Rural Health Network Development Planning Funding Opportunity Announced

The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy is pleased to announce the release of the FY 2019 Rural Health Network Development Planning Program funding opportunity announcement. This grant opportunity supports the development of an integrated health care network and aims to assist rural health care providers and health care service organizations better align resources and strategies. This program will bring together key parts of a rural health care delivery system, particularly those entities that may not have collaborated in the past under a formal relationship, to establish and improve local capacity and coordination of care. The program will support one year of planning with the primary goal of helping networks create a foundation for their infrastructure and effectively focus member efforts to address important regional or local community health needs. The Rural Health Network Development Planning Program will provide approximately $2.2 million in federal funding to rural communities across the United States, awarding up to 22 programs for this funding cycle. Funded programs support the following statutory charges: achieve efficiencies; expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of essential health care services; and strengthen the rural health care system as a whole. Programs under previous funding opportunities have focused on a variety of health care needs including behavioral health, care coordination, infrastructure, health information technology, and health education.

If interested in applying for this funding, please contact the California State Office of Rural Health for assistance and to obtain a letter of support. We can be reached at calsorh@dhcs.ca.gov.