

RURAL HEALTH NEWS & NOTES

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THE ANNUAL 23RD WV RURAL HEALTH CONFERENCE WAS A SUCCESS!

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OUR NEW ADDRESS!

The mission of the West Virginia Rural Health Association is to unite people, communities and organizations to strengthen rural health in West Virginia.

The 23rd West Virginia Rural Health Conference was held at the Stonewall Resort in Roanoke, WV on October 14- 16, 2015.

Over 215 people attended the conference with 10 sponsors and 17 vendors. Several conference attendees noted in their evaluations “this conference is the best they had attended and really appreciated the quality of the speakers and their presentations”.

The 2015 Excellence in Rural Health was awarded to Perry Bryant, former Executive Director of WVAHC. Robert Snuffer, DO was awarded the 2015 Rural Health Provider of the Year and the 3 Co-

Leaders of WVU’s Project REACH Colleen Beatty, Yi-Wen Chen & Nicole Garcia received the 2015 Outstanding Students of the Year Award!

Fifteen student scholarships and four community member scholarships were provided.

Thanks to everyone who made this conference such a success!

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ALISON WITTE, WVRHA SPOTLIGHT

Alison Witte has worked in WV as a nursing educator since 1981 and is currently the Chair, Department of Health and Physical Education at Glenville State College.

She graduated from the University of Maryland School of Nursing with BSN in 1975 and a MS in Nursing Administration in 1981. She earned a DLitt et Phil in Health Studies from the University of South Africa in 2007.

Alison has held varied positions such as Nursing Coordinator for the Joint Nursing Program between Glenville State College and West Virginia University, Chair of the Department of Science and Mathematics and Coordinator of the Presidential Scholars Program at Glenville State College

Currently, she is an Executive Committee member and serves as the Secretary of the Rural Health Association, a member of the Northern WV Rural Health Education Center, Reviewer for the Online Journal of Rural Nursing and Health Care and sits on the Editorial Review Board for the Journal of Nursing Education and Practice.

She has been involved in rural health for many years, as a State College Representative on the WV Higher Education Policy Commission Advisory Panel for Rural Health from 2006 to 2015 and as a Board Member for the Little Kanawha Area Rural Health Education partnership from 1998 to 2011.

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WVRHA RURAL WORKFORCE DAY AT THE CAPITOL
FEBRUARY 18, 2016
CHARLESTON, WV



If you have an upcoming event or a resource you would like for WVRHA to include on our website and/or in our next newsletter, please let us know at info@wvrha.org or debrinwvrha@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE!
February 18, 2016
3rd Annual WVRHA RURAL WORK-
FORCE DAY AT THE CAPITOL
WV State Capitol
Charleston, WV

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