Making a Difference One Community at a Time

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NHSC Scholars

Thank you for selecting a career in primary care and serving the underserved.
Conference Goals

• Placement Journey Begins
• Opportunity for Learning
  › National Health Service Corps
  › Career Transition Skills
• Access to Site Leadership & Job Opportunities
• Answers to Questions
• Connect with Fellow Clinicians
• Long, Lasting Connection with the Corps
Conference Participants

• 140 Scholars
  › Physician – 74
  › Dentist – 29
  › Family Nurse Practitioner - 3
  › Nurse-Midwife – 1
  › Physician Assistant – 4
  › Psychiatry – 1
  › Other – 28

• 136 Recruiters; 227 Sites; 320 Vacancies
  › 35 States – NM (26); CA (25); MS (19); LA (18); and TX (16)

• HRSA Staff & Scholar Placement Team
What does the NHSC do?

• Improve the health of the Nation’s underserved
• Increase access to primary health care services
• Provide quality, culturally competent care to those most in need

• America’s Health Corps
HISTORY OF THE CORPS
Why the NHSC?

• NHSC was created in response to health care crisis that emerged in the U.S. in the 1950’s and 1960’s.
• More physicians retired, leaving many areas of the country without medical services.
• Rural states appealed to Congress for help, thus establishing what is now known as the National Health Service Corps.

› Dance of Legislation
› Northern Exposure
› Doc Hollywood
Emergency Health Personnel Act
Creates NHSC

1970
1972
1977
1978
1986
1987
1991
1994
1999
2000
2009
2010

First NHSC Scholars in service
HPSA scoring and designation process established, 1200 clinicians in service, $60M funding
Mental health disciplines added to loan repayment program
2439 clinicians in service

Study reports 52% of NHSC clinicians are still serving the underserved, up to 15 years after fulfilling service commitment

Affordable Care Act signed into law, boosting funding levels over next 5 years ($1.5 billion)

NHSC reauthorized for 5 years (historic levels)

NHSC Scholarship Program created, 181 clinicians in service
3100 clinicians in service

Only 1000 clinicians in service due to budget cuts throughout the 1980s
Reauthorized for 5 years; part-time service for loan repayment authorized

Geriatrics subspecialty added

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) ($300 million)

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NHSC Funding Levels

Doubling of funding
NHSC Field Strength

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ARRA

7300+ by the end of FY2010
NHSC Today: Amazing Time & Opportunity
Recovery Act of 2009

• NHSC received $300 million to expand the primary care workforce
  › 4,000 awards Loan Repayment Awards (2009-2011)
  › 200+ NHSC Scholarships (2009-2010)
  › 300+ awards via State Loan Repayment Program
  › 28 SEARCH Awards

• Highly visible & positive press for program
• Funds available through 2011
Today

• More than 37,000 clinicians have served as NHSC Members:
  › Expanding access to health care;
  › Improving health of people who live in urban and rural areas, where health care is often scarce.

• NHSC Family consists of more than 7,000 clinicians currently serving

• NHSC numbers are increasing at a record pace…Health Care Reform continues the growth
NHSC Field Strength

2004 (3,900+)
- Physicians: 45%
- Mental Health: 17%
- Dental Hygienist: 1%
- Dentist: 10%
- Physician Assistant: 13%
- Nurse Practitioner: 11%
- Nurse Midwife: 3%

Today (7,000+)
- Physicians: 27%
- Mental Health: 26%
- Dental Hygienist: 2%
- Dentist: 12%
- Physician Assistant: 14%
- Nurse Practitioner: 16%
- Nurse Midwife: 3%
Affordable Care Act & NHSC

• Reauthorization of NHSC Program through 2015
  ➢ FY10: $320.5M
  ➢ FY11: $414.1M
  ➢ FY12: $535.1M
  ➢ FY13: $691.4M
  ➢ FY14: $893.5M
  ➢ FY15: $1,154.5M

• Increases Maximum Loan Repayment Award from $35,000 to $50,000

• Allows for Half-Time Opportunities; 2 & 4 Year Contracts
  ➢ Expanded to Include Loan Repayment & Scholarship Programs

• Community Health Centers & NHSC Fund
  ➢ FY11: $290M
  ➢ FY12: $295M
  ➢ FY13: $300M
  ➢ FY14: $305M
  ➢ FY15: $310M
Affordable Care Act Impact

- Investment in NHSC has more than doubled since FY2008
- By FY2011, funding will increase by over 400%
- Substantially increases access to care and grows primary care workforce

FY11 Appropriation Assumes FY2011 President’s Budget Level
FY12 Appropriation Assumes Authorized Level in P.L. 111-148
Historic Times - Future is Bright

• NHSC Reinvention is Underway
  › More Visibility & Understanding of the Corps
  › Primary Care Recruitment Tool
  › Part-Time Loan Repayment
  › Proactive Support in the Field
  › Lifetime Membership; Increase Retention

• Corps wants be the Organization of Choice for Primary Care Providers

• Funding Levels & the Need Continues to Grow
Be Part of the Change

• Marketing the NHSC – Spread the Word
  › Rebranding, New Messaging
  › Outreach to New Partners
  › Capturing Compelling Stories; Your Story

• Support in the Field – December 2010
  › Tools to Serve the Underserved
  › Mentors, Training, Peer-to-Peer Interaction
  › Access to Alumni
  › Great Customer Service
  › Successful Completion of Obligation & Retention

• Use that Index Card – Questions & Suggestions
Our Challenge

To make the National Health Service Corps as well-known as the Peace Corps

America’s Health Corps