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Rural Minnesota Forum

Health Care Reform:
Time for another
Minnesota Miracle?

Join us for a statewide
conversation on
Minnesota health care.

June 18, 2007
DECC, Duluth

Health care reform: Time for another Minnesota Miracle?

Tired of waiting for a federal solution to the nation's growing health care crisis, states from Maine to California, Ohio to Massachusetts are striking out on their own to create new health care systems for their residents. But few states are better positioned to address its health care needs than Minnesota.

While the number of uninsured Minnesotans continues to rise, it is still a state with one of the lowest percentages of uninsured residents. In 2006 a consortium of Minnesota business, government and health care executives convened the Healthy Minnesota Partnership, designed to provide new ideas in health care reform. Minnesota has some of the best health care information and health economics data in the nation. But most importantly, the state has a history of successfully rising to meet its systemic challenges.

Join us at the harbor in Duluth as part of the annual Minnesota Rural Health Conference for an afternoon of open discussion and debate around the path to health care reform in Minnesota. Can we reform the system, or as some suggest, transform the system? Interact with our state legislative leaders, including the chairs of the House and Senate Health Committees, to discuss the outcomes of the 2007 session and what needs to occur in 2008. And add your voice to ensure that as our state addresses these important challenges, rural Minnesotans are invested in the discussion.

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Agenda

11 a.m. Registration

DECC Convention Center Lobby

Noon Networking Lunch

Edmund Fitzgerald Exhibit Hall

1 p.m. Welcome to the Rural Minnesota Forum

Dr. Jack Geller, President
Center for Rural Policy & Development
Harborside Ballroom

Opening Remarks

Sheila Kiscaden

1:10 Keynote Speaker

Minnesota's Health Care System: Transform, Reform or Status Quo?

Douglas Wood, M.D.
Mayo Health System, Rochester



2 p.m. Recap of the 2007 Legislative session and a look to 2008

Join Minnesota's legislative leaders including Senate Health Committee Chair Linda Berglin and House Health Committee Chair Tom Huntley in an interactive recap of the outcomes of the 2007 session and directions for 2008. Moderated by Sheila Kiscaden



Rep. Huntley



Sen. Berglin



Sen. Wergin



Rep. Otremba

3 p.m. Break

3:15 What every legislator needs to know about rural health care

What do legislators need to know about rural health care? Perspectives from four points of view will be followed by an interactive discussion between legislators and conference attendees.

4:30 Social Reception

Harborside Skywalk Lobby

Join us for appetizers and networking at the end of the day.

For a map and directions to the DECC, visit
www.duluthconventioncenter.com.

To Register for the Forum

If you plan to attend both the Rural Minnesota Forum and the Rural Health Conference, please register through the Office of Rural Health's site at www.health.state.mn.us/divs/cfh/orhpc/conf/07.htm.

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- I am a CRPD member/college/health profession student.
(Please register even though there is no fee.)
- My check is enclosed.
- Please bill me/my organization.

We will e-mail you a confirmation when we receive your registration. **Please register by June 5.**