

KS Rural Health Options Project (KRHOP) Initiatives

KRHOP continues to offer an array of projects and programs that assist Critical Access Hospitals, health care providers, EMS, hospital networks, and rural communities. Below is a table of current KRHOP initiatives. For more information regarding the KRHOP, please visit www.krhop.net.

Project	Description/Goal	Audience	Consultant/Project Leader
KS Hospital Quality Performance Improvement Project	Fund and enhance hospital leadership and hospital quality performance through education, training and consultation services	CAHs - 22 hospitals have completed the program; 20 are in the second year of the project; and 16 are new this year	Darlene Bainbridge and Tina Shoemaker
Quality Health Indicator (QHi)	Fund and support an electronic web-based hospital data collection and benchmarking system	CAHs in KS and 4 other states	Sally Perkins (KHA) and Chris Tilden (KDHE, OLRH)
EMS –Rural Support Services	Funding and partnership with KBEMS and local EMS providers to support education, equipment, and the KS EMS data collection project	Rural EMS providers in 6 regions	Robert Waller (KBEMS) and Local EMS Directors
KS Rural Health Works (KRHW)	Fund and support the KRHW program. There are two components to the KRHW: 1) community assessment of health care services; 2) County Economic Impact Reports that identify the financial impact of the healthcare industry in each county	2 Communities are current KRHW projects (Ellsworth & Cloud Co) County Economic Impact Analysis was distributed to all hospitals	Dr John Leatherman (KSU, Office of Local Gov.) and Chad Austin (KHA) <u>Continued on Other Side</u>

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KS Recruitment Center	Fund and support the KRC to offer and deliver recruitment and retention services for rural hospitals	Physicians, ARNPs, PAs	Lorene Valentine (KUMC-Rural Health & Education & Services)
Press Ganey Patient Satisfaction Project	Partial funding available to CAHs that participate in the patient satisfaction project	CAHs	Sally Perkins (KHA)
KHA Leadership Institute	Funding to support the KHA Leadership Institute	Rural hospital health care professionals	Jennifer Findley (KHA)
Trauma Education Funding/Scholarships	Scholarships and funding available to individual health care professionals and CAHs for trauma education	CAHs; rural health care professionals	Debbie Hall (KHA) Kendra Tinsley (KFMC)
Hospital financial improvement measures activities	Offer education, assessments and materials on capitol financing. Intervene with major organizations to leverage rural hospital financing opportunities.	University of North Carolina/FLEX Monitoring Team financial performance data Kansas Development Finance Authority (USDA), Commerce Department, private financial companies	Chris Tilden (KDHE, OLRH) and Chad Austin (KHA)
Rural health assessment and evaluation	Fund an evaluation to gain insight on performance and future projects. Evaluate hospital needs, issues, and satisfaction with KRHOP initiatives	CAHs	Gloria Vermie (KDHE, OLRH); Chad Austin (KHA); Chris Tilden (KDHE, OLRH)
State Network Council, meetings and other educational offerings	Fund and organize meetings and conferences that enhance rural health, hospitals and KRHOP	Hospitals, health care providers, EMS providers, community stakeholders and committed agencies and organizations	Gloria Vermie (KDHE, OLRH); Chad Austin (KHA); Chris Tilden (KDHE, OLRH)

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