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DELTA REGION COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT (DRCHSD) PROGRAM

Washington County Memorial Hospital and Great Mines Health Center 2/23/2021

On behalf of the Health Resources Services Administration's [Federal Office of Rural Health Policy \(FORHP\)](#), and [Delta Regional Authority \(DRA\)](#), [The National Rural Health Resource Center \(The Center\)](#) is excited to announce Washington County Memorial Hospital has been selected to participate in the [Delta Region Community Health Systems Development \(DRCHSD\) Program](#). Through the DRCHSD Program, the DRA and FORHP have partnered to support rural communities with an opportunity to receive intensive technical assistance (TA).

The TA consists of various assessments, onsite consultations, workshops and educational trainings, which will be provided through a multi-year phased-in approach. The Program is designed to increase the efficiency of the local health care delivery system practices by focusing on care coordination, social services integration, emergency medical services access, and workforce recruitment and retention with the goal to:

- Improve financial position and increase operational efficiencies
- Implement quality improvements that support an evidenced-based culture for improved health outcomes
- Address workforce recruitment and retention needs
- Increase use of telemedicine to fill service gaps and access to care
- Ensure access to and availability of Emergency Medical Services
- Integrate social services to address socio-economic challenges
- Enhance coordination of care and develop a community care coordination plan
- Strengthen the local health care delivery system to position for population health

With the support of the DRA and FORHP, The Center is proud to recognize Washington County Memorial Hospital and Great Mines Health Center for this outstanding accomplishment! The Center looks forward to working with Washington County Memorial Hospital and Great Mines Health Center and its community of Potosi, MO.

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“Washington County Memorial Hospital is proud to have this collaborative opportunity to further our mission of quality health care, advocate for patient health, and build resource awareness,” says Michele Meyer, CEO of Washington County Memorial Hospital. “WCMH and GMHC began a collaborative relationship in 2017 when both entities joined the Washington County Rural Health Consortium and this program will further solidify community health efforts.”

Gregory Roebach, CEO of Great Mines Health Center states, “Great Mines looks forward to working with FORHP, the DRA, and the National Rural Health Resource Center over the next three years, to learn best-practices, enhance our health-care service delivery and strengthen our coordination of care with our community health partners in the region”. We are especially pleased that Washington County Memorial Hospital was also chosen as a program participant and look forward to working closely with them to jointly improve the health outcomes in Washington County.”

To learn more about the DRA and FORHP collaboration to support rural communities through the DRCHSD Program, visit the Delta Regional Authority [website](#).