Summer Residency
Introduction
Edward Tracey
CDR, USN (Ret.)
PSU MHA Class 2021

- Background
- Why MHA?
- Residency
Residency Objectives

- Make a Difference
- Support Rural Veterans
- COVID-19
Pennsylvania Office of Rural Health

- History – 1991 37/10/3
- Mission – Enhance Health Status of All Rural Pennsylvanians
- Funding – Federal/State Grants
Major Activities

- Pennsylvania Rural Health Plan
  - Rural Veterans
  - Finance and Payment
- National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health
- COVID-19
Pennsylvania Rural Health Plan

Rural Veterans
Rural Veterans

- 870,000 men/women
- Active Duty, AD Retired, Reserve/National Guard, R/NG Retired, Separated
- 31% in Rural Counties
- 14.5% Service Connected Disability
- VHA Priority Codes
Rural Veterans Final Analysis

- Fifth Largest Veteran Population
- One Third Rural
- 14.5% VA Disability-Priority Codes
- Challenges
  - Travel
  - Broadband Access ***
Pennsylvania Rural Health Plan

Finance and Payment
Finance and Payment

- Commercial Insurance
  - Employer Sponsored
  - Direct Purchase
  - Tricare
- Medicare/Medicaid
  - Children’s Health Insurance Program
- Veterans Health Administration
- Cash/Barter/Uninsured
Finance and Payment

- Investments – For Profits - Taxed
- Donations – Nonprofits – Tax Free
- National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities Code E - 2018
  - $114.268 million from various sources/methods
  - $2.17 billion total revenue
  - ~ 5.3% total revenue

(IRS, 2018)
Finance and Payment Summary

- PA Rural Healthcare Providers Employ Various Reimbursements
- Largest Payer Employee Commercial Insurance
- Nonprofit Donations Supplement Revenue 5%
National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health

COVID-19
COVID-19

- Similar Mask-Related Issues
- Different Gathering Issues
- Intimidation Issues
MHA Class Relevance

- **HPA 524** – Management of Health Services Organizations – Mark McKinney – 2nd Semester
- **HPA 520** – Intro to Health Services Organizations and Delivery – Chris Calkins – 1st Semester
- **HPA 447** – Advanced Financial Management Principles in Health Services Organizations – Joe Dionisio – 1st Semester
Lessons Learned / Advice

- Trust Your Cohort
- Listen to Instructor’s Experience
- Start Your Residency Search Early – Be Flexible
Thank you!

Any Questions?
References


United States Census Bureau (2018). Table B27010 2018, 5-year average, American community survey. Data originally prepared by the Center for Rural Pennsylvania from https://data.census.gov/cedsci/

Contents

- Introduction
- Objectives
- Organization
- Major Activities
- MHA Class Relevance
- Recommendations
### Priority group 1
- Service-connected disability rated $\geq 50\%$
- Service-connected disability rated unable to work
- Received the Medal of Honor Medal

### Priority group 2
- Service-connected disability 30-40%

### Priority group 3
- Former Prisoner of War
- Received the Purple Heart Medal
- Discharged for a disability caused or worsened by active-duty service
- Service-connected disability 10-20%
- Awarded special disability classification under Title 38, U.S.C 1151

### Priority group 4
- Receiving VA aid and attendance or housebound benefits
- VA determination of being catastrophically disabled

### Priority group 5
- No or non-compensable service-connected disability 0% and annual income level below VA adjusted income limits (based on resident zip code)
- Receiving VA pension benefits
- Eligible for Medicaid programs

### Priority group 7
- Gross household income below geographically adjusted income limits (GMT) for residence, and agree to pay copays

### Priority group 8
- Gross household income above VA income limits and geographically adjusted income limits for residence, and agree to pay copays
Finance and Payment

Pennsylvania Rural Medicare

- Traditional A+B Only: 46.67%
- Medicare Advantage: 53.33%

Pennsylvania Urban Medicare

- Traditional A+B Only: 46.05%
- Medicare Advantage: 53.95%

(CMS, 2018)
Finance and Payment

- Investments – For Profits - Taxed
- Donations – Nonprofits – Tax Free
  - National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities Code E - 2018
    - $112 million from outright donations
    - $2 million from fund raising
    - $268,000 from gaming
    - $271 million from gifts, grants and fees
    - $2.17 billion total revenue
    - ~ 5.3% total revenue

(IRS, 2018)
Rural PA CMS Brief

Telehealth
Telehealth

- Potential Expansion / Issues
- PA Rural Broadband Auction