nebraska State College System, UNK and UNO that advise and instruct UNMC pathway program students on the use interactive technology (e.g., iWall, VR) and how to incorporate into curriculum.

2) [Continue to] Expand access to specialty clinical services across Nebraska via telehealth: a) add specialty outreach locations and services; b) maintain specialty services direct to patient post pandemic; c) implement provider to provider specialty eConsults.

3) [Continue to] Expand the use of patient facing applications and home (including wearable) monitoring devices with Nebraska Medicine.

4) Position UNMC as a leader in rural health research by establishing metrics to track rural health research initiatives and developing strategies to improve clinical trial awareness in rural communities.
Maximize UNMC’s organizational structure to facilitate open communication, coordination and collaboration with rural Nebraska.

1) Establish the UNMC Rural Health Collaborative to integrate its rural health strategy, with the support of rural communities, into broader community efforts to address health workforce needs, health disparities, increase access to health care and improve rural quality of life, beginning with a pilot project in northeast Nebraska.

2) Regularly engage the Rural Health Advisory Committee to provide advice to UNMC that is representative of the views of multiple constituencies to improve rural health in Nebraska.

3) Inform and support policy efforts targeted at increasing the engagement of UNMC in rural Nebraska as well as initiatives that incentivize regional partnerships or coalitions that focus on improving health by reducing health disparities and increasing access to care.

4) Partner with strategic stakeholders and partners to support a virtual summit on rural health-related matters.

5) Influence policy and support advocacy efforts where appropriate at the local, state, and federal levels related to rural health.
Looking Ahead: SARH Plans for 2020-2021

- Topic Poll
- Other Ideas
- Discussion
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In Outlook, have the SARH emails sent to your inbox
Contact us if you have questions!