

**Health IT Funding Workshop for Michigan Rural Healthcare Facilities**  
**December 5, 2013**  
**Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort**  
**Mt. Pleasant, MI**

- 9:00 -9:30 a.m.      Welcome  
*Leila Samy, Rural Health IT Coordinator, Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT, US Department of Health and Human Services*  
*Jim Turner, State Director, USDA Rural Development*
- 9:30-10:30 a.m.      Anticipated HIT/HIE Needs to Comply with the Affordable Care Act and Achieving Meaningful Use  
Brief overview of the Meaningful Use Stage One and Stage Two requirements and the care coordination standards set by the ACA, including PCMH. Review of the common types of upgrades and integration requirements typically needed by organizations to meet these standards and requirements.  
*Tim Pletcher, Executive Director, Michigan Health Information Network Shared Services*
- 10:30-12:00 p.m.      Programs Available from RD (eligibility and use of funds)
- Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan and Grant program – Development of advanced telecommunication which provides enhanced learning and health care opportunities in rural areas.  
*Ron Mellon, USDA, RUS*
  - Community Facilities program – Provide loans and grants towards the development of essential community facilities in rural communities.  
*Chris Maxwell, Community Programs Director, USDA, RD-MI*
  - Business & Industry program – Finance economic development and job creation in rural areas.  
*Traci Smith, Rural Business Services, USDA, RD-MI*
- 12:00-1:00 p.m.      Lunch
- 1:00-1:30 p.m.      Making the Connection  
A group discussion to frame the hands-on sessions to follow. USDA will discuss their efforts to leverage existing rural economic development programs to increase health IT infrastructure in rural areas. IT subject matter experts will help participants make the connection between their IT needs (both present and future) and the funding opportunities available that meet those needs. Hospital and clinic participants will have an opportunity to discuss their initial project ideas and to ask general questions about the program.
- 1:30-3:30 p.m.      “Hands On” discussions between hospital and clinic staff, rural cooperatives, rural economic developers to get the process started.
- 3:30 p.m.      Adjourn

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