



MEETING: RHPP Directors and Regional Center Directors
 DATE: March 18, 2026
 TIME: 12:00 – 12:42pm
 PLACE: AHEC Zoom Meeting
 HOST: Leila Barraza
 RHPP Director Attendees: Bettie Coplan, Gina Buban, Christy Pacheco, Bryna Koch, Andrea Lerner, Amy Kennedy, Shelley Vaughn
 Center Director Attendees: Jennifer Smith, Jeff Axtell, Gloria Vasquez, Yolanda Perez, Shannan Gonzalez
 Other Attendees: Jennifer Zúñiga, Sonia Cota-Robles, Marni Valenzuela, Edgardo Figuero, Colleen Reed, Alyssa Gough, Beth Zerr, Brooke Rector, Joe Harrison, Abby Sanchez, Coy Collins (UA PA RHPP), Kaia Kordosky-Herrera, (UA PA RHPP)

ITEM	ANNOUNCEMENT/DISCUSSION	Information provided by:
Meeting 12:00pm	Welcome and introduction of guests Coy Collins, Kaia Kordosky-Herrera (UA PA Program); Allison Huff and Chiyong Lee (Project FUTRE)	Leila Barraza
Discussion	<p>Project FUTRE Presentation: Project FUTRE is a home-based, remotely monitored intervention that uses low-level electrical stimulation to the scalp, combined with behavioral strategies like mindfulness and yoga, to reduce pain in several conditions such as arthritis, depression, substance use disorder, and potentially Alzheimer’s disease and dementia. This specific project includes researching an AI-assisted component to enhance remote delivery and outcomes designed to improve access for underserved populations, particularly in rural communities and the elderly. The team is seeking community partners to contribute to the project and participate in a Community Advisory Board. The project has a proposed start date of January 2027 pending funding. Any questions and/or to learn more, contact Allison Huff, College of Medicine, allison7@arizona.edu and Chiyong Lee, College of Nursing, cle33@arizona.edu.</p> <p>RHPP Conference: The 14th Annual Interprofessional Rural Health Professions Conference will take place on Friday, April 10 and Saturday, April 11. As of 3/17/26, 110 individuals have registered for remote attendance and 50 individuals (from six RHPPs) are projected for in-person attendance at satellite location in Phoenix hosted by CAAHEC. The deadline to submit posters and poster videos was 3/15/26. Thirty posters were submitted. One was submitted late and will not be judged. Twelve poster videos were additionally received. Two exceeded the maximum time limit and authors have been given the opportunity to resubmit.</p> <p>Move of Program Office Program Office Staff currently working in-person are in the process of moving to the HSIB. Remote staff will continue to work from their home office.</p> <p>Updates to RHPP FY27 Awards Information on pending changes will be rolled out in a series of three meetings on the following topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enhancements to Salesforce reflecting medically underserved/rural clinical sites. 2. Performance-based budget formulas based on reported metrics across RHPPs (similar to Centers). 3. Enhancements to Salesforce to improve the reporting of associated rotations. 	<p>Allison Huff and Chiyong Lee</p> <p>Marni Valenzuela and Jennifer Zuniga</p> <p>Leila Barraza</p> <p>Leila Barraza</p>

