



## Top Stories

### Lessons in Rural Crisis Response

An essay from a volunteer firefighter in rural Llanglade County shares lessons learned from responding to two natural disasters in the past twelve years. Having a plan of what to do and what to expect before a crisis happens is particularly helpful. In rural areas, you can count on the help of your neighbors--from volunteers, to food donations, to social media campaigns-- but knowing how to organize that help is also key to a successful response.



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### The Importance of "Wounded Healers"

Counselors, social workers and psychologists who have their own life experiences with mental illnesses, addictions, suicidality and other vulnerabilities are often the best-equipped to understand what their patients are going through. But surprisingly few are publicly open about those struggle. The *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* looks at the importance of the nation's "wounded healers."



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### Where There's Rarely A Doctor In the House

Across the nation, residents in assisted living can ping-pong between hospitals, ambulances, and back. But as those residents become older and more frail, some facilities are choosing to bring in health care professionals to avoid the emergency room and provide on-site treatment instead. Still, most assisted living facilities--not to be confused with nursing facilities which retain more

health care professionals--don't retain any doctors, and only about half have nurses on staff.



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## More News

- The Rural Health Information Hub **outlines how communities can make informed decisions** about changes to EMS operating models.
- Hospitals and nursing homes in California and Illinois are **testing a simple strategy** to stop antibiotic-resistant superbugs.
- The FDA is **proposing a change** to when women are notified of abnormalities in mammograms.
- Which factors doctors should weigh in their prescribing habits is the **subject of controversy** between HHS, the CDC, and a coalition of several dozen attorneys general.
- A federal judge's decision to strike down Medicaid work requirements in Arkansas and Missouri **won't stop Wisconsin** from going ahead with similar rules.

## Funding & Opportunities

- A grant to **expand clinical training opportunities** for Physician Assistants and Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioners in rural Wisconsin. (Deadline: April 26th)
- Training grants to **expand education and training programs** for high-need, high-demand occupations, targeting small communities and occupations with shortages. (Deadline: April 26th)
- Organizations and government entities can apply for grants for creative innovations that challenge traditional approaches to serious illness and end of life care, **particularly rural populations**. (LOI: April 29th, Deadline: July 22)
- Grants to rural communities to enhance **service delivery for substance use disorder**, including opioid use disorder. (Deadline: May 6th)
- Grants to institutions of higher education and health professional training programs to **train behavioral health professionals** on prevention, treatment, and recovery services for substance use disorders. (Deadline: May 7th)
- Grants to Native American tribal organizations and governments for initiatives that **expand good health and wellness in Indian Country**. (Deadline: May 15th)

- Grants for health networks in a pilot program to develop sustainable approaches to **coordinating maternal and obstetrics care within a rural region**. (Deadline: May 24th)

## Events

- April 9-10th: **Wipfli Rural Health Clinic Conference**
- April 10th: Wisconsin EMS Day at the Capitol. **Register here!**
- April 5th, 10th, 15th, and 24th: The **state legislative committee** in charge of reviewing state appropriations and revenues is holding public hearings on the Governor's 2019-21 budget this month.



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