



The year is beginning to have unexpected obstacles being thrown at us in the rural health arena. As we build



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TRHA President

towards a united front on having Healthy Communities in Texas with the development of the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) and our offers of assistance in this

process, we find that outside influences are being presented that can hinder our initiatives!

The redistricting of legislative districts has resulted in some of our strongest rural advocates in the State not seeking another term of office. There will be a smaller group of rural voices at the Capitol in Austin. Coupled with this on the state level, we now see in the President's Budget that federal funding for state offices of rural health will be cut in half and

## President's Message

# Redistricting, Funding Cuts May Hurt Rural Texas Communities

that there is no proposed funding for Area Health Education Centers (AHECs). Both the state offices of rural health and the rural AHECs carry word to the legislators and rule makers about the conditions of health care services and access to these services in the less populated and rural areas of the states. That is not their main role, but it is an offshoot of working with communities that helps to educate decision makers in the government as to keeping the rural areas on par with the urban areas in regard to health services. Please be aware of this situation and talk to your state and federal representatives about this impending tragedy to our communities.

The Association is in the planning stages of another Texas joint

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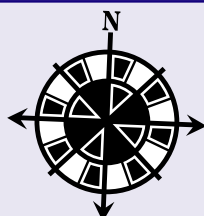
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annual conference with the Texas Rural Development Council (TRDC) in the fall of 2002—September 17-19—and has selected Lubbock as the conference site. Brochures will be sent out soon to the membership with the preliminary conference agenda.

The joint sponsorship endeavors between TRHA and TRDC are bringing praises to Texas and have set in motion a National Rural Development Council annual conference being considered for San Antonio in the summer of 2003. This gathering will bring together many partners in creating healthy and economically strong rural communities.

The TRHA board recently had its quarterly meeting and scheduled the function for the same

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## *Rural Partnering:* **Roadmap to Success**

2002 Conference • September 17-19 • Lubbock

Circle September 17-19 on your calendar to attend the joint fall conference of the Texas Rural Health Association and Texas Rural Development Council. The meeting, featuring general sessions and breakout groups with topics of specific interest to rural health and rural economic development, will be in Lubbock at the downtown Holiday Inn Hotel & Towers. Don McBeath, TRHA president-elect, is the conference planning committee chair.

More information will be available soon.

## 2002 Events Calendar

### Southwest Conference of Rural and Community Hospitals Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals (TORCH)

March 27-29 • Dallas  
Info: [www.torchnet.org](http://www.torchnet.org)

### National Rural Health Association 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

May 15-17 • Kansas City, Missouri  
Info: [www.nrharural.org](http://www.nrharural.org)

### Texas Rural Legislative Summit sponsored by ORCA

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### Texas Hospital Association (THA) Annual Conference

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### Texas Academy of Family Physicians Annual Session and Scientific Assembly

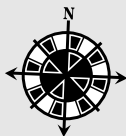
July 11-13 • San Antonio  
Info: [www.tafp.com](http://www.tafp.com)

### Texas Association of Rural Health Clinics (TARHC)

Annual Conference  
August 1-2 • Austin

### Healthfind, Office of Rural Community Affairs

September 13-15 • Austin  
Info: [www.orca.state.tx.us](http://www.orca.state.tx.us)



### Rural Partnering: Roadmap to Success

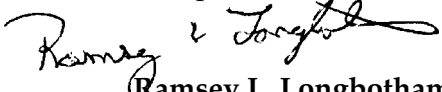
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location where the Texas Rural Leadership Meeting was being conducted by TRDC. Our groups met for a combined lunch at which many ideas and topics were shared. As we work to build our partnership, the results have been that TRHA has been asked to become the Health Issues Task Force Committee for TRDC. It will be made up of these TRHA members: Barbara Quiram, representing the federal level as current chair of the National Rural Development Council's Health Task Force; Ramsey

Longbotham, representing the state level as TRHA president; and Jim Shannon, for local level representation as TRHA Vice-President and an AHEC staff member working with local communities.

Our next FOCUS issue, which will be this summer, will have the annual conference program in it. Mark your calendars for the TRHA-TRDC Conference in Lubbock on September 17-19.

  
Ramsey L. Longbotham  
President, TRHA

### Nomination forms on pages 5 & 7

## TRHA Revamps Awards for 2002

The TRHA *Making a Difference in Rural Health* Recognition Awards have been modified and renamed by the TRHA Board of Directors. The traditional format which honored a person, a program, and a community that made a difference in Texas rural health, has been changed to *TRHA-Communities That Care* awards and the *Marion Zetzman Award*. The changes, explained below, are reflected in the call for nominations on pages 5 and 7 of this FOCUS. The awards will be presented on the last day of the TRHA & TRDC joint conference in Lubbock on September 17-19, 2002.

### Communities That Care Awards

From 1999 through 2001, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation provided grants to the East Texas Rural Access Program and East Texas AHEC for *Communities That Care* awards for programs in two Texas Department of Health (TDH) east-northeast Texas regions. The awards generated a great deal of local celebration with placement of the engraved award stone and planting of a tree in the community. Since the RWJ funding ended, the TRHA Board of Directors voted to change the name of its awards for the program and community that made

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# The Office of Rural Community Affairs—A New Beginning

by Sam Tessen, Executive Director  
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**R**ural Texas continues to undergo many changes. Our rural communities are the backbone of life in rural areas. But these communities, and our rural Texans across our state, face numerous challenges. On one hand, the quality of life is enviable, retirees are finding rural living very desirable, and rural entrepreneurship is alive. On the other hand, rural areas are losing population, many professional services are becoming difficult to retain, and economic resources can be difficult to secure. But today, we have a unique opportunity to address those changes and the resultant challenges in a new way.

The Office of Rural Community

Affairs, ORCA for short, was created in 2001 by the 77th Legislature and is now a reality. Thanks to the leadership and determination of the members of the Rural Caucus in the Legislature, we now have a state agency dedicated to rural communities and rural issues. It is really an opportunity for a door to state government and new ally in Austin for all our rural citizens. It also will provide us the means to challenge old ways of thinking.

One of the major opportunities for success is for various segments of the community to work together, to find common goals, and to develop collaborative solutions. Health care should interact with education and transportation.

Natural resources can be a tremendous resource for rural communities, for example, ecotourism, which then impacts all other segments of the community, including health care. The survival or growth of one segment is tied to the status of the others. The Texas Rural Health Association is an excellent example of this kind of initiative. Its efforts to reach out and work with the Texas Rural Development Council in a joint conference this past year showed initiative and thinking outside that mythical box. The results were also very positive.

The new agency is committed, first to continuity in delivering the services of programs that have been transferred to ORCA, including the programs of the Center for Rural Health Initiatives (CRHI). Rural health advocates in Texas can be very proud of the legacy of CRHI over the past 12 years. CRHI has had a very positive impact on rural health in our rural communities all across our state. It is now an integral component of the new, broader agency. But like the Texas Rural Health Association reached out to a new partner, so must rural health.

The Office of Rural Community Affairs will help in that process. The agency is charged with focusing on the broad spectrum of rural issues. It will monitor state government for potential impact of actions on rural areas and will facilitate collaboration with other state agencies. The agency also will report annually to the Legislature on the status of Texas rural communities and make recommendations for solutions. Development of rural community leadership, the key to much of the future, is a charge given to the agency. ORCA also will work with

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## ORCA Board Members Appointed, Select Exec

Robt. J. "Sam" Tessen was named executive director of the new state agency, the Office of Rural Community Affairs. Tessen once served as the executive director of the Center for Rural Health Initiatives, one of three program units now included in ORCA. Before accepting the ORCA post, Tessen was executive director of the state's Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF) Board.

The ORCA Executive Committee members who selected Tessen were appointed by either Governor Rick Perry, Lt. Governor Bill Ratliff, or Speaker of the House James E. "Pete" Laney. The names of the nine persons appointed are listed below, along with hometown, county, and term expiration date. The goal of the Executive Committee is to guide the development of the agency and define its policy and philosophy.

Governor Perry's appointees were:

- Lydia Rangel Saenz, Carrizo Springs, Dimmit County, 02-01-03
- Michael Cooper Waters, Abilene, Taylor-Jones counties, 02-01-05
- Wallace G. Klussmann, Fredericksburg, Gillespie County, 02-01-07.

Lt. Governor Ratliff's appointees were:

- David Richey, Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches County, 02-01-03
- Patrick Wallace, Athens, Henderson County, 02-01-05
- Carol Harrell, Jefferson, Marion County, 02-01-07.

Speaker of the House Laney's appointees were:

- Kent Sharp, Big Spring, Howard County, 02-01-03
- Jim Roberts, Lubbock, Lubbock County, 02-01-05
- William M. Jeter, III, Bryan, Brazos County, 02-01-07.

Information on the agency is available on the web site at [www.orca.state.tx.us](http://www.orca.state.tx.us), call 512/936-6701 or toll-free 800/544-2042.

# ORCA Receives \$555,000 to Bolster Rural Health Services

The Rural Hospital Flexibility Program is the nationwide implementation of some earlier successful demonstration projects. The idea behind the program is to bolster rural services through network development. The goals are:

- development of rural health plans
- conversion of small rural hospitals to Critical Access Hospital (CAH) status

## ORCA: A New Beginning continued from page 3

all segments of our rural communities to learn their issues and their challenges, including rural health. The agency will then work with state and regional organizations, professional organizations, and local communities to advocate for improvements, changes, and solutions. It will be a collaborative process in every way possible.

ORCA is charged with reviewing rural health policy and recommending changes to the Legislature. This will include reviewing the rules for the health care programs formerly administered by CRHI. An opportunity for rural health advocates to participate in the process with input and ideas will be provided.

But perhaps the most exciting perspective is the fact that rural advocates, including rural health advocates, have the open-ended opportunity to help define the new agency, its mission, and strategic plan. The newly-appointed Executive Committee is committed to an open process of development. This is truly an unprecedented opportunity for all of us and it is really up to all of us what we make of it.

Contact ORCA at 512/936-6701 or [www.orca.state.tx.us](http://www.orca.state.tx.us).

by Mike Easley  
Rural Health Director, Office of  
Rural Community Affairs

- development of rural health networks associated with the CAHs
- integration and strengthening of rural emergency medical systems, and
- improving the quality of health care services for rural populations.

The Texas Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) received \$555,000 through the FLEX program. These funds are used to help local communities

and their hospitals decide on the appropriateness of CAH status and to provide technical assistance for hospitals that undertake the conversion. ORCA also works with emergency medical systems and other groups in doing so. In addition, ORCA uses these funds to support communities as they develop or implement rural health networks, to support expansion of programs to improve or integrate rural emergency medical services, and to develop/enhance local health system quality improvement activities.

## Awards Revamped for 2002 continued from page 2

a difference in Texas rural health to the *TRHA-Communities That Care Awards*. Awards will be given to one community project nominee, from each of the 11 TDH regions, that made a positive difference in health for the target community, helped underserved persons, and relied on local rather than governmental support. Each community winner will receive a "Community That Cares" commemorative stone and participate in a tree planting through the Texas Forest Service.

### Marion Zetzman Award

The TRHA annual award to a person who made a difference in Texas rural health care has been successful in recognizing individuals who go "above and beyond" on behalf of rural Texas. To give recognition to a true pioneer in rural health, the TRHA Board renamed the *Person Who Made a Difference* award to the *Marion Zetzman Award*. The award is jointly sponsored by TRHA and The University of Texas System and will be given each year to one individual who made a significant

difference in improving the health of rural Texans.

Those who remember the efforts of TRHA and others for passage of HB 13 (the Omnibus Rural Health Initiatives Act) in 1989 recall the vital role that Marion Zetzman, PhD, played in that process.

Dr. Zetzman is remembered for his humor and leadership in pulling diverse groups together for a common cause. HB 13 included establishment of the Center for Rural Health Initiatives (CRHI), now a part of the Office of Rural Community Affairs. Dr. Zetzman served as the first president of the CRHI board until his death in 1996.

Born in Roscoe, Texas, the heart of "rural," Dr. Zetzman devoted his life to rural folks. A member of the faculty of UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas from 1973, Dr. Zetzman was instrumental in getting medical students into rural preceptorships and served on numerous policy-making boards and committees concerned with rural health care services.



# Nomination Form

Submission deadline—August 1, 2002

## 2002 COMMUNITIES THAT CARE Awards

TRHA's annual Communities That Care Awards recognize community projects that make a significant difference in improving the health of residents in Texas communities.

The CTC Awards will be presented September 19 during the annual conference of the Texas Rural Health Association and Texas Rural Development Council, **Rural Partnering: Roadmap to Success** September 17-19, 2002, Holiday Inn Hotel & Towers, Lubbock, Texas.

The TRHA Communities That Care Awards will recognize one rural community in each of the 11 Texas Department of Health regions that has gone the extra mile for its citizens by implementing a health care project that has made a difference both for the people and the community it serves. Each winner will receive an engraved stone and a tree provided and planted in the community by the Texas Forest Service. The nominees must have made a positive difference in their communities, relied very little on governmental support, and benefited an underserved population.

PLEASE PRINT

Name of Community Project Nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contact for Community Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person Making Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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This TRHA 2002 Communities That Care Awards Nomination Form must be accompanied by:

- (1) a narrative description of the project's goals and operations,
- (2) its contributions that made a difference,
- (3) how it was funded, and
- (4) how it served an underserved population.

Please have two other individuals write letters with reasons supporting the nominated project.

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**Deadline: Thursday, August 1, 2002**

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The Texas Rural Health Association is a non-profit organization whose primary goal is to improve the health of rural Texans. TRHA is composed of individuals and organizations dedicated to providing strong leadership on rural health care issues through advocacy, communications, and education.

**TRHA, founded in 1984:**

- Promotes rural health as a distinct concern in Texas
- Is a strong voice unifying concerned citizens, leaders, officials, providers & groups/businesses working to improve rural health in Texas
- Advocates for rural health and promotes an improved health system for rural Texans
- Provides a forum to exchange and distribute information & ideas to improve rural health
- Encourages the development of appropriate health resources for all rural areas of Texas

**TRHA membership offers you:**

- *RH FOCUS*, a newsletter reporting on current Texas rural health issues and activities
- Access to a network of colleagues and resources
- Leadership opportunities to grow & participate on planning & decision-making bodies
- Involvement in TRHA's *Legislative Network* actions
- TRHA's *Legislative Newsletter* with late breaking news & insights on the Texas Legislature
- An annual conference with cutting edge speakers & programs on today's issues & challenges

***You & TRHA: Making a Healthy Difference for Rural Texans!***

**TRHA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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(If paying with Credit Card, you may Fax application)

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**Membership Categories** *Select one of six available:*

- Individual** \$60
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- Chamber of Commerce/Local Government** \$250  
*-register up to 5 persons as individual TRHA members*
- CORPORATE** -3 levels offer blocks of individual memberships, *organizational recognition in quarterly RH FOCUS and in the Annual Conference program:*
  - Corporate Level Three** \$500  
*-up to 5 individual memberships*
  - Corporate Level Two** \$250  
*-up to 8 individual memberships*
  - Corporate Level One** \$500  
*-up to 10 individual memberships, PLUS  
-complimentary exhibit space at conference  
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- Enclosed is a **check** for \$ \_\_\_\_\_
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**TRHA Legislative Network**  YES, I'll Participate-*No Fee*

County of Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Vote Precinct # \_\_\_\_\_  
State Senator \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. # \_\_\_\_\_  
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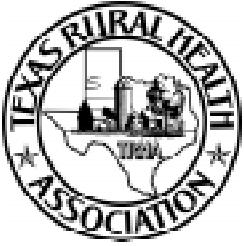
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**Work Setting** *Check one:*

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**Volunteer/Committee Interests** *Check all applicable:*

- Board of Directors  Government Affairs  Finance
- Membership  Newsletter  Conference Planning
- Education & Community Relations  Media Relations



# NOMINATION FORM

## 2002 Marion Zetzman Award



Submission Deadline—August 1, 2002

**The annual Marion Zetzman Award recognizes an individual who has made a significant difference in improving the health of rural Texans.**

The award will be presented September 19 during the annual conference of the Texas Rural Health Association and Texas Rural Development Council,

***Rural Partnering: Roadmap to Success***

September 17-19, 2002, Holiday Inn Hotel & Towers, Lubbock, Texas.

The Marion Zetzman Award honors Marion Rice Zetzman, PhD, for his services promoting health care for rural Texans. The award is co-sponsored by the Texas Rural Health Association and The University of Texas System. Dr. Zetzman served for 23 years on the faculty of UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas and was involved in rural health care services and workforce issues. He was the first Center for Rural Health Initiatives board president and served until his death in 1996.

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**Name of Person Nominated:** \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name of Person Making Nomination:** \_\_\_\_\_

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This Award Nomination Form must be accompanied by:

- (1) a narrative description of the nominee's contributions, and
- (2) documentation establishing the significance of the achievement(s) and verifying the nominee's contributions to rural health care in Texas.

Please have two other individuals write letters with reasons supporting the nominee.

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# Statewide Health Workforce Symposium Set for March 21 in Austin

The Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC), Texas Department of Health, Texas Department on Aging, Texas Public Health Training Center, and Texas Institute for Health Policy Research will hold the Texas Statewide Health Workforce Symposium on March 21 in Austin at the J. J. Pickle Research Center.

The goal of the symposium is to provide a forum for including major health workforce stakeholders in the 2003-2004 Texas State Health Plan Update development process.

This year the symposium will highlight two workforce areas: "Ensuring a Quality Health Workforce for the Aging Texas Population" (morning) and "Ensuring a Quality Public Health

Workforce for Texas" (afternoon). Each session will include an expert panel composed of representatives from the Legislature, state agencies, institutions of higher education, local public health officials, local elected officials, and others involved in health workforce development.

More details, the symposium agenda, and registration information, will be available on the SHCC website at [www.TexasSHCC.org](http://www.TexasSHCC.org).

SCHCC encourages early registration since admission to this conference will be on a space available basis. Contact Connie Turney, Project Director, Texas Statewide Health Coordinating Council at 512/458-7111, x 3548 or E-mail to [connie.turney@tdh.state.tx.us](mailto:connie.turney@tdh.state.tx.us).

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