



## Annual Meeting

Monday, December 05, 2005

8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Sacramento Doubletree Hotel

**Steering Committee Members Present:** Scott Christman, OSHPD; Christopher Kelsch, Winters Health Foundation; Lauri Medeiros, CSRHA; Kiki Nocella, USC Keck School of Medicine

**Attendees:** Darcie Antle, Ukiah Valley Primary Care Medical Group, Inc.; Debra Bekenan; Fernando Flores; Jim Lanas, HealthCare Resources Center; Lou Mendonsa; John Moore, Dinuba Medical Clinic; Rene Mota Jackson, Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board; Carol Mordhorst, Mendocino County Public Health; Will Ross, Mendocino Health Records Exchange; Sheila Steinberg, California Center for Rural Policy; Steven J. Steinberg, Humboldt State University

**I. Introduction and Welcome** provided by meeting co-chairs, Nocella and Medeiros

**II.** Nocella begins the discussion by asking each attendee what drew them to participating in the annual RHRN meeting and what they would like to see the RHRN pursue.

### **Participants were interested in the following rural related research activities:**

- Interest in a practice based research network (PBRN) model to provide healthcare to the community more efficiently, to promote shared information, data and records, thereby eliminating duplication of services in rural communities
- Access to rural specific data – Need assistance with obtaining good, rural specific data on conditions such as asthma, obesity, mobility patterns, etc. Also interested in data to analyze quality improvement
- Medi-Cal Managed care – Pre/Post analysis
- Screening of data sets
- Health Information Technology
- Clearing House of rural health research reports
- Partnership with the state to pursue federal rural research funds

**III.** Based on participant feedback, the RHRN Steering Committee and attendees agreed that a good focus for future RHRN activities would include:

- 1) Developing a clearinghouse of rural data, both local and statewide
- 2) Providing communities assistance with data collection, and identifying resources for projects
- 3) Identifying state as a strategic partner to obtain grants for rural research projects
- 4) Exploring the idea of building new data sets, and/or building on current data sets to make more useful to rural areas
- 5) Analyzing med-cal data
- 6) Promoting the cross-fertilization of ideas/expertise between rural providers and researchers – identify leaders who can provide good resources
- 7) Quality assessment
- 8) Population health

**IV. Closing:** Medeiros thanked everyone for their feedback and participation. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.