

WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 16, 2024

10:00AM to 2:00PM CT



RURAL TELEMENTORING UNCONFERENCE

**ENHANCING RURAL RESILIENCE:
THE INTERSECTION OF CLIMATE,
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND
WORKFORCE**

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WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

10:00AM - 10:20AM



SEAN HUBBARD, PHD

Assistant Professor, Center for Health Policy

PRESENTATIONS:
SUSTAINABILITY IN SHIFTING ENVIRONMENTS

10:20AM - 10:40AM



Safeguarding Rural Communities: Climate Resilience and Adaptation

Kari Norheim, PhD, MBA
Assistant Professor
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Building Rural Climate & Disaster Resilience

Mona Arora, PhD, MsPH
Assistant Research Professor
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Climate Change and Behavioral Health

Hal Zawacki, MPH, MSW
Assistant Regional Director
Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration

Sunny Day Conversations: Preparing Rural Communities for Natural Disasters



Melissa Oden, DHEd, LMSW-IPR
Fellow/Immediate Past President
Texas Public Health Association



Russell Hopkins
Director
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BREAKOUT SESSIONS - INTRO

10:40AM - 11:00AM



Group brainstorming activity to identify and rank topics of discussion

SUYEN SCHNEEGANS, MA

Training & Technical Assistance Lead, National Rural Telementoring Training Center

BREAKOUT SESSIONS - 1

11:00AM - 11:55AM

- Moderated small group discussions with presenters
- Idea generation and brainstorming around topics identified during registration
- Breakout session summaries for all participants

BREAK

11:55AM - 12:00PM

- A brief break before we dive into our second group of presentations and breakout sessions

PRESENTATIONS:
CONNECTING THREADS OF HEALTH

12:00PM - 12:20PM



**Strength in Community:
Navigating Behavioral Health
Challenges in Rural Texas**

Aniela Brown, MSW
Trauma Informed Care
Program Director
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Health Centers



**Closing the Care Gap: Integrating
Primary and Behavioral
Healthcare in Rural Communities**

Mercedes Ingram, PhD, LPC
Director, Population Health
University Health



**Protecting the People Who
Feed The World**

Tara Haskins, DNP, MSN
Total Farmer Health Director
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SAMHSA National Mental Health and Substance Use Policy Laboratory (NMHSUPL) Evidence-Based Practices (EBP)



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BREAKOUT SESSIONS - 2

12:30PM - 1:25PM

- Moderated small group discussions with presenters
- Idea generation and brainstorming around topics identified during registration
- Breakout session summaries for all participants

CLOSING REMARKS

1:25PM - 1:45PM



Coming together to transform rural health with telementoring

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SPARK PLUG SESSIONS

1:45PM - 2:00PM

- Open breakout sessions to continue networking and partnership building

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