

Rural Site Visits Project Table 2: List of Top 10 Themes

Themes	Definitions
Areas of Opportunity	Areas of health care that provide an opportunity to be changed or improved upon within reason. Examples range from old & damaged waiting rooms (infrastructure) to miscommunication between two or more stake holding bodies (relationship building).
Support	Areas in which direct support or additional support is requested by any health care partner in any area.
Transportation	All methods of transportation utilized by community members for local and long-distance transport. This section includes specific methods, thoughts, successes and challenges related to local transportation, emergency transportation, accessing areas far away (distance) and environmental factors/conditions.
Successful Initiatives	Initiatives such as measures, models, programs, methods, or systems that have created a beneficial impact in improving the health care and/or health service delivery of a community.
Population	Health and non-health related (i.e. community events) aspects of a population that relate to a community's population growth, recruitment, and retention
Health Authorities	Any reference to interactions with a communities HA and/or to assistance, successes, challenges brought upon a community through their HA. May also include information regarding communities that declare the presence/absence of their ties with their HA.
Scope of Practice & Workload	The entire role that physicians and/or other health professionals encompass as a rural health care provider. This may include general and or specific skill sets that are required from individuals in a given community. Other concepts included in this section are physician expectations (from self and others), physician wellbeing, and physician burnout (associated with heavy workloads, lack of time off, etc.).
Finance	Various methods of billing, funding resources, and pay models for physicians within a community. Demonstrates the variety of financial

	models (both successful and inadequate) utilized within communities.
Services	Any health-related service that is at risk of becoming extinct or in need because that service is (1) currently not available in the area and (2) currently in significant demand by patients and health providers.
Patient Capacity & Attachment	Information relating to wait-times for services, family physician availability, or number of beds available within a hospital setting. Includes accounts relating to patient attachment and how patients are attached/unattached in a community.