

Rural Regional Reorientation

North West & North Central Kickoff
July 21, 2026



Oklahoma
Rural Health
Transformation Program

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Objectives for today

Provide Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) overview

Introduce Rural Regional Reorientation (RRR) and facilitator role

Highlight key access, quality, and sustainability opportunities in the region

Discuss next steps to begin engaging with your facilitator

Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) is a five-year federal grant made up of 29 OK-specific programs



Federal RHTP

- **\$50B federal program** designed to strengthen rural healthcare across the nation
- Runs for **five program years, from 2026 through 2030**



Oklahoma's RHTP

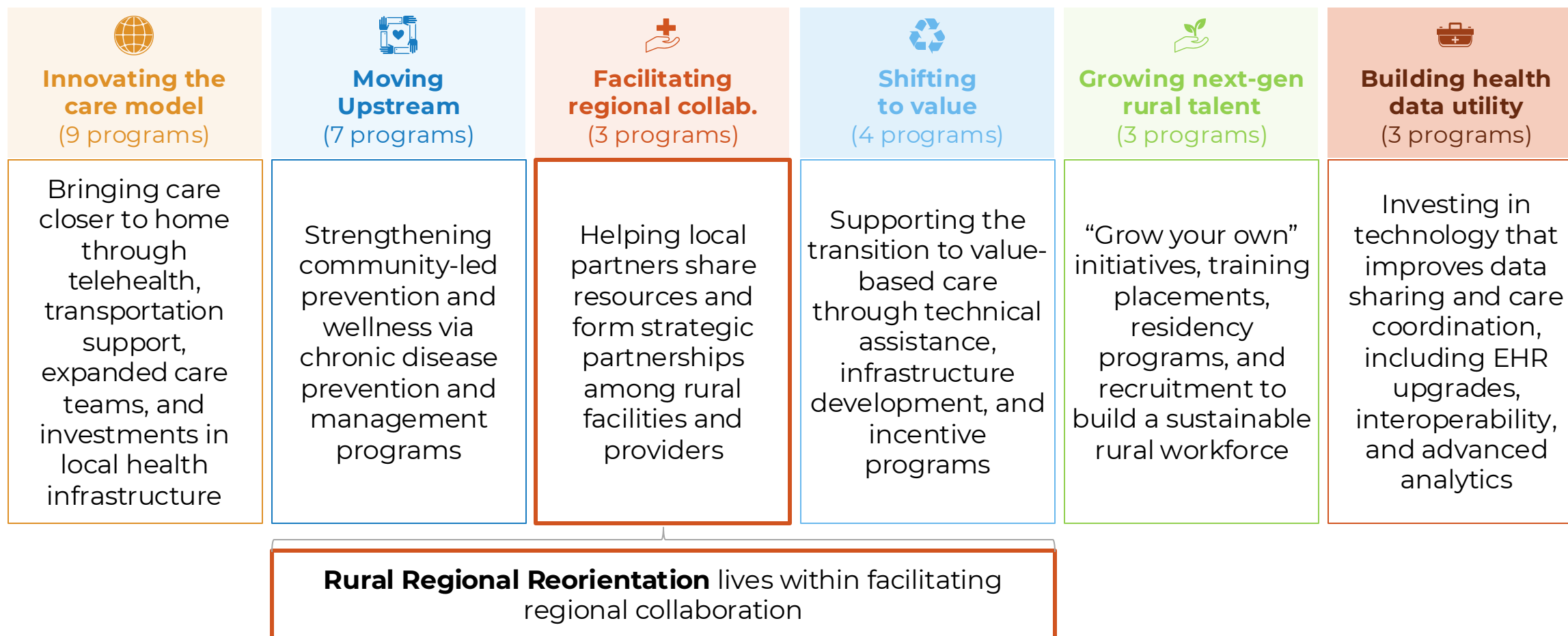
- OK received the **5th largest award nationally**
- **\$223.5M was awarded for Program Year 1**; future year funding will be determined annually



RHTP Timeline

- **Program Year 1 was less than a full calendar year** because state award decisions were released in December 2025
- Program Year 2 **begins on October 31st, 2026**

Rural Regional Reorientation (RRR) is one program within larger Rural Health Transformation Programs (RHTP)



RRR aims to build reoriented systems of care for rural residents

RRR Purpose

- A reoriented system of care means one that focuses on **delivering the right services, at the right time, in the right setting**
- To enable this, RRR will introduce a competitive funding opportunity annually targeting **4 objectives**, and fund a set of facilitators who will help stakeholders **connect with other community members to develop coordinated solutions to shared challenges**
- The needs and ideas you share will help **shape regional priorities and future funding opportunities**
- The relationships built through this process are **intended to extend beyond RRR and RHTP to strengthen the future of health in Oklahoma**

RRR Objectives

Quality	Reduce chronic disease rates and avoidable hospitalizations for related complications
Access	Improve access to critical localized care (e.g., primary care/mental health care/OBGYN) or improve access to specialized care in areas/for populations with pronounced access barriers
Sustainability	Improve effectiveness and efficiency of rural care resources to ensure existing assets are sustained
Partnership	Invest in the future of rural health partnerships through funding of regional planning and coalition development

Our goal moving forward is to build regional coordination through partnerships

December 2026 – October 2026
In year 1, we prioritized:

- **Shovel ready initiatives** that did not require extensive planning or regional collaboration
- **Partnerships**; earned extra points when scored, but were not required

Funding amount: ~\$20M NOFO

Y1 application has closed. Notice of awards to be communicated in Aug

November 2026 – October 2027
In years 2-5, we will prioritize:

- **Coordination of solutions to persistent challenges** based on the unique needs and profile of the region, driven by partnerships
- **Reorienting the care delivery footprint** for rural residents, focusing on delivering the right services at the right time in the right modality in a sustainable way

Funding amount: Up to \$35M/year

Application to open early 2027

There will likely be strong applications that do not receive year 1 funding that will be good candidates for years 2–5

For questions on year 1 applications reach out to OklahomaRHTP@health.ok.gov; facilitators are not involved in application review

Introductions | Clark Houser will serve as the facilitator for North West and North Central Oklahoma



Clark Houser
NW and **NC** OK



Ann Paul
NE OK



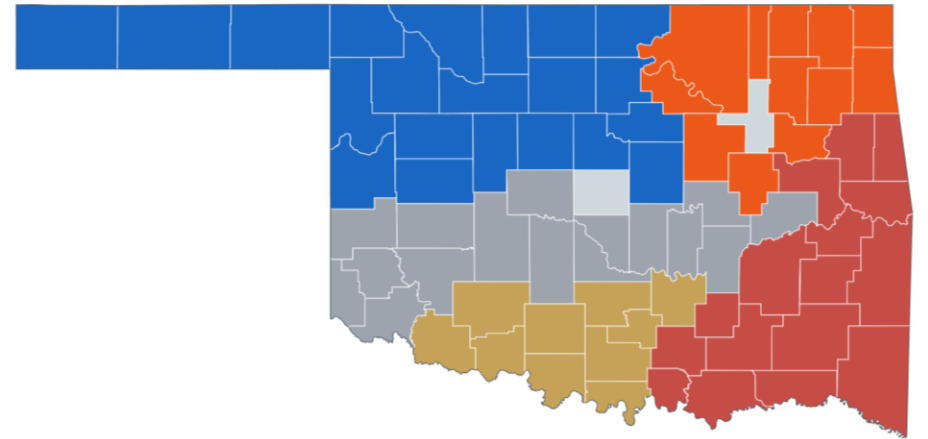
Melanie McGee
EC and **SE** OK



Tamara Clift
SW and **Central** OK



Richard Gillespie
SC OK



Facilitators help ensure RRR funds address rural Oklahoma's greatest needs

Facilitators will help stakeholders work together to avoid duplicating applications and address top regional priorities



Facilitators will develop a **regional objectives plan** that identifies the region's greatest needs (across quality, access, and sustainability). OSDH leadership will approve this plan



Then, facilitators will help stakeholders form **strong, well-coordinated partnerships** to develop applications

Applicants will be encouraged to:

- 1 Develop solutions and address problems through partnerships
- 2 Address a need identified in your facilitator's regional objectives plan
- 3 Work openly and cooperatively with facilitators throughout the process

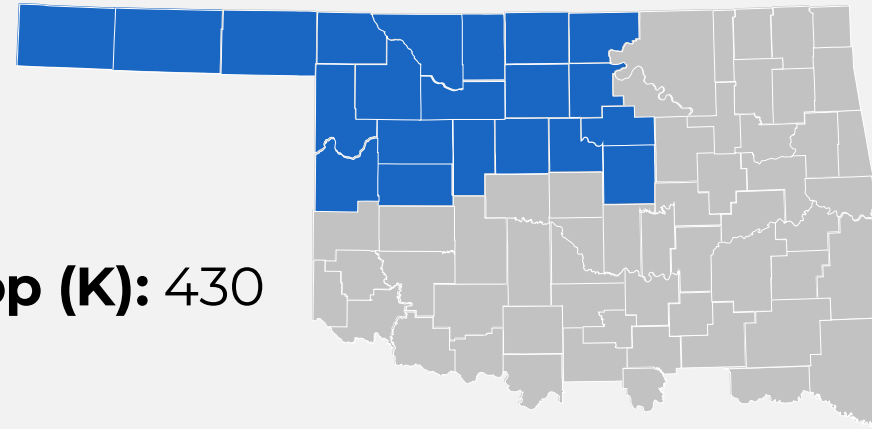
The facilitation process will help stakeholders develop applications



RRR North West (NW) and North Central (NN) Region

NW & NC Region overview

Pop (K): 430



Counties (21)

- Alfalfa
- Beaver
- Blaine
- Cimarron
- Custer
- Dewey
- Ellis
- Garfield
- Grant
- Harper
- Kay
- Kingfisher
- Lincoln
- Logan
- Major
- Noble
- Payne
- Roger Mills
- Texas
- Woods
- Woodward

Key opportunities for us to address together in this region



Quality

The quality of care impacting patient health

- **Elevated rate of preventable hospitalizations** for acute conditions
- **Screening gaps** in mammography
- **Elevated prevalence of select chronic diseases**, particularly cancer and obesity



Access

The ability to obtain needed care

- **Limited physician availability**, especially primary care, general (non-surgical), mental health, and OBGYN providers
- **Long travel distances for in-state care**, especially OBGYN, mental health, and minor trauma care
- **Emergency care access constraints** in Alfalfa & Grant



Sustainability

The long-term viability of organizations

- **Hospital financial pressures**, including thin or negative margins
- **Workforce recruitment and retention** constraints
- **Changing payer and reimbursement** landscape
- **Need to strengthen capabilities for value-based payment** and care delivery

Suggested topics to discuss with your facilitator in the coming months



Quality

The quality of care impacting patient health

- Which services are hardest for your patients/constituents to reach?
- What limits access most: transportation, broadband, hours, workforce?



Access

The ability to obtain needed care

- Where are the gaps between the care you want to provide and what's possible today?
- What would most improve coordination across providers in the region?



Sustainability

The long-term viability of organizations

- What most threatens the financial viability of your organization?
- Which services are at greatest risk of being cut back?

Connect with your facilitator to learn more about the other programs that are a part of RHTP

 Innovating the care model	 Moving upstream	 Facilitating regional collab.	 Shifting to value	 Growing next-gen rural talent	 Building health data utility
Transportation	Closed-loop care platform	EMS centralization	PACE expansion	"Grow your own"	Interoperability through HIE
MFM telehealth expansion	Lung cancer screening	Rural regional reorientation	Practice enablement	Rural re-location incentives	Integrated data & analytics
Telestroke expansion	Presidential Fitness preparation	Provider collaborative	PCP clinical extension	Rural residency	EHR expansion
RPM: Maternal	CHW expansion		Maternal value based program		
Doulas	Wellness hub microgrants				
BH integration	Consumer-facing tech				
School-based services	Chronic disease mgmt				
Community paramedicine					
PCP & BH tech co-op					

Questions?



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Next Steps

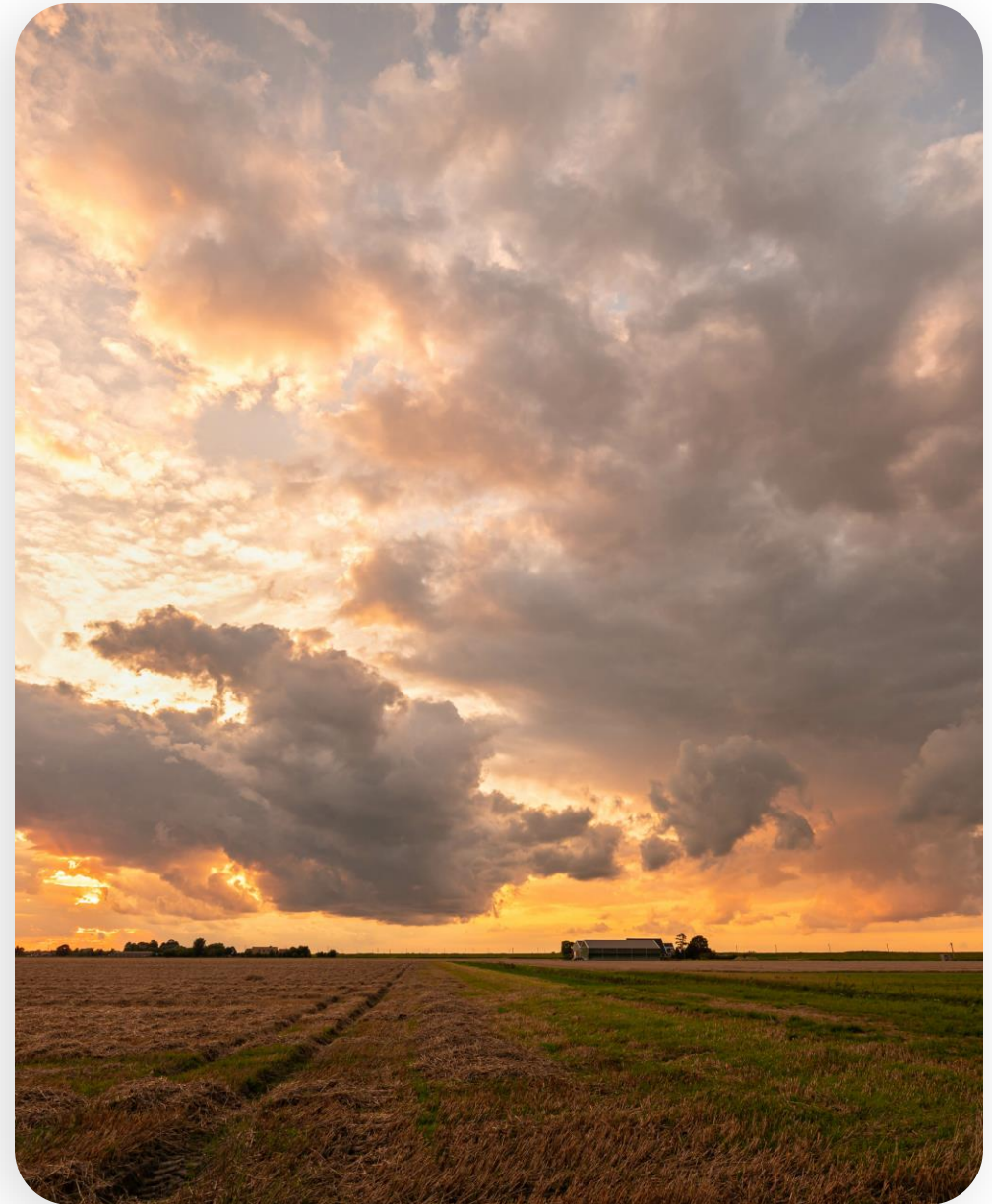
In-Person "County Cluster" Kickoffs will take place from 7/27 to 8/14 (full schedule on next page)

Meeting Objectives

- Meet your facilitator and connect with neighboring stakeholders
- Discuss key areas of need within "county clusters"
- Answer outstanding questions about RRR

Facilitators will begin meeting directly with stakeholders - feel free to reach out to connect 1:1 and share priority issues

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In Person County Cluster Kickoffs

Date	Time	Counties covered	Meeting location
Mon., 7/27	12 – 1 PM	Ellis, Woodward, Woods, Dewey, Custer & Roger Mills (OSDH Distr. 1)	High Plains Technology Center - 3921 34th St Woodward, OK 73801
Mon., 8/3	2 – 3 PM	Cimarron, Texas, Beaver & Harper (OSDH Distr. 1)	Texas County Health Dept. - 1410 N. East Street Guymon, OK 73801
Thu., 8/6	3 – 4 PM	Alfalfa, Major, Blaine, Kingfisher, Garfield, Grant, Logan (OSDH Distr. 6 – exc. Canadian)	Garfield County Health Dept. - 2501 Mercer Dr, Enid, OK 73701
Mon., 8/10	11 – 12 PM	Kay, Noble, Payne & Lincoln (OSDH Distr. 3 - West)	First Presbyterian Church of Stillwater - 524 Duncan Stillwater, OK 74074



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