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## **NRHA announces 2016 Rural Health Fellows**

The National Rural Health Association is pleased to announce the final selections for its 2016 Rural Health Fellows program.

After the completion of a competitive review process, 16 fellows were selected to participate in this yearlong, intensive program aimed at developing leaders who can articulate a clear and compelling vision for rural America.

“We are very pleased to announce this new class of fellows as this program enters its tenth year. Once again, this class represents various levels of rural health expertise,” NRHA CEO Alan Morgan said. “With the successes achieved by the previous classes, we look forward to continuing the tradition of building rural health care leaders through this valuable program.”

The new NRHA Rural Health Fellows are:

**Robert Alpino**, Eastern Virginia Area Health Education Center director, Norfolk, Va.

**Britta Anderson, PhD**, National Opinion Research Center Walsh Center for Rural Health Analysis research scientist, Bethesda, Md.

**Brandy Bynum**, Rural Forward NC – North Carolina Foundation for Advanced Health Programs associate director, Cary, N.C.

**Megan Cody**, Preferred Management Corporation waiver manager, Austin, Texas

**Kailyn Dorhauer**, Montana Office of Rural Health and Area Health Education Center project coordinator, Bozeman, Mont.

**Jan Eberth, PhD**, South Carolina Rural Health Research Center deputy director and University of South Carolina assistant professor, Columbia, S.C.

**Adam Gingery**, Door County Medical Center finance director, Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

**Christine Hancock, MD**, Sea Mar Community Health Centers family physician, Bellingham, Wash.

**Heidi Mennenga, PhD**, South Dakota State University assistant professor, Brookings, S.D.

**Tracy Morton**, National Rural Health Resource Center senior program manager, Duluth, Minn.

**Prisci Quijada**, California Department of Public Health Office of Binational Border Health program manager, San Diego, Calif.

**Cindy Siler**, Tennessee Rural Partnership deputy director, Brentwood, Tenn.

**Julie St. John, DrPh**, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center assistant professor, Abilene, Texas

**Sharita Thomas**, North Carolina Rural Health Research Program at Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research research associate, Chapel Hill, N.C.

**Melissa Van Dyne**, Missouri State Office of Rural Health director, Jefferson City, Mo.

**Aaron Walker**, United Methodist Health Ministry Fund vice president for strategic development, Hutchinson, Kan.

The fellows' first meeting will be during NRHA's Rural Health Policy Institute Feb. 2-4 in Washington, D.C.

NRHA is a nonprofit organization working to improve the health and wellbeing of rural Americans and providing leadership on rural health issues through advocacy, communications, education and research. NRHA's membership is made up of more than 21,000 diverse individuals and organizations, all of whom share the common bond of an interest in rural health.

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