The West Virginia Rural Health Association is pleased to present its first annual report. The growth WVRHA has experienced in the past five years has created the opportunity for us to provide our membership and funding organizations a summary report of our activities and finances. Please feel free to send your comments or questions to our Executive Director, Debrin Jenkins at debrinwvrha@gmail.com.

Greetings from the WVRHA President

I’d like to begin by thanking our membership for their support and their participation in our state Rural Health Association. I also want to thank the members who serve on the working Board of Directors, our Executive Director, Debrin Jenkins, and Assistant, Kim Sawyers for their dedication, hard work and leadership. Together we have created an Association that is making a difference in the health of rural West Virginians. Let’s continue to grow and serve our fellow citizens in our great state. Please enjoy these highlights of OUR West Virginia Rural Health Association.

Warm Regards,
Jacquelynn A. Copenhaver
President, WVRHA

Membership
As of December 31, 2017, WVRHA had a total of 752 members. As of August 31, 2018, we have a total of 699 members. We continue to recruit new members and expand our visibility throughout the state.

2018 GRANT SUPPORT
➢ Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation
➢ West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission
➢ National Rural Health Association
➢ Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
➢ NRHA Oral Health Grant
➢ Community Foundation of the Virginias

The WVRHA Board of Directors decided to add an additional award for Organization/Program Excellence in Rural Health and provide the winner with a $500 cash award at the conference. The Outstanding Rural Health Student will receive a $1,000 cash award as well.

The 2019 conference site and date: Pullman Hotel, Huntington, WV on October 8-11, 2019.

WVRHA Committees Hard at Work

Our Board of Directors meets every other month and the Executive Committee meets the month prior to our board meetings.

➢ Policy Committee: Robert Whitler chairs this committee which developed and provided a legislative agenda used at the Rural Workforce Day at the Capitol. Current focus is on diabetic and pre-diabetic children, harm reduction and health determinants.

➢ Finance Committee: This Committee, chaired by Jeff Graham, meets quarterly and in January 2018, provided a 2018 budget of $234,200 to the Board of Directors. The budget was accepted by the Board.

WV Rural Health Conference
➢ 2017 annual conference: After paying expenses, WVRHA had a net revenue of $50,896 from the 2017, WV Rural Health Conference at Canaan Valley.
➢ In 2018, 56 conference scholarship applications, 21 poster abstract applications, and 23 award nominations were received.
WV Rural Health Conference Planning Committee: Under the leadership of chair Debbie Curry, the 2018 Planning Committee held monthly planning meetings for the 26th Annual Conference to be held at Pipestem State Park Resort, Pipestem, WV on October 17-19, 2018.

Communication, Education and Membership Committee: The focus of this committee in 2018 was updating our information platforms to reach members via twitter, blogs, Facebook, and a new e-newsletter as well as providing additional funding streams with t-shirt sales.


WVRHA Health Workforce Day at the Legislature
The fifth Annual WVRHA Health Workforce Day at the Legislature was held at the capitol in Charleston. On January 18, 2018. Thirty of our members attended.

Executive Director and Staff Activities
WVRHA staff travel around the state and the country representing the WVRHA and developing partnerships to strength the Association. These events and activities have included:

➢ WV Health Data Portal presentations and trainings.
➢ National Rural Health Association events: Policy Conference, Annual Conference, and State Rural Health Leadership conference. Representing WVRHA at events such as the WV SOM Rural Practice Day, WV Nurses Day at the Capitol, CORE events, Governance Leadership Conference, WV State Epidemiological Outcomes, Conference, WV State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup, and WV Medicaid Summit.

Board of Directors
✧ David G. Bowyer, R.Ph. University of Charleston
✧ Jacquelynn Copenhaver, MS WVU Institute for Community & Rural Health
✧ Brian K. Crist, MSW Lincoln Primary Care
✧ Debbie Curry, J.D. Marshall University
✧ Jeff Graham Beckley Health Right
✧ Lew Holloway, MS, CHES Northern WV Rural Health Education Center
✧ Alyson Leo, MD Ruby Memorial Hospital
✧ Robert D. Whitler, MS Partners in Health Network, Inc
✧ Alison Witte, Dilitt et Phil Glenville State College
✧ Sandra Wynn, MS Bluefield State College

WVRHA Staff
✧ Debrin L. Jenkins, MS Executive Director
✧ Kim McManaway, Assistant

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2017

ASSETS
CURRENT ASSETS
CASH: $191,524
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS: $191,524

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS
CURRENT LIABILITIES
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: $2,058
ACCRUED LIABILITIES: $2,482
DEFERRED REVENUE: $18,470
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES: $23,010

NET ASSETS
UNRESTRICTED: $146,814
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED: $21,700
TOTAL NET ASSETS: $168,514
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS: $191,524