Statutory Responsibilities:

36.62  Rural health development council. The rural health development council created under s. 15.917 (1) shall do all of the following:

(1) Advise the board on matters related to the physician and dentist loan assistance program under s. 36.60 and the health care provider loan assistance program under s. 36.61.

(2) Advise the board on the amount, up to $25,000, to be repaid on behalf of each health care provider who participates in the health care provider loan assistance program under s. 36.61.
There is created in the University of Wisconsin System a rural health development council consisting of 17 members nominated by the governor, and with the advice and consent of the senate appointed, for 5-year terms, and the secretary of health services, or his or her designee. The appointed members shall include all of the following:
## Statutory Council Positions

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Vacant positions: Rural Physician, Dental Hygienist, Public Health Service, Private Lender and Member of the Public.
Health Professions Loan Assistance Program

• Created in 1989 to address workforce shortages in underserved rural and urban communities

• Awards to providers for education loan repayment in return for three years of service in an underserved area
Eligibility & Awards

• Physicians (MD or DO) providing primary care (FP, IM, Peds, OB), Psychiatrists and Dentists; maximum $50,000 award

• NPs, PAs, CNMs and Hygienists; maximum $25,000 award

Working full time in a Health Professional Shortage Area, a federally qualified health center, tribal health center, prison (in some cases) or rural site
Federal designation based on data provided by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services

Designation based on:
- Population : Provider Ratio
- Poverty level
- Distance to nearest provider

The majority are rural
Primary Care HPSAs
Health Professional Shortage Areas
(For State Loan Repayment Eligibility)

Mental Health - June, 2012

Mental Health HPSAs
Physicians are eligible for either:

• Up to $50,000 if practicing in a HPSA, or

• Up to $50,000 if practicing in a rural area, or

• Up to $100,000 if practicing in both a rural area and a HPSA

Rural: population less than 20,000 and at least 15 miles from a city with population of 20,000+ or is not a Census designated urbanized area.
Application Process

- Find a job in an eligible WI location (HPSA, CHC, etc.)
- Complete online application up to 60 days before start date
  - Proof of education
  - Loan promissory note and current balance
  - Letter from employer detailing their commitment to provider’s retention
Selection Criteria

1. Need for medical care, as indicated by HPSA Score

2. Health care provider retention; the likelihood the provider will remain in the community beyond the service obligation

3. Education loan balance

4. Level of Medical Assistance and Badger Care services
5. Per capita income of the community
6. Length of time in the clinic or practice
7. Applicant pool geographic distribution
8. Community financial support for recruitment and retention
### Annual HPLAP Budget

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(State Administrative Funds $43,200)

1: Indian Gaming Funds  
2: Health Resources and Services Administration’s Bureau of Clinician Recruitment and Service  
3: Critical Access Hospital Assessment
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Recommended Changes

• Reinstate an annual application deadline

• Convene a review committee

• Establish selection criteria for the physician supplement award, e.g., distance from city of 20,000 +
1. Accountable Care Organizations and Rural Healthcare
2. Rural Mental Health
3. Status and implications of expanding healthcare workforce training opportunities on rural (MCW and WARM expansion, potential new dental and osteopathic schools, etc.)
4. Mapping the rural insurance landscape and impacts from a health insurance exchange
5. Rural veterans healthcare
6. Impact of the federal sequestration on rural Wisconsin
7. Rural food deserts
• Prioritization of issues on an economic level
• Criticality of rural GME to preparing future medical workforce for Wisconsin
• Preparing rural youth for local leadership
• Rural dental care
• Wisconsin's aging population, especially throughout rural WI, and what actions the State of WI, state and local health care organizations, and local communities are doing to address the challenges that are ahead of us