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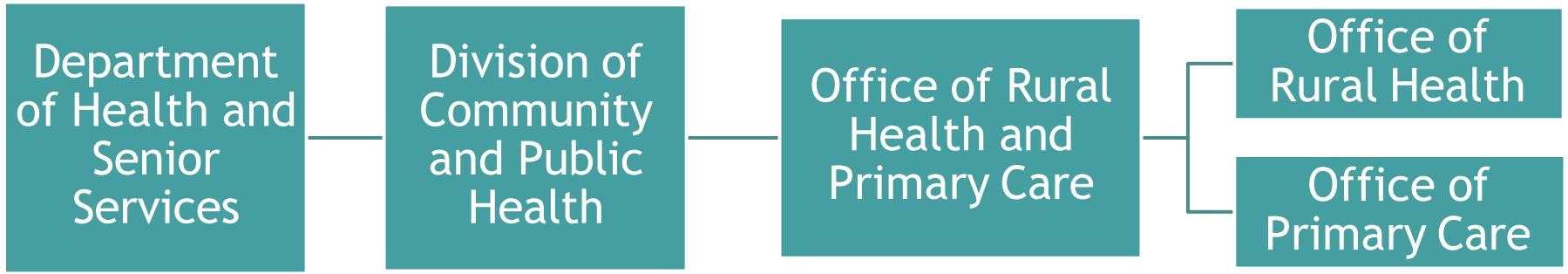
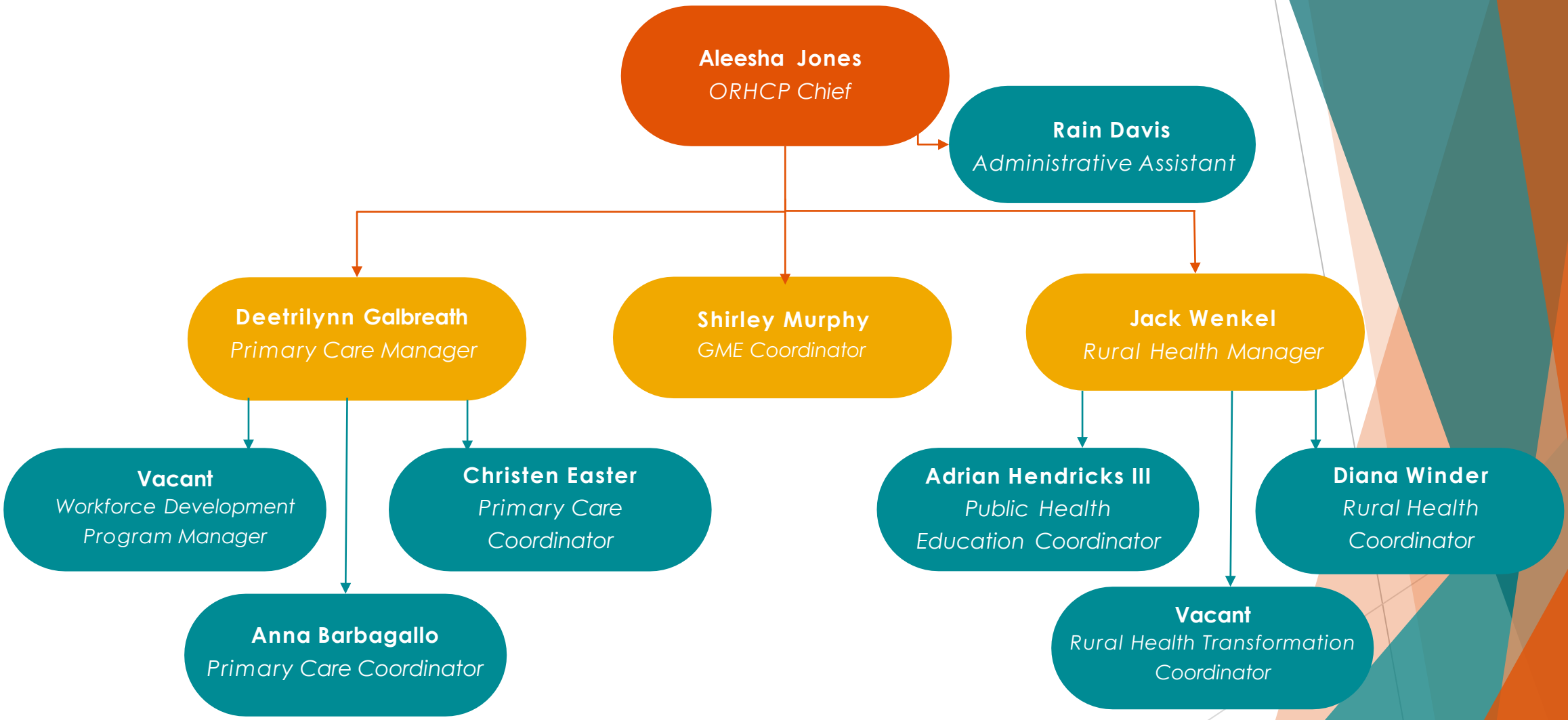
Office of Rural Health and Primary Care:
Supporting Access to Health Care

Missouri Organizational Chart

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ORHPC Programs and Grants

Missouri Office of Rural Health (MORH)

- State Office of Rural Health (SORH) Grant
- Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program Grant (SHIP)
- Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (Flex) Grant Program

Missouri Primary Care Office (PCO)

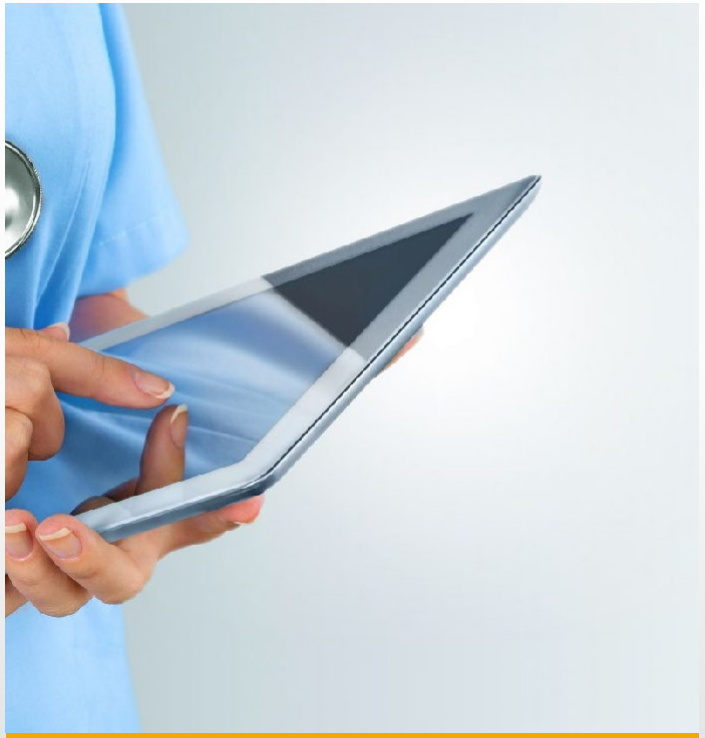
- Primary Care Office (PCO) Grant
- J-1 Visa/State 30 Waiver Program
- National Interest Waiver (NIW) Program

PCO/GME: Financial Incentive Programs

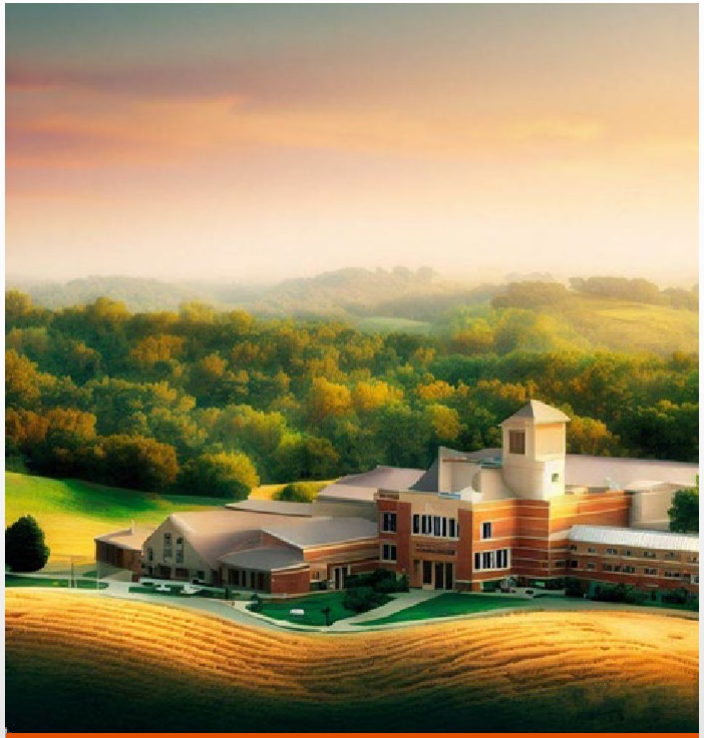
- Missouri Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) Grant
- Health Professional Loan Repayment Program (HPLRP)
- Graduate Medical Residency Grant
- Community-Based Faculty Preceptor Tax Credit

Missouri State Office of Rural Health

Small Rural Hospital Improvement Plan



Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Grant



State Office of Rural Health

Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP)

- The SHIP grant provides funding for small rural hospitals, 49 beds or less, to:
  - Implement quality and operational improvement efforts to meet their organization's value-based payment care goals.
  - Participate in delivery system reforms such as becoming or joining a Medicare Shared Saving Program, Accountable Care Organization (ACO), or other shared saving programs.
  - Purchase hardware, software, and telemedicine equipment to meet data system requirements established under the Medicare Program.
- With these funds, many small rural hospitals have invested in activities such as MBQIP Data collection, telehealth and ICD-10 software.

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Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program (Flex)

DHSS FLEX Technical Assistance Contractors

Overview

- The FLEX program supports critical access hospitals (CAHs), hospitals with 25 beds or fewer, emphasizing continuous quality improvement, quality reporting, performance improvement, and benchmarking to improve patient care, financial practices, and hospital operations.
- Flex also assists facilities with establishing or expanding the provision of rural emergency medical services.
  - Flex focuses on:
    - Increasing the number of CAHs consistently reporting quality data.
    - Improving the quality of care in CAHs.
    - Maintaining and improving the financial viability of CAHs.
    - Building the capacity of CAHs to achieve measurable improvements in the health outcomes of rural communities.

State Office of Rural Health (SORH)

- The SORH grant provides funding for:
  - Information collection and dissemination
  - Monitoring, coordinating, and facilitating rural health efforts
  - Providing technical assistance to rural health stakeholders to support their efforts
  - Biennial Report

Missouri Primary Care Office (PCO)

Primary Care Office

Financial Incentive Programs

PCO Initiatives

- Provider Management and HPSA Designations
- J-1 Visa Waiver/National Interest Waiver
- Community Needs Assessment
- Technical Assistance
- Financial Incentive Programs
- Statewide Partnerships
- National Health Service Corps Application Review

Financial Incentive Programs

- Missouri Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) Grant
- Health Professional Loan Repayment Program (HPLRP)
- Graduate Medical Residency Grant Programs
- Community-Based Faculty Preceptor Tax Credit Program

Missouri Health Professional Student Loan Repayment Programs

- Missouri Student Loan Repayment Program (MOSLRP)
- Health Professional Loan Repayment Program (HPLRP)

  - Designed to increase access to health care in HPSAs.
    - ✓ Recruitment/retention of providers in areas of defined need.
    - ✓ Awards loan repayment funds to qualified professionals.
    - ✓ Earn forgiveness by serving at DHSS-approved sites for a period of 2 years per loan award.
    - ✓ Application cycle September 1-November 1 annually
      Note: FY27 will be October 1-December 1 (Subject to change for FY27)

MOSLRP and HPLRP Eligibility

- Missouri licensed, if applicable to profession;
- United States citizen;
- Missouri resident;
- Have qualifying educational debt; and
- Willing to serve in a Missouri area of defined need, such as a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA).
- To apply the applicant must also be one of the health profession types identified as eligible for the program they are applying for.

Community-Based Faculty Preceptor Tax Credit Program

- Tax credit program for community-based physicians or physician assistants providing instruction to physicians and physician assistant students in primary care.
- $1,000 per completed preceptor rotation (120 hours), for a maximum of $3,000 (3 credits) each year, not to exceed the preceptor's tax liability.
- Applications
  - Awarded on a first come, first serve basis.
  - The application opens July 1st
  - Application deadline is January 31 of each calendar year following the tax year in which the preceptorship is provided.

https://health.mo.gov/living/families/primarycare/precept/index.php

Missouri Graduate Medical Education (GME) Program Initiatives

- To improve and expand access to health care in Missouri by offering funding to support and develop new sustainable residency programs and slots to address the physician workforce shortages and challenges Missouri's rural and underserved communities face.
  - Feasibility Assessment
  - Technical Assistance Center
  - New Residency Program Development
  - Rural Residency Program Development
  - Curriculum Enhancement
  - Expansion of Residency Slots
  - GME Advisory Council
  - GME Partner/Stakeholder Virtual Meetings

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Community Needs Assessment

- State and territorial Primary Care Offices (PCO) must complete a unique community-based health needs assessment (CHNA) as a component of our funding from the HRSA Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW), within the Department of Health and Human Services.

- **Purpose of the Needs Assessment**

  To identify communities with the greatest unmet health care needs, health outcomes, and health workforce shortages, as well as the key barriers to accessing health care for these communities.

- **Goal of the Needs Assessment**

  Evaluate the effect that economic and fiscal policies, state and federal programs and any other relevant factors (access to health insurance, telehealth services, travel patterns, clinician types, etc.) have on the community.

Contact Us

- Grant opportunities, letters of support, grant review assistance
- Technical assistance with financial or quality improvement initiatives
- Foster collaboration between facilities or organizations
- Training opportunities
- Join the Rural Spotlight Blog or GME communications listserv
- Updating HPSAs
- Updating provider information
- Information about financial incentive programs
- Graduate Medical Education Inquiries

For any questions, any time!

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