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By: Michele Greiner, Ph.D.

## Addressing the Psychologist Workforce Shortage in Iowa: A Model Training Program

Access - lowa continues to experience a critical shortage of psychologists. In March 2005, the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) released a report on a study of the state's health workforce. The report showed that psychologists comprised the oldest group of professionals in the state and the services they provide were at great risk for shortage. Data in that report showed that nearly half (47 percent) of the licensed psychologists were age 55 or older. A 2006 IDPH report showed that lowa ranks 46th among the 50 states in psychologists per capita. Iowa would need to nearly double its number of psychologists per capita (from 19 to 36) to meet the national average.



Michele Greiner, Ph.D.

#### Services offered by psychologists - Psychologists are

commonly thought of as providers of counseling or psychotherapy for individuals or families. However, these important services comprise only part of what psychologists offer their communities. Psychologists also offer consultation and testing and assessment services in a variety of settings including educational, legal (both criminal and civil) and business settings. Preventive care is an important service psychologists provide through public education and screenings for mental health disorders. Psychologists recognize the link between mental health and physical health. Psychologists' lengthy training process, which entails an average of eleven years of post high school education, assures the public that psychologists are highly qualified professionals who operate from an extensive base of knowledge and experience.

**Solutions -** The Iowa Psychological Association (IPA) explored solutions to the workforce crisis and determined that one solution was to develop additional internships; particularly postdoctoral internships. Postdoctoral internships are needed before psychologists can provide services independently. The IPA received funding from the lowa Legislature to work with the IDPH to continue to explore ways

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## **Featured Article**

### **FLEX Spotlight on Van Buren County Hospital**

By: Kate Payne, Iowa FLEX Program

I always enjoy this time of the year, trying to fit in a few more summer activities with fall just around the corner; and receiving and reading all of the final reports submitted by the hospitals that received FLEX grant funding this past year. I feel very lucky to live in a state that has such caring and dedicated health care professionals. <u>Iowa's Critical Access</u> <u>Hospitals</u> are some of the best in the nation. I am honored to have the pleasure to work with them and share their success stories with others. This will be the first in a series of articles that will spotlight the good things happening in Iowa hospitals.



Van Buren County Hospital

Van Buren County Hospital, located in Keosauqua, IA, recently used FLEX

grant funding to increase access to health services and improve patient safety and the quality of care by purchasing and implementing the use of a Bi-Pap machine. Bi-Pap stands for Bi-Level Positive Airway Pressure. The machine helps people get more air into their lungs. In many cases, having access to a Bi-Pap machine allows patients to remain at their local hospital instead of being transferred to a larger facility.

The machine has allowed immediate intervention and use of a noninvasive procedure to treat patients who enter the emergency room in acute respiratory distress, especially those with Chronic Obstruction Pulmonary Disease or Congestive Heart Failure. Since utilizing the Bi-Pap, the hospital has noticed a decrease in the number of transfers and length of patient stays.

Jim Richmond, PA, who staffs the hospital's emergency room, states, "I have seen firsthand that Bi-Pap can be life saving. It is important in a rural hospital to have the equipment to meet our patients' needs."

Lisa Schnedler, Chief Executive Officer, states on the hospital's web site: "We strive for two things, and only two: 1. excellence in primary care, with emphasis on diagnosing what is needed, and 2. having in place the very best network to serve your medical needs, so that when we cannot meet your medical need, we have access to the very best physicians and service."

Van Buren County Hospital is well on the way to meeting its goal of providing the very best care for every patient that walks through its doors.

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to address the workforce shortage and, specifically, to address how internships could be developed in rural and underserved areas of the state. Funding supported a training development director, identification of training sites, assessment of the sites for training program development, and to project what additional financial and staff resources would be necessary.

**Promising Practice** - In 2008, IPA collaborated with IDPH to conduct a pilot project at <u>Poweshiek County Mental</u> <u>Health Center</u> in which a postdoctoral psychology training program was developed under the direction of Brandon Davis, Ph.D. The Center provides a comprehensive professional training experience that includes an emphasis on public education and outreach within the Grinnell area. Through an initial sum of \$45,000 for program development, the Center projects that it will be able to offer training to three psychologists over three years. Additional funding will allow one more trainee to matriculate through the program during the 2009-2010 training year. In total, four psychologists will be trained through the minimal funding received by the Center.

Interest in the pilot training program has been high. Seven qualified applicants, all committed to practicing in lowa, could not be placed at the Poweshiek County site due to limited funds and space. The interest in the training site, as well as the continued significant need for psychologists in the state, propels the lowa Psychological Association to use what it has learned from the pilot project to collaborate with other sites across the state to form additional training programs.

Questions about the program can be addressed to IPA Training Director, Michele Greiner, Ph.D. at <u>mgreiner@lisco.com</u> or to Brandon Davis, Ph.D. at <u>bdavis@pcmentalhealth.org</u>.

#### Mark Your Calendars: Direct Support Professional Recognition Week, September 13-19

Direct care workers know how it feels to make someone's day just by showing up to work. Millions of Americans rely on the help for essentials like getting out of bed, getting dressed, and getting to work or to church – not to mention sensitive every day tasks of direct care workers. To learn more visit <u>DCP Recognition Week</u>.

#### **READER NOTICE & REQUEST**

Your input and recommendations are requested. The IA <u>Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society</u> (HIMSS) is working in partnership with other Midwest HIMSS Chapters to hold a regional HIMSS Technology conference in November. The HIMSS groups are designing conference tracks/sessions that will respond to the interests/needs of entities serving the health care needs of the medically underserved. Let us know of your HIT needs and concerns; and what topics or issues would be of interest to Federally Qualified Health Centers, Critical Access Hospitals, Certified Rural Health Clinics, 'Safety Net' providers & Public Health Service Clinics. Please send your ideas and thoughts to Kate Payne at <u>kpayne@idph.state.ia.us</u>. Thank You!

## **Provider News**

### Broadlawns Family Medicine Residency Graduates Choose Rural Practices

Broadlawns Medical Center (BMC) is steeped in the tradition of serving the underserved in Polk County. The tradition has been passed on through the Family Medicine Residency Program to its most recent graduating class. Seven graduates of the Class of 2009 are choosing to serve in rural or underserved communities. This includes three graduates who will practice in rural Iowa communities and three others are moving to rural areas in Oklahoma, North Dakota and Arizona.

The BMC Residency Program is one of the oldest and largest family medicine residency programs in Iowa. Over the three decades since the program originated in 1977, nearly 300 graduates of this program have taken their training to improve healthcare in countless rural areas, small towns, communities and large metropolitan areas, with more than 170 Broadlawns graduates taking up practice in rural Iowa.



Back row, from left: Anthony Coppola, DO; Brian Bluth, MD; Eric Thompson, MD. Front row, from left: Daniel Wientzen, DO; Bibiana Ladino Gutierrez, MD; Lucas Brinkman, DO; Matthew Sampson, MD.

Broadlawns Medical Center first opened its doors as a hospital to the residents on April 13, 1924, and is celebrating its 85th anniversary this year.

"We are very pleased that six of our seven family medicine graduates have chosen to practice in rural areas, where the need for physicians is great, and the seventh, is going to a practice serving the Hispanic community in Dallas, Texas," said Larry Severidt, M.D., director of medical education and director of the Family Medicine Residency Program. Dr. Severidt himself has practiced in rural lowa communities and thus serves as a mentor for those residents interested in rural practice.

### **Rural Doctor – Nominated for Surgeon General Position**

On July 13, 2009, the President nominated Dr. Regina Benjamin as the nation's next Surgeon General, America's top public health post. Benjamin is known for founding a rural health clinic in Alabama in 1990 and rebuilding it after two hurricanes and a fire.

Comments from President Obama: "Dr. Benjamin was in the second class at Morehouse School of Medicine. She served as Associate Dean for Rural Health at the University Of South Alabama College Of Medicine, and in 1995, she became the first physician under 40 and the first African American woman to be named to the American Medical Association's Board of Trustees of all these achievements and experience, none has been more pertinent to today's challenges than the rural health clinic that she built and rebuilt twice in Bayou La Batre, Alabama.

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Her Rural Health Clinic opened in a town of about 2,500 people. Even though she could have left the state to make more money as a specialist or as a doctor in a wealthier community, she stayed in the rural community. When people couldn't pay, she didn't charge them. When the clinic wasn't making money, she didn't take a salary for herself. When Hurricane George destroyed the clinic in 1998, she made house calls to all her patients while the clinic was rebuilt. When Hurricane Katrina destroyed it again and left most of her town homeless, she mortgaged her house and maxed out her credit cards to rebuild that clinic for a second time. When the clinic was about to open for the third time and a fire burned it to the ground before it could serve the first patient, well, you can guess what Dr. Benjamin did. With help from her community, she is rebuilding it again."

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### Iowa Dental Association Wins Highest National Association Honor for Iowa Mission of Mercy

In recognition of last Fall's Iowa Mission of Mercy event, the <u>Iowa Dental Association</u> has been awarded the 2009 Summit Award by the American Society of Association Executives & The Center for Association Leadership's Associations Advance America Committee, highest association honor.

The inaugural lowa Mission of Mercy was held October 3-4, 2008, at the Five Sullivan Brothers Convention Center in Waterloo, Iowa, where 1,254 patients received necessary, no-cost oral health care valued at over \$602,000. The IDA and five other award winners will be honored at the 10th Annual Summit Awards Dinner in Washington, DC on September 29.

"We look forward to celebrating this important recognition and dedicating it to the hundreds of dental professionals and lay volunteers, as well as our generous sponsors, including Delta Dental of Iowa, who all make this initiative possible," said Dr. Hettinger Iowa Mission of Mercy Chair.

The next lowa Mission of Mercy is scheduled for September 25-26, 2009, at The Iowa Speedway in Newton, Iowa. Details of the no-cost field dental clinic and how to volunteer can be accessed at <u>http://www.IowaMOM.org</u>.

### Iowa Rural Dental Health Initiative – FIND

FIND - Fulfilling Iowa's Need for Dentists

The Iowa Rural Dental Health Initiative announced the launch of its Web site <u>http://www.iowafindproject.com</u> to promote the Fulfilling Iowa's Need for Dentists (FIND) project. The Web site is designed for dentists looking to practice in shortage areas of Iowa and communities searching for a dentist. The goal of the FIND project is to build broad community based coalitions to alleviate the critical shortage of dentists in underserved Iowa counties.

The FIND project enhances the <u>Delta Dental of Iowa Loan Repayment Program</u> which can help dentists with their dental education debt. The Web site supports the efforts of the FIND project to connect dentists looking to practice in Iowa and communities searching for a dentist. The site is user friendly, attractive, functional and includes testimonials from Iowa dentists.

### Great Plains: 2007 Health Insurance Survey of Farm and Ranch Families

The Access Project, in collaboration with the <u>Center for Rural Health at the University of North Dakota School of</u> <u>Medicine</u> and <u>Brandeis University</u>, conducted a health care survey of farm and ranch families in Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota. The purpose of the survey is to gather information about farmers' health insurance coverage issues. This information will be shared with state and federal policy makers to help inform them on how to best improve access to affordable health insurance for farmers. The survey gathered

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information about health care and health insurance issues for farm families focusing on the cost of health insurance premiums, deductibles, co-payments, other out-of-pocket expenses, and any outstanding medical bills. The Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Health Care Access, was one of the supporters for this important and revealing project.

### **STATE SPECIFIC FACT SHEETS**

The fact sheets provide information about how farmers and ranchers in each state are faring compared to farmers and ranchers in the surveyed states as a whole. Fact Sheets are available for IA, MN, MO, MN, NE, ND, and SD. To access these and all rural research go to: <u>http://www.accessproject.org</u>.

### Agricultural Medicine Occupational and Environmental Health for Rural Health Professionals

The 2009 training course was held June 8-12 in Iowa City, Iowa. Thirty-seven healthcare professionals attended the training. Participants came from California, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Texas. There were also attendees from Australia, Canada, and Finland. Sessions included: Special Risk Populations, Agricultural Skin Diseases, Acute Agricultural Injuries, Agricultural Respiratory Diseases, Cancer in Agricultural Populations, Psychosocial Conditions in Agriculture, Health Effects of Agricultural Pesticides, Musculoskeletal Diseases in Agriculture, Human Health Hazards of Pharmaceuticals, General Environmental Hazards in Agriculture, Physical Factors Affecting Health in Agriculture, Prevention of Illness and Injury in Agricultural Populations, and Agricultural and Rural Zoonotic and Emerging Infectious Diseases. The instructors delivered valuable information and their expertise was highly praised by the participants. The Iowa Department of Public Health, State Office of Rural Health, Bureau of Health Care Access was one of the supporters for this successful provider training. The 2010 Iowa Agricultural Medicine training will be held June 7-11, 2010. For information on training opportunities contact Kay Mohling at 319-335-4219, kay-mohling@uiowa.edu, or visit http://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/icash.

### Public Health Data Warehouse Becoming a Reality

The lowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) is striving to make data dissemination more consolidated and efficient. Stakeholders and the public rely on the data to measure a wide range of health indicators and for community health needs assessment and grant applications.

A major milestone for the project team was reached in July, after spending many months gathering information. The interface will be designed to enable the public to view and access public health data more easily. New functionality will include the ability to generate reports on a particular health indicator in a specific county, and the ability to make comparisons with other counties or the state as a whole. The data offered will be valuable for development, when seeking funding streams and for community and organizational planning.

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The technical team has already incorporated final comments gathered at the July meeting and is preparing to move forward. After analyzing the requirements, and ensuring they can be satisfied technically, the technical team will start designing and building the actual data warehouse system. The process of combining information from multiple sources of public health data is a challenging one, but the team is excited to get to work on this important project.

To learn more, visit <u>IDPH Data Warehouse</u>. To participate as a virtual user and receive the latest updates, send a blank e-mail to <u>join-idphdatawarehouse@lists.ia.gov</u>. The virtual user group is open to all users, including public health partners, researchers, and the public.

#### LINKS, RESOURCES & MAPS

**Child and Family Health Profiles** for each lowa County are available at the following site. This type of information is the type of data often required in grant and funding applications. <u>http://www.extension.iastate.edu/communities/publications.html</u>

**The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)** has released a new database, the 2006 Nationwide Emergency Department Sample (NEDS), and 2007 data for its Nationwide Inpatient Sample (NIS) -- the largest all-payer databases on hospital care in the nation. More information about the NEDS, NIS, and other HCUP products can be found on the <u>HCUP-US Website</u>.

Important Rural Document 2009 Report to the Secretary: Rural Health and Human Service Issues

The document reports to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on issues related to rural America. The 2009 report from the National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services examines three key topics: workforce and community development, creating viable patient-centered medical homes, and serving at-risk children.

#### Health Reform

There are several contributing factors influencing Health Care Reform planning and the upcoming federal legislation. <u>The Kaiser Family website</u> has an excellent resource and interactive map to view the contributing factors for each state. Take a look at how lowa compares to the nation.

#### Rural America At-A-Glance

The Rural America At-A-Glance series highlights the most recent indicators of social and economic conditions in rural areas for use in developing policies and programs to assist rural areas. It contains current social and economic data to highlight population, labor market, income, and poverty trends. <u>http://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/ruralataglance/</u>

## **Bureau News and Announcements**

#### **FLEX PROGRAM NEWS**

The Iowa Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (FLEX) program has received good news regarding our next round of funding from the Department of Health and Human Services. The program will receive a slight (\$6,000) increase in funding. Critical Access Hospitals that are eligible for continuation funding will be receiving a Request for Application (RFA) notice within the next month.

Current FLEX grantees, your contract year ends on August 31, 2009. Please submit your general accounting expenditure (GAX) and budget forms immediately. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Kate at 515-331-2402 or kpayne@idph.state.ia.us

#### NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS UPDATE

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) continues to accept Recruitment and Retention applications from primary care, dental care, and mental health care facilities interested in becoming a designated NHSC site to recruit/retain NHSC loan repayors and scholars. Rural health clinics and federally qualified health centers, among others, are all eligible for this program which can provide loan repayment of \$50,000 to providers who commit to working in an underserved area for two years.

**SITE APPLICATION:** If your site has already sent in your Recruitment & Retention application but has not heard confirmation on the status of your site designation, you (unfortunately) are not alone. It appears to be taking NHSC between 2-4 months to process applications. If it has been longer than three months since your site application was submitted, and you have not heard anything on the status of the application, please contact Bobbi Buckner Bentz in the Primary Care Office at <a href="mailto:buckner@idph.state.ia.us">buckner@idph.state.ia.us</a>. If you are interested in applying to become a designated site but have not yet done so, please refer to: <a href="http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/communities/apply.htm">http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/communities/apply.htm</a>. To become a designated site, the practice must:

- Be located in a federally designated Health Professional Shortage Area or have an auto-HPSA designation (FQHCs and RHCs can have an auto-HPSA)
- Provide services on a discount fee schedule
- Accept patients covered by Medicare, Medicaid, and hawk-i
- Be able to provide a competitive salary, benefits, and malpractice coverage for clinicians

**LOAN REPAYMENT APPLICATION:** Since June 2, NHSC has accepted and begun reviewing applications from clinicians seeking loan repayment. Loan repayment in the amount of \$50,000 for a two year service commitment is available for primary care physicians, primary care nurse practitioners and physician assistants, certified nurse midwives, dentists, dental hygienists, psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, clinical social workers, licensed professional counselors, psychiatric nurse specialists, and marriage and family therapists. Prioritization of loan repayment will be determined by the score related to the Health Professional Shortage Area designation and the timeliness of the application. Awards will be provided until stimulus dollars run out, so providers need to apply sooner rather than later! For information on the loan repayment application, refer to: <a href="http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment/">http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment/</a>.

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#### **SHIP YEAR END UPDATES**

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On August 17th, all SHIP contract administrators received an email including a Hospital Progress Report form. If you hospital did not receive this email and you participate in the SHIP program please contact Katie Jerkins at <u>kjerkins@</u> <u>idph.state.ia.us</u>. If this progress report is received on or before September 18, 2009, the \$500 performance measure money will not be released to your hospital nor will you be able to receive SHIP funding for subsequent years!

#### **RURAL HEALTH GRANT NEWS - STATE OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH**

Two major rural health grant opportunities were announced recently. For additional grant information visit the <u>Bureau</u> of <u>Health Care Access</u> website.

#### **ARRA Grants Available for Rural Hospital Facilities**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service will award \$1.19 billion in loans and grants to build or improve hospitals and other essential facilities in low-income rural communities. Below is more information about the grants:

- 1. Deadline for funding is on a rolling basis monthly until September 30, 2010.
- 2. Preference is given to 'quick-start' activities where at least 50% of funds are initiated in 120 days.
- 3. The CF Direct Loan and Grant Programs are designed to finance and facilitate the development of essential community facilities servicing rural areas. These facilities include, but are not limited to, hospitals; medical clinics; elderly care facilities; fire and rescue stations and educational facilities.
- 4. Further information can be found at: <u>http://www.grants.gov</u>.

#### Federal Office of Rural Health Policy 2010 Network Planning

Grant information is available at <u>http://www.grants.gov</u>, Announcement Number HRSA-10-020. HRSA's Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP) has been administering these grants for several years now but there are important changes for this competition. The scope of the \$85,000 one-year grants has broadened. Applicants could focus on a wide range of possible projects such as:

- Strategic health planning at the community level
- Assessing the economic impact of health care in a rural community
- Promoting collaboration between providers such as CAHs & FQHCs
- Conducting a community needs assessment
- Conducting local health workforce planning
- Hiring a consultant to conduct HIT readiness

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The program recognizes that what many rural communities need is general planning money to identify issues and bring together key partners to develop plans to address those issues. ORPH plans on funding 20-25 new awards in 2010. The deadline for applications is September 14, 2009. Starting August 19, a Technical Assistance call will be available and run for one month. The call-in number is 800-835-8069. It is required applicants consult with their <u>State</u> <u>Office of Rural Health</u> or other state government agency.

#### **IOWA HEALTH WORKFORCE CENTER**

3RNet is the acronym for the National Rural Recruitment and Retention Network. This national organization includes one member from each of 49 states, one tribal nation, and one U.S. territory. Iowa's membership is with the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH), Bureau of Health Care Access. Your contact person is Michelle Holst who also serves on the Board of Directors of the national organization at <u>mholst@idph.state.ia.us</u>.

3RNet Stats - Currently, there are 178 lowa health professions vacancies posted at http://www.3RNet.org.

	June	July
New vacancies posted by Iowa Facilities	11	3
Vacancies deactivated	9	23
New candidates with interest in working in lowa	28	24

#### HEALTH AND LONG-TERM CARE ACCESS ADVISORY COUNCIL

This health care reform council is set to submit recommendations for the 2010 strategic plan to IDPH by the end of September. The lowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) plans to submit the strategic plan to the Governor and General Assembly by November 1, 2009, ahead of the mandated January due date, so that the document can be useful in preparation for the legislative session. Following completion of the 2010 strategic plan, the council will continue its work as a strategic plan is due every two years on an ongoing basis. At this time, the council plans to continue addressing workforce during its second year but also plans to incorporate planning for health care infrastructure.

The council met most recently on July 24, 2009, and received a presentation regarding long-term care workforce and a presentation from the Iowa Board of Nursing.

The August 27, 2009, meeting will be devoted to strategic planning to finalize recommendations. The September meeting will allow the council to give final approval to the plan that will be submitted to IDPH. Information about the council is always available at: <u>http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hcr\_committees/care\_access.asp</u>.

## **Calendar and Events**

#### The Novel H1N1 Influenza Virus: The Hype -The Facts

AgriSafe Network August 27, 2009 12-1pm CDT Webinar Contact: Stacey Jenkins <u>sjenkins@agrisafe.org</u>

#### **Cultural Diversity & Mental Health**

Central Iowa Area Health Education Center (AHEC) August 27, 2009, 9-11 am Broadlawns Medical Center Contact: Dena Sample <u>dsample@broadlawns.org</u> Phone: 515-282-5775

#### **Advocacy Skills Training**

September 1, 2009 12:00-12:30 Lunch, 12:30-1:30 Training Clear Lake Public Library, Clear Lake, IA Contact: Jeneane Moody <u>Iowapha@gmail.com</u> Phone: 515-491-7804

#### **Advocacy Skills Training**

September 2, 2009 12:00-12:30 Lunch, 12:30-1:30 Training Washington County Conservation Education Center Ainsworth, IA Contact: Jeneane Moody <u>Iowapha@gmail.com</u> Phone: 515-491-7804

### Rural Health and Primary Care Advisory

#### **Committee Meeting**

September 10, 2009, 9:30am-1:30pm Lucas State Office Building, Rooms 517-518 Open to the public Website: <u>http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hpcdp/rural\_health\_pri-</u> <u>mary\_care.asp</u>

## NRHA: Update on Federal Legislation & Impact on Rural Health

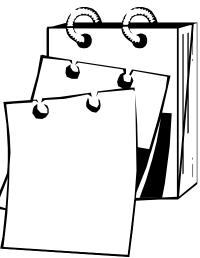
Iowa Rural Health Association: Listen & Learn Webinar Series September 10, 2009 Register Online: <u>http://www.iaruralhealth.org</u> Contact: Melissa at 515-282-8192 Free Registration

#### An Evening with Maya Angelou

October 8, 2009, 7:30pm The Martin Bucksbaum Distinguished Lecture Drake University Knapp Center Free and open to the public

#### "Cracking the Caregiver Code"

Iowa Caregiver's Association October 9, 2009 Mercy Medical Center, East Tower Website: <u>http://www.Iowacaregivers.org</u> Phone: 515-233-2805



### Critical Access Hospital Peer User Group

**Meeting** Iowa Department of Public Health FLEX PROGRAM October 13, 2009 Foxboro Conference Center Johnston, IA Contact: Marvin Firch <u>MFirch@idph.state.ia.us</u> or Kate Payne <u>KPayne@idph.state.ia.us</u>

#### Komen Des Moines Race for the Cure

October 24, 2009 State of Iowa Capitol Grounds Register today <u>online</u> or <u>download a registration form</u>

#### Iowa Rural Health Association Annual

**Meeting** October 28, 2009 State Lab Facility, DMACC, Ankeny, IA Contact: Melissa Primus mprimus@assoc-mgmt.com



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