

ANNOUNCEMENT

The NIH Rural Health Interest Group invites you to join Tom Morris from HRSA *virtually* to discuss rural health research opportunities.

Monday
April 6th, 2020
2pm to 3pm

[Join Webex meeting](#)

Meeting number (access code): 629 936 670

Join by phone: 1-650-479-3208

The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy: Explaining the Role and Discussing Broader HHS Research Opportunities



For questions or more information, email:
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Tom Morris serves as the Associate Administrator for Rural Health Policy in the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). In that role, Tom oversees the work of the Office of Rural Health Policy, which is charged with advising the Secretary on rural health issues. The Office, which has an annual budget of \$317 million, administers a range of research and capacity building grant programs that serve rural communities. Tom also serves as the HHS representative on the White House Rural Council. In 2012, Tom was the recipient of the HHS Distinguished Service Award and in 2015 he was awarded a Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Service. Over the course of his Federal career, Tom has testified on rural health issues before the House and Senate. He has past work experience in the U.S. Senate as well as various policy and program positions within HRSA and HHS. A 1996 Presidential Management Intern, Tom came to government after a career as a newspaper reporter and editor. He has an undergraduate degree in Journalism from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Master's in Public Administration with a concentration in Community Health from East Carolina University. He also earned a Certificate in Public Leadership from the Brookings Institution in 2008.

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