

## AHEC Host



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Kristin Juliar is the Director of the Montana Office of Rural Health (MORH) and the Montana Area Health Education Center (AHEC) at Montana State University in Bozeman. She is the Chair of the Montana Healthcare Workforce Advisory Committee; HealthShare Montana (HSM), the state designated entity for Health Information Exchange; and is organizing the WWAMI Graduate Medical Education Council. Before coming to Montana, Ms. Juliar was the Director of Minnesota's Healthcare Education - Industry Partnership for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and was Executive Director of the Region Nine Development Commission, a rural development agency serving southern Minnesota. She serves on Executive Committee of the National Rural Health Resource Center, Rural HIT Coalition, the Government Affairs Committee of the National Rural Health Association, and was Chair of the NRHA Frontier Committee. She has served on several healthcare committees and boards in Montana and Minnesota. She has an M.A. in Urban and Regional Studies.

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Dr. Suzanne Allen was appointed to the position of Vice Dean for Regional Affairs for the University of Washington School of Medicine in December of 2009. Prior to her new role as Vice Dean, Dr. Allen was the Assistant Dean for Regional Affairs and Rural Health and Idaho WWAMI Clinical Medical Education Coordinator. Following four years of active duty practicing at Ellsworth AFB and Andrews AFB, Dr. Allen joined the physician faculty at the Family Medicine Residency of Idaho in 1999. Before joining the Idaho WWAMI office in 2006, she was the Assistant Director and Medical Student Clerkship Coordinator at the Family Medicine Residency of Idaho. Dr. Allen holds a Clinical Associate Professor faculty position within the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Washington School of Medicine. Dr. Allen is committed to medical education and rural healthcare. As the Vice Dean for Regional Affairs, Dr. Allen

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Dr. Erickson is the Assistant Dean for the Montana WWAMI Clinical Phase for the University of Washington School of Medicine. In this position he oversees the clinical teaching opportunities for WWAMI students in Montana. This includes first year preceptorships, the Montana RUOP experience between first and second year of medical school and twenty-five required clerkship opportunities in 8 communities in Montana. He also oversees third year Tracks in Missoula and Billings where students are able to complete all of their third year training in Montana. He co-chairs the WRITE program in the WWAMI region a 5 month third year rural immersion experience in twenty one rural communities in the 5-state region. Starting in 2008 he developed and help initiate Montana TRUST (Targeted Rural Underserved Track), a comprehensive 4 year medical school curriculum for a select group of Montana WWAMI students. Since 1990 he has been a part of a 10 person primary care group in Whitefish Montana where he still maintains a part time clinical practice.



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Tom Greer, MD, MPH is Co-Director of the Targeted Rural Underserved Track (TRUST) at the University of Washington where he is professor and director of Medical Student Education in the Department of Family Medicine. Doctor Greer grew up in a small rural community and practiced for six years in rural Washington before joining the Family Medicine faculty. Before assuming the role of TRUST Co-Director, Doctor Greer was Co-Director of the Family Medicine third year required clerkship for almost twenty-five years. He has traveled extensively in the WWAMI region and continues to be actively involved in planning and implementation of faculty and program development.



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Tom Norris, MD, is the Acting Chair of the Department of Family Medicine at the UWSOM and the WRITE Co-chair. He attended medical school at the University of Texas Medical Branch and completed his family medicine residency at the University of Kansas' St. Joseph Hospital program in Wichita. He then served as a Navy family physician, followed by ten years of community practice in Montana. Norris moved to Washington in 1988 to serve as residency director at Tacoma Family Medicine. In 1993, Dr. Norris came to the University of Washington where he has served as Assistant Dean for Regional Affairs and Rural Health, Associate Dean, Medical Executive and CEO of UW Physicians Network, and Vice Dean for Academic Affairs, prior to his present appointment. He has served as president of the Montana Academy of Family Physicians, the Washington Academy of Family Physicians, and the American Board of Family Medicine. At the present time Dr. Norris is serving as Vice Chair of the Board for the American Board of Medical Specialties.