



**National Rural Health Day (NRHD)** is November 16, 2017, an opportunity to “Celebrate the Power of Rural.” While we consider NRHD to be a year-round practice of awareness, this day gives us a chance to bring to light the unique healthcare challenges that rural citizens face – and showcase the efforts of rural healthcare providers, State Offices of Rural Health, and key stakeholders and public agencies.

# *The Power of Rural Communities in Action: Responses to the Opioid Crisis in Rural Arizona*

## **A National Rural Health Day Webinar: Thursday, November 16, 2017 9:30-11:00 am Arizona Time**

- Introduction and Scope of the Issue
- Descriptions of new efforts to address the opioid crisis in Arizona and how rural communities can leverage their strengths to make a difference

### Presenters:

**Daniel Derksen, MD**, Walter H. Pearce Endowed Chair & Director, Arizona Center for Rural Health:  
*Introduction and Scope of the Issue*

**Hope Thomas**, TMC, SAHA (Southern Arizona Hospital Alliance) and **Ainslee Wittig**, Northern Cochise Community Hospital: *FORHP Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant*

**Leah Meyers**, Director, Arizona Rural Women’s Health Network; and **Lorraine Ramirez**, Coordinator, Arizona Rural Women’s Health Network: *FORHP Rural Health Opioid Program Grant*

**Jill Bullock**, Arizona Rural Hospital Flexibility Program Manager, and **Jennifer Peters**, Arizona State Office of Rural Health Program Manager, Arizona Center for Rural Health: *FORHP Opioid Focus Support for Critical Access Hospitals*

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