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**June 2024**

**The Minnesota Rural Health Conference is  
right around the corner!**

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CONFERENCE



Keynote Speaker

**Dr. Robsan Tura**

Assistant  
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## Rural Health Equity: Building It Together



June 18, 2024



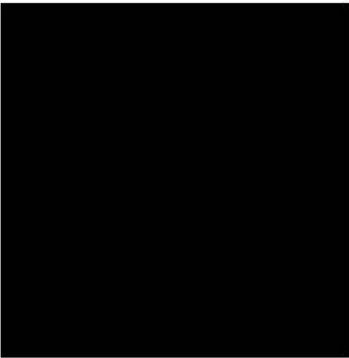
### Conference Agenda

Programming at this year's conference includes:

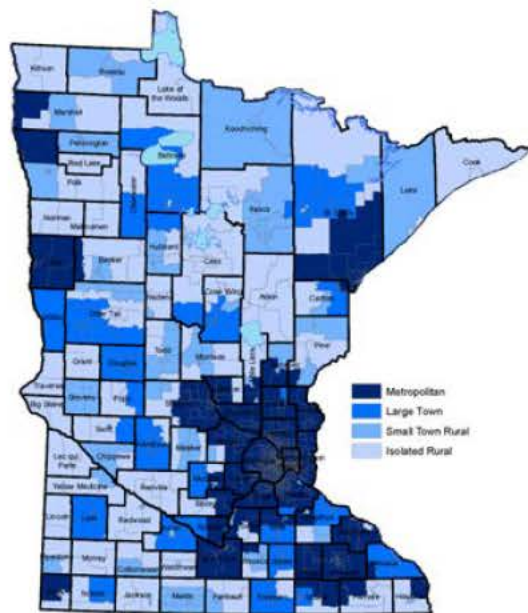
- Keynote addresses
  - Dr. Amer Kaissi, Professor and Executive Coach, Trinity University
  - Dr. Robsan Tura, Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Health
- Plenary panels
  - Minnesota's healthcare workforce: An overview and recent trends
  - Meeting behavioral health workforce challenges in rural Minnesota
- Minnesota Rural Health Association Policy Forum
- Breakout sessions organized around four tracks:
  - Leadership and workforce development
  - Access to care
  - Behavioral and mental health
  - Process improvement

**You may register up to and on the day of the conference!**

[Online registration](#) for the 2024 Minnesota [Rural Health Conference](#), June 17-18 is open through Wednesday June 12. After that you may register onsite at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center for one or two days of learning and networking. For more information about the conference, please email: [ruralhealthconference@ruralcenter.org](mailto:ruralhealthconference@ruralcenter.org), or call 218-464-6121.



### **ORHPC Data Corner**



Did you know.....rural Minnesota spans most of the state geographically? The ORHPC's [Rural Health Care in Minnesota: Data Highlights](#) chartbook includes maps (such as the one above) and graphs that are continually being updated. It includes information on rural Minnesota such as:

- Demographics
- Health system structure
- Health care workforce
- Availability of health care services
- Health care use
- Financing

Interested in learning more about rural health care in Minnesota? Join us at the [Minnesota Rural Health Conference](#) in Duluth, June 17-18.

**Note to Minnesota Critical Access Hospitals (CAH):  
Attend the conference and stay for the CAH workshop**

There is also a [workshop for CAHs and their board members](#) immediately after this year's rural health conference on **Tuesday, June 18 from 1pm - 3pm**. This workshop will focus on developing essential skills to effectively communicate key concepts such as health equity, quality improvement- and value-based models to CAH staff and community. [You must register for this event ahead of time](#). Please contact [Alexis Foster](#) at Rural Health Innovations with any questions.

**Critical Access Hospital Board training this summer:  
Leadership and engagement on population health topics**

This summer, the Flex Program is funding a [2024 Minnesota Critical Access Hospital Board and Leadership Training on Engagement, Leadership, and Population Health](#) Training for CAH Boards to increase engagement and leadership on population health topics.

Please contact [Alexis Foster](#) at Rural Health Innovations with any questions.

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