

Assisting Transformation in Rural Health Delivery

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Overview

- The launch and early activity of Rural Health Value
- What is available now
- What is coming

Note: The views expressed by the conference speakers do not necessarily reflect the views of the American Hospital Association and Health Forum.

Understanding and Facilitating Rural Health Transformation

- Cooperative agreement: Rural Health system Analysis and Technical Assistance
- Partners: RUPRI Center for Rural Health Policy Analysis and StratisHealth (with Stroudwater Associates and Washington University in St. Louis)
- Vision: to build a knowledge base through research, practice, and collaboration that helps create high performance rural health systems

Project's Triple Aim

1. Analyze rural implications of health care delivery, organization, and finance changes fostered by public policy and private sector actions.
2. Develop and test technical assistance tools and resources to enable rural providers and communities to take full advantage of public policy changes and private sector initiatives
3. Inform further developments in public policy and private action through dissemination of findings.

Analysis and Assessment

- Typologies of places and systems
- Activities that do and could occur, given types of places and health systems
- Assess implications for rural people, places, and providers



Technical Assistance Framework

- **Inform:** to help leaders create awareness of the need to change care delivery to deliver value to all stakeholders, and make that case locally
- **Assess:** to understand strengths, needs, and capacity to build value in local health care environment



Technical Assistance Framework

- **Prepare:** to identify action steps based on organizational and community needs and capacity
- **Act:** to select activities based on synthesis of assessments and discussion and then implement organizational and community change that creates value



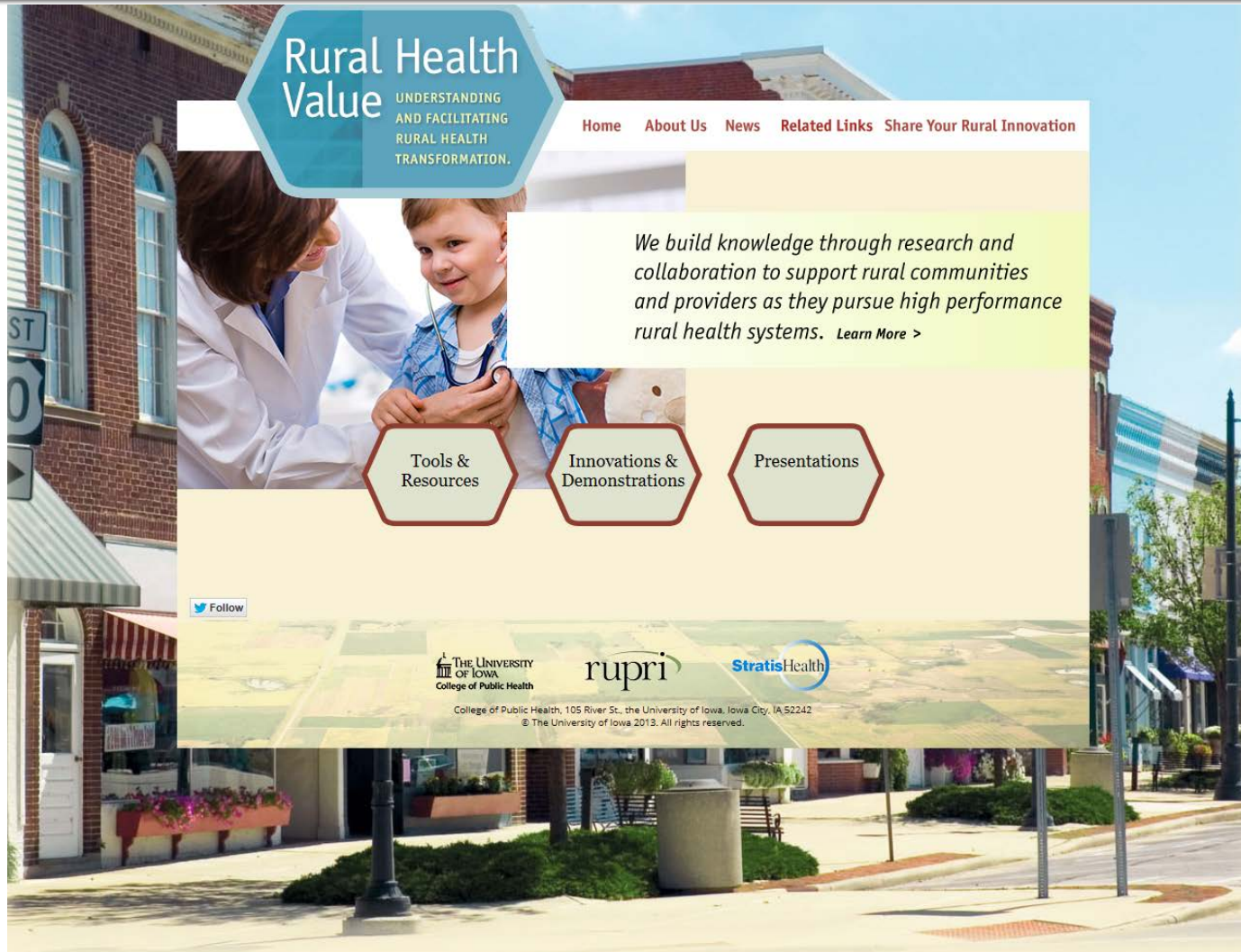
Actions

- **Improve:** changes to current activities that optimize effectiveness
- **Enhance:** modest changes to broaden and improve care delivery (one foot still on the dock) characterized by focused, limited, tactical, and low risk activities
- **Innovate:** transformational changes with new structures and models characterized by broad, enterprise-wide, bold, and experimental activities

One Year Later

- Web site development
- Providing tools and resources
- Spreading lessons learned
- Updates in “news”
- Collaborations
- www.ruralhealthvalue.org

The web site



Tools and Resources

- Web site development
- Leading Value Transformation
- Improving Care Delivery & Population Health
- Organizational Relationships & Partnerships
- Using data to Support Transformation

Specific to Organizational Relationships & Partnerships

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Tools & Resources

Organizational Relationships and Partnerships

Transitioning to a high performance rural health system that provides the Triple Aim[®] of better patient care, improved population health, and lower per capita cost will require change. The tools and resources listed below can support rural health leaders develop and improve organizational relationships and partnerships.

[Innovative Health Care Provider Roles](#) - Innovative rural communities seek to address some health care workforce challenges in creative ways, such as by expanding current provider roles and employing community members in new health care capacities. Read on to learn about some of these rural health workforce strategies and how you might implement them in your own community.

[5 Key Questions for Healthcare Executives Considering a Transaction](#) - Health care provider affiliations are increasing. In this era of consolidation, health care providers should carefully consider options. In a published interview and presentation, Mr. Joseph Lupica, Chairman of Newpoint Healthcare Advisors reminds readers that local health care is a precious asset requiring fiduciary care. Yet independence is not a mission statement.

The RuralHealthValue.org team will analyze rural implications of changes in the organization, finance, and delivery of health care services and will assist rural communities and providers transition to a high performance rural health system.

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[The Merger Frenzy](#) - During health care organization affiliation discussions, the local health care system should be considered as a community treasure. Joseph Lupica, a national health care affiliation expert, embraces the RHSATA "stop and think" step during health care organization planning. Review Mr. Lupica's interview and presentation for insights about the health care affiliation process.

[The Role of Teamwork in Improving Value in Rural Health](#) - As health care financing shifts to reward a more comprehensive approach to patient and community health, teamwork will play an increasingly critical role. In a rural health care environment, teamwork is essential not only within specific settings of care, but across multiple organizations in health care and in the community. TeamSTEPPS is an evidence-based teamwork system designed to optimize patient outcomes by improving communication and teamwork skills among health care professionals. This guide helps rural health leaders take action using TeamSTEPPS resources available at no cost from AHRQ (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality).



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Innovations and Demonstrations

- Briefs
- Profiles
- Table of innovations
- Opportunity to share

Collaborations to Share and Spread Innovation

- The National Rural Health Resource Center
- The Rural Assistance Center
- The National Rural Health Association
- The National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health
- Others under development



What is Coming

- Taxonomy of Rural Places based on empirical indices
- Technical Assistance
- Further directed research

For Further Information

The RUPRI Center for Rural Health Policy Analysis

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The RUPRI Health Panel

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