Q1 What topics and issues related to rural health do you consider to be most important? Choose your top 3

Answer Choices

- Primary care workforce (physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants) 63.64% 7
- Ability to access specialty care 9.09% 1
- Development of telemedicine 16.16% 2
- Transformation of healthcare into population health and care management models 27.27% 3
- Pipeline programs for youth to go into health professions 45.45% 5
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Access to needed services 18.18% 2
Wellness and prevention 27.27% 3
Housing 0.00% 0
Education 0.00% 0
Jobs and economy 9.09% 1
Mental health and substance abuse 72.73% 8
Chronic illness 9.09% 1
Children's health 9.09% 1
Other (please describe) 9.09% 1
Total Respondents: 11

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Q: What would be important issues for Montana AHEC/Office of Rural Health to be involved in during the next 3 years?

Responses

1. CHW, health information literacy
2. Increasing training in rural clinics and hospitals, including advising on financial support and sustainable models.
3. Primary care provider workforce issues - can we educate more nurse practitioners that will stay in MT? How can those in rural remote areas have better access to care? How to address the acute mental health needs of Montanans
4. Mental health issues and diabetes
5. Items checked above
6. Diversity pipeline K-12 pipeline work for rural students in health Retention issues
7. Community health workers Aging of the workforce Aging of the patient population, geriatric concerns Better utilization of non-provider healthcare professionals
8. Access to Mental Health services throughout the state. Development of Telemental health?
9. Work force development and preparing rural health systems for the changing environment.
10. Support/ facilitation of clinical sites for health profession programs Support/facilitation of the development of IBH for rural communities Healthcare Workforce strategies and implementation

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