

KS Rural Health Options Project (KRHOP) Initiatives – FY 2008

KRHOP offers an array of projects and programs which assist and benefit Critical Access Hospitals, health care providers, EMS, hospital networks, and rural communities. Below is a table of current KRHOP initiatives and funding amounts. KDHE Office of Local & Rural Health contracts with KHA-KHERF to facilitate KRHOP and manage several projects. FY 08 funding amount is \$455,995. For more information regarding the KRHOP, please visit www.krhop.net.

Project	Description/Goal	Audience	Consultant/Project Leader – Funding from KS FLEX
KS Hospital Quality Performance Improvement Project	Fund and enhance hospital leadership and hospital quality performance through education, training and consultation services	CAHs - 17 hospitals have started this year. 2 non CAHs are participating. A total of 76 KS hospitals have benefited	D.D Bainbridge and Assoc. Inc. (*\$180,000)
Quality Health Indicator (QHi)	Fund and support an electronic web-based hospital data collection and benchmarking system	CAHs in KS and in several other states (other states & hospitals also fund)	Sally Perkins (KHA) and Chris Tilden (KDHE, OLRH) (*\$33,000)
KSEMS Rural Services	Funding to facilitate EMS Medical Director training and group restructuring	Rural EMS Medical Directors in 6 regions	Robert Waller (KBEMS) and Local EMS Directors, KS Medical Society (\$15,000 from KDHE)
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 are completed every other year.	2 Communities are current KRHW projects	Dr John Leatherman (KSU, Office of Local Gov.) Chad Austin & Gloria Vermie (*\$15,000) <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 , Nurses	Lorene Valentine (KUMC-Rural Health & Education & Services) (\$40,000 from KDHE)
Press Ganey Patient Satisfaction Project	Partial funding available to CAHs that participate in the patient satisfaction project	CAHs	Sally Perkins (KHA) (*\$20,000)
KHA Leadership Institute	Funding to support the KHA Leadership Institute	Rural hospital health care professionals	Jennifer Findley (KHA) (*\$7,000)
Trauma Education Funding/Scholarships & EMSC	Scholarships and funding available to individual health care professionals and CAHs for trauma education	CAHs; rural health care professionals Pediatric verification training for ED Nurses	Debbie Hall (KHA) Kendra Tinsley (KFMC) (*\$30,000 + \$5,000 EMSC)
State Trauma Program	Funding to support trauma program assessment	Hospitals, EMS and health care providers	Gloria Vermie, Rosanne Rutkowski (\$20,000 from KDHE)
KS State Rural Health Plan Development	Consultation, group meetings, assessment and development of plan	KS especially rural health and health care providers and federal funders	Consultant Rochelle Spinarski Chad Austin, Gloria Vermie, Chris Tilden (*\$35,000)
Hospital Network Support-HIT development	Support and funding to enhance projects within Networks	Hospital Networks	Chad Austin, Gloria Vermie (*\$30,000)
State Network Council, meetings webinars and other educational offerings, website support, and external communications	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	Chad Austin, Gloria Vermie, Chris Tilden (KDHE, OLRH) (*\$28,330)
Survey evaluation of key aspects of KRHOP	Assessment of constituents and stakeholders utilizing the following 3 projects areas: QHi, KS Recruitment Center, EMS	KRHOP partners, stakeholders and federal funders.	Consultant (*\$13,000)

KRHOP is a public/private partnership of not-for-profit and governmental organizations including the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Office of Local and Rural Health, the Kansas Hospital Association, the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services, and the Kansas Medical Society. KRHOP is funded funded by the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (FLEX) Grant to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Office of Local and Rural Health (Grant No. 5 H54 RH 00009 03) from the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, Health Resources and Services Administration.