

## *ORHP Updates brought to you by the Community-Based Division*

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- **National Broadband Map:**

The Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP) would like to inform you of the release of the National Broadband Map developed by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The map is a conglomeration of data provided by NTIA and an interactive tool developed by FCC. The map shows broadband availability nationwide by technology (wired and wireless), provider, speed, anchor institution. It also offers multiple geographic data cuts that can be married with population demographics and contains 25 million searchable records – all downloadable by public. The site houses an interactive classroom to facilitate usage of the tool and has a number of predetermined reports. The tool can be found at [www.broadbandmap.gov](http://www.broadbandmap.gov) and may be impacted by the browser used to view the content

- **Scholarship Announcement (National Association for Rural Mental Health):**

NARMH has a limited number of consumer scholarships available for the 2011 NARMH Conference to be held in Dubuque, Iowa, June 23-25. To be eligible, the individual must be a rural mental health consumer, a U.S. citizen, and agree to submit the necessary follow-up forms at the end of the conference. The consumer scholarship application is attached to this email. The deadline to apply for a consumer scholarship is May 1, 2011. Scholarship form is attached to this email.

- **USDA Grant for Telemedicine:**

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced its Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program (DLT) awards. The purpose of this grant is to support the implementation of technological resources, training and infrastructure for the promotion of telemedicine, especially in rural areas. You may find more information at: [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UTP\\_DLT.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UTP_DLT.html)

**Eligibility:** Entities providing education and medical care via telecommunications including corporations or partnerships, Indian tribes or tribal organizations, state or local units of government, consortia, and private for-profit or not-for profit corporations. Individuals are not eligible. Applications are being accepted through April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

- **Join us for a Webinar on Business Plan Development :**

March 31<sup>st</sup> at 2PM EDT for a webinar with Buz Davis on:

- Revenue generation as a Network sustainability strategy
- Collaborative approach to business development
- Major components of a business plan
- Opportunity to engage with peers and a national expert on rural health network business planning

You can attend the webinar through the following link:

<https://www.livemeeting.com/cc/chsd/join?id=BHQQP5&role=attend>

Dial (toll-free) for the audio dial: **1-(866) 882-0470** portion.