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Rural Health Transformation Program Advisory Council

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Harnessing innovation and strengthening partnerships to build a healthier future for rural Wisconsin.



Agenda

- Northcentral Technical College Center for Health Sciences tour
- Welcome and introductions
- Agenda overview
- Review and approve July 23rd meeting minutes
- Public comment
- July meeting reflection
- Program updates
- Lunch and tabletop discussions
- Small group discussions
- Closing reflection
- Future agenda items

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Review and approve meeting minutes

- **Action needed:** Motion and second to approve the minutes from the July 23rd meeting of the Rural Health Transformation Program Advisory Council.
- Draft meeting minutes are available here and were sent to members in the pre-meeting packet.



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Public comment

- The purpose of public comment is to give members of the public an opportunity to present information or opinions concerning the Rural Health Transformation Program.
  - The council will not engage in discussion with members of the public or answer questions at this time.
  - The council or DHS staff may clarify or correct inaccuracies presented during public comment.



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July meeting reflection

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July meeting reflection

- Council governance
  - Opportunities to advise
  - Meeting cadence



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Purpose

The purpose of the Rural Health Transformation Program Advisory Council is to provide feedback on grant implementation, key milestones, outcomes, and decisions. Council input will help to guide the development and implementation of Wisconsin's Rural Health Transformation Program, while also supporting efforts to engage partners and the community for ongoing feedback during implementation and evaluation.

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Program Updates & Discussion

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Lunch Discussion Question



Based on these program updates, where do you see opportunities for the council to fulfill its purpose over the next year?

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Small Group Discussions

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Breakout Discussions



Table 1:

RHTP communication with the community



Table 2:

RHTP evaluation

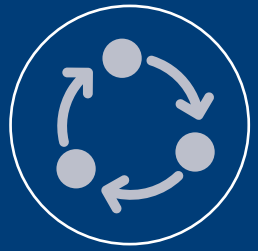


Table 3:

Feedback on RHTP grant funding opportunity process



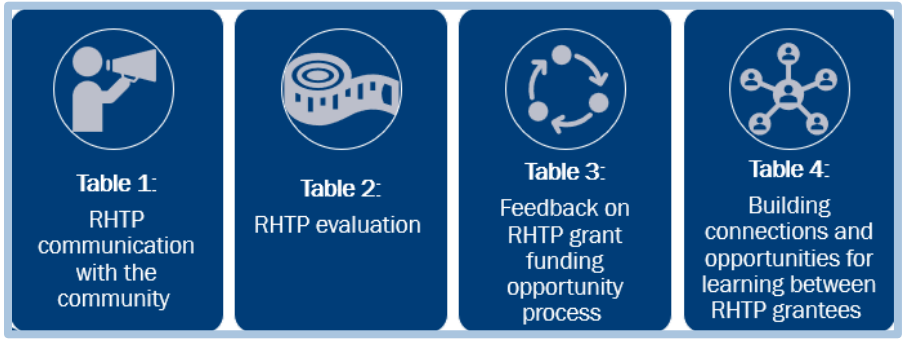
Table 4:

Building connections and opportunities for learning between RHTP grantees

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Breakout Discussion Instructions

- You will participate in 4 small group discussions
- Each round of discussion will last 20-25 minutes
- Each group will identify 3 key points from the discussion to share



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Closing Reflections

- What did you hear today?
- Which parts of the day caught your attention, and why?
- How did today's activities and discussions relate to your own experiences?
- What does this mean for the Rural Health Transformation Program?

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Next steps



Learn more about Wisconsin's RHT Program and sign up for updates.

- 2027 Advisory Council Meetings
  - January 28
  - April 22
  - July 22
  - October 28

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