

Rural Health Development Council

March 14, 2013

RHDC Statutory Authority

Statutory Responsibilities:

36.62 Rural health development council. The rural health development council created under s. 15.917 (1) shall do all of the following:

- (1) Advise the board on matters related to the physician and dentist loan assistance program under s. 36.60 and the health care provider loan assistance program under s. 36.61.*
- (2) Advise the board on the amount, up to \$25,000, to be repaid on behalf of each health care provider who participates in the health care provider loan assistance program under s. 36.61.*

RHDC Membership

15.917 There is created in the University of Wisconsin System a rural health development council consisting of 17 members nominated by the governor, and with the advice and consent of the senate appointed, for 5-year terms, and the secretary of health services, or his or her designee. The appointed members shall include all of the following:

Statutory Council Positions

Position	Member		Position	Member
Department of Health Services	Anne Dopp		UW-SMPH	Byron Crouse
Medical College of WI	Syed Ahmed		WI Health & Educational Facilities Authority	Tim Size
Rural Hospital	Jim O'Keefe		Rural Health Clinic	Jeremy Normington
Rural Dentist	Blane Christman		Rural Nurse	Jacalyn Szehner
Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection	Kathy Schmitt		Department of Workforce Development	Tom Walsh
Rural Economic Development Organization	Charlie Walker			

Vacant positions: Rural Physician, Dental Hygienist, Public Health Service, Private Lender and Member of the Public.



Health Professions Loan Assistance Program

- Created in 1989 to address workforce shortages in underserved rural and urban communities
- Awards to providers for education loan repayment in return for three years of service in an underserved area

Eligibility & Awards

- Physicians (MD or DO) providing primary care (FP, IM, Peds, OB), Psychiatrists and Dentists; maximum \$50,000 award
- NPs, PAs, CNMs and Hygienists; maximum \$25,000 award

Working full time in a Health Professional Shortage Area, a federally qualified health center, tribal health center, prison (in some cases) or rural site

Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA)

Federal designation based on data provided by the
Wisconsin Department of Health Services

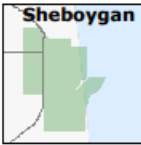
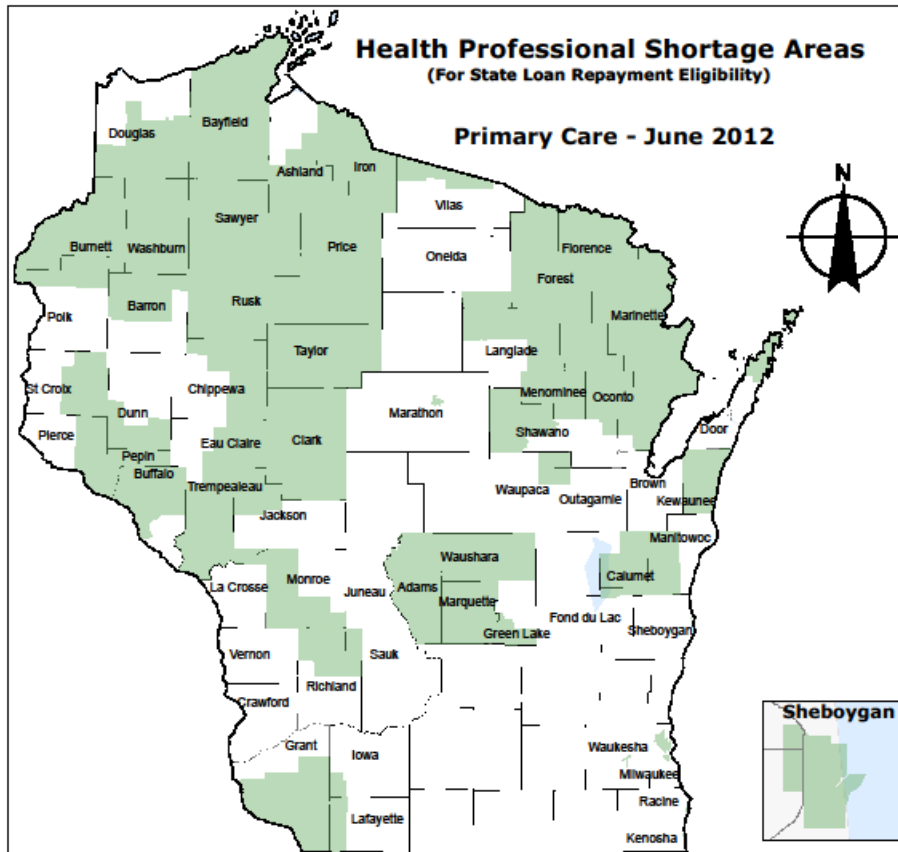
Designation based on:

- Population : Provider Ratio
- Poverty level
- Distance to nearest provider

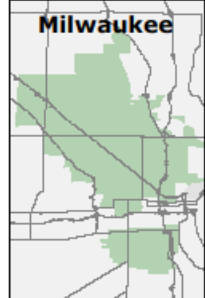
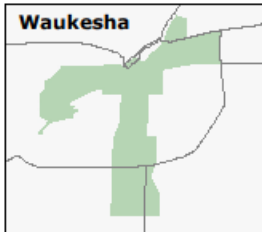
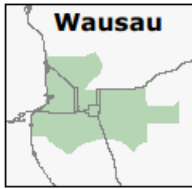
The majority are rural

**Health Professional Shortage Areas
(For State Loan Repayment Eligibility)**

Primary Care - June 2012



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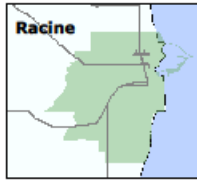
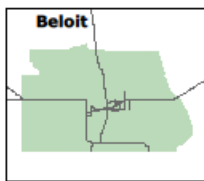
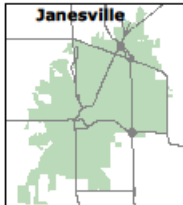
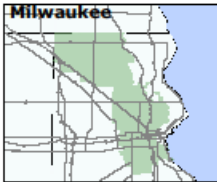
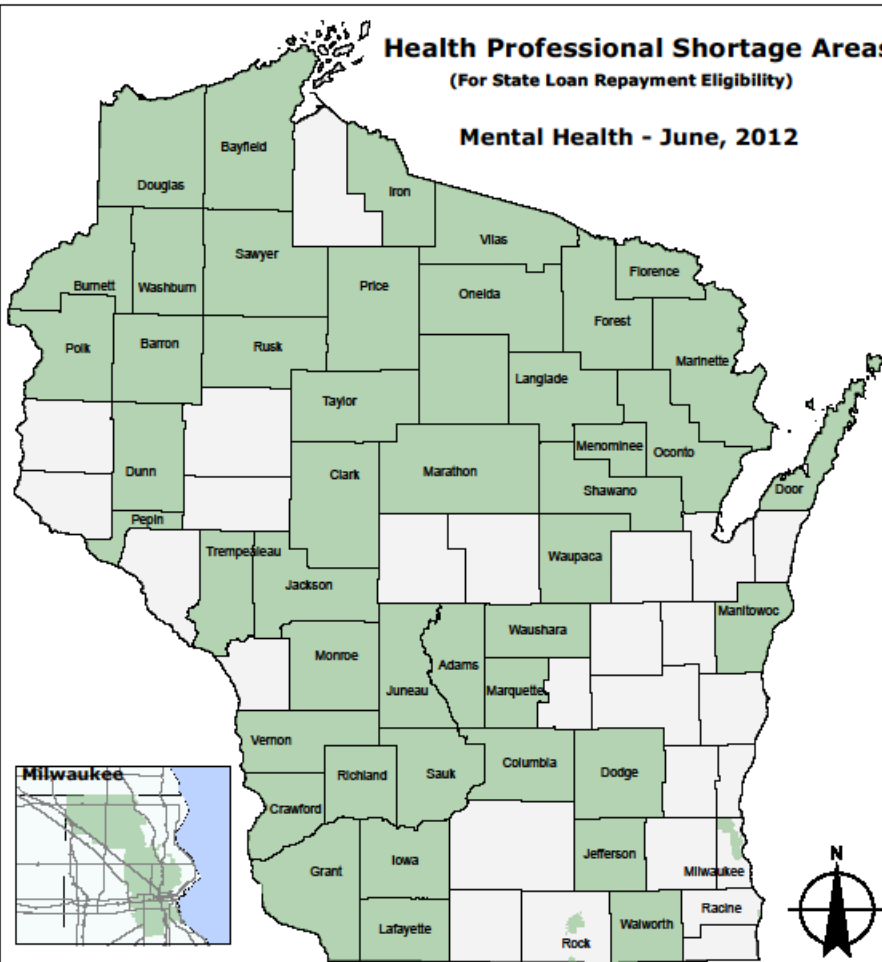


Primary Care HPSAs

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Health Professional Shortage Areas
(For State Loan Repayment Eligibility)

Mental Health - June, 2012

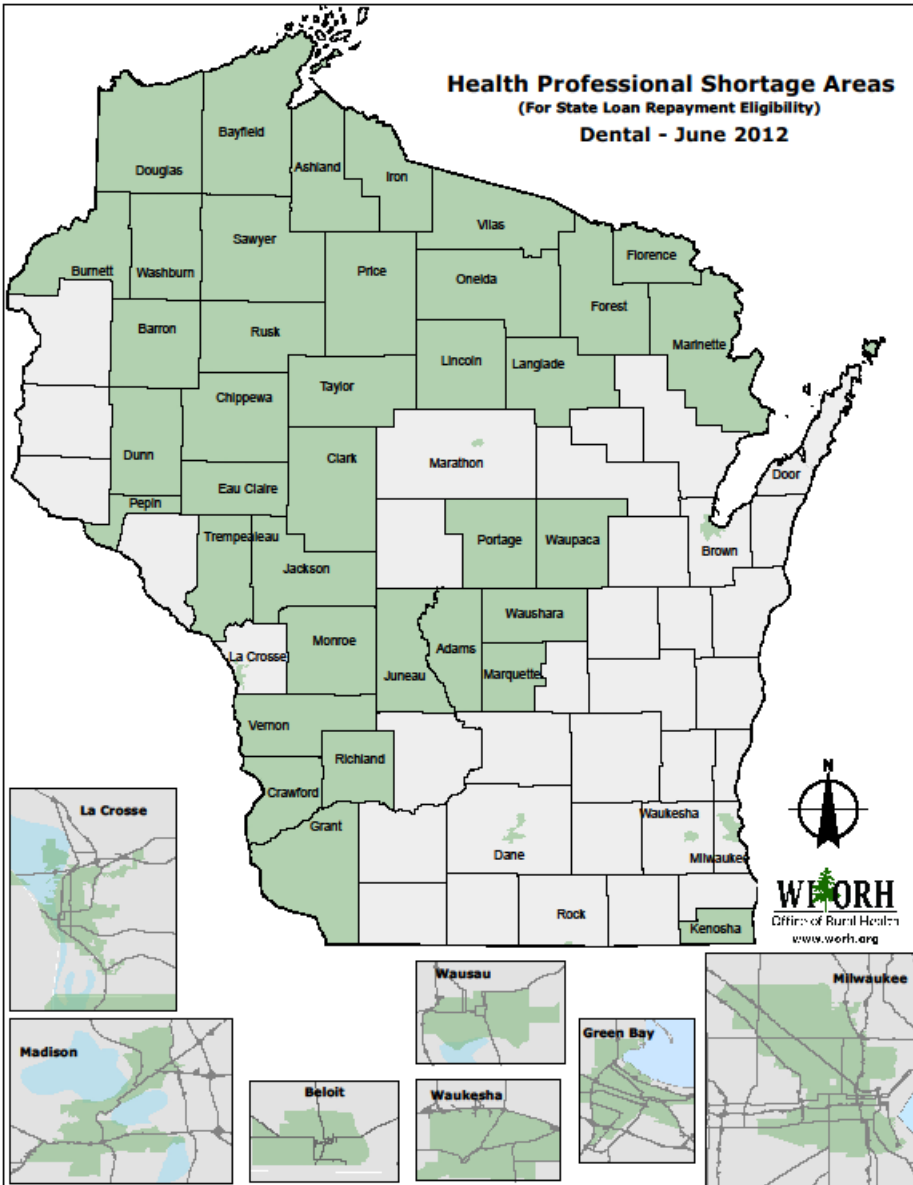


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Mental Health HPSAs

**Health Professional Shortage Areas
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Dental - June 2012**



Dental HPSAs

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Supplemental Physician Award

Physicians are eligible for either:

- Up to \$50,000 if practicing in a HPSA, or
- Up to \$50,000 if practicing in a rural area, or
- Up to \$100,000 if practicing in both a rural area and a HPSA
 - Rural: population less than 20,000 and at least 15 miles from a city with population of 20,000+ or is not a Census designated urbanized area.

Application Process

- Find a job in an eligible WI location (HPSA, CHC, etc.)
- Complete online application up to 60 days before start date
 - Proof of education
 - Loan promissory note and current balance
 - Letter from employer detailing their commitment to provider's retention

Selection Criteria

1. Need for medical care, as indicated by HPSA Score
2. Health care provider retention; the likelihood the provider will remain in the community beyond the service obligation
3. Education loan balance
4. Level of Medical Assistance and Badger Care services

Selection Criteria

5. Per capita income of the community
6. Length of time in the clinic or practice
7. Applicant pool geographic distribution
8. Community financial support for recruitment and retention

Annual HPLAP Budget

State Award Funds	\$445,500 ¹
Federal Award Funds	\$300,000 ²
State Rural Physician Award Funds	<u>\$250,000</u> ³
Total Award Funding	\$995,500

(State Administrative Funds \$43,200) ¹

1: Indian Gaming Funds

2: Health Resources and Services Administration's Bureau of Clinician Recruitment and Service

3: Critical Access Hospital Assessment

HPLAP Recipients

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012*
Physicians	6	4	8	18	5	4
Dentists	7	8	2	7	6	5
NPs, PA, CNMs	4	6	6	4	2	6
Hygienists		1	1		2	
Rural	13	17	14	26	10	7
Urban	4	2	3	3	5	8

Recommended Changes

- Reinstate an annual application deadline
- Convene a review committee
- Establish selection criteria for the physician supplement award, e.g., distance from city of 20,000 +



Meeting Topics

1. Accountable Care Organizations and Rural Healthcare
2. Rural Mental Health
3. Status and implications of expanding healthcare workforce training opportunities on rural (MCW and WARM expansion, potential new dental and osteopathic schools, etc.)
4. Mapping the rural insurance landscape and impacts from a health insurance exchange
5. Rural veterans healthcare
6. Impact of the federal sequestration on rural Wisconsin
7. Rural food deserts

Additional Topics

- Prioritization of issues on an economic level
- Criticality of rural GME to preparing future medical workforce for Wisconsin
- Preparing rural youth for local leadership
- Rural dental care
- Wisconsin's aging population, especially throughout rural WI, and what actions the State of WI, state and local health care organizations, and local communities are doing to address the challenges that are ahead of us