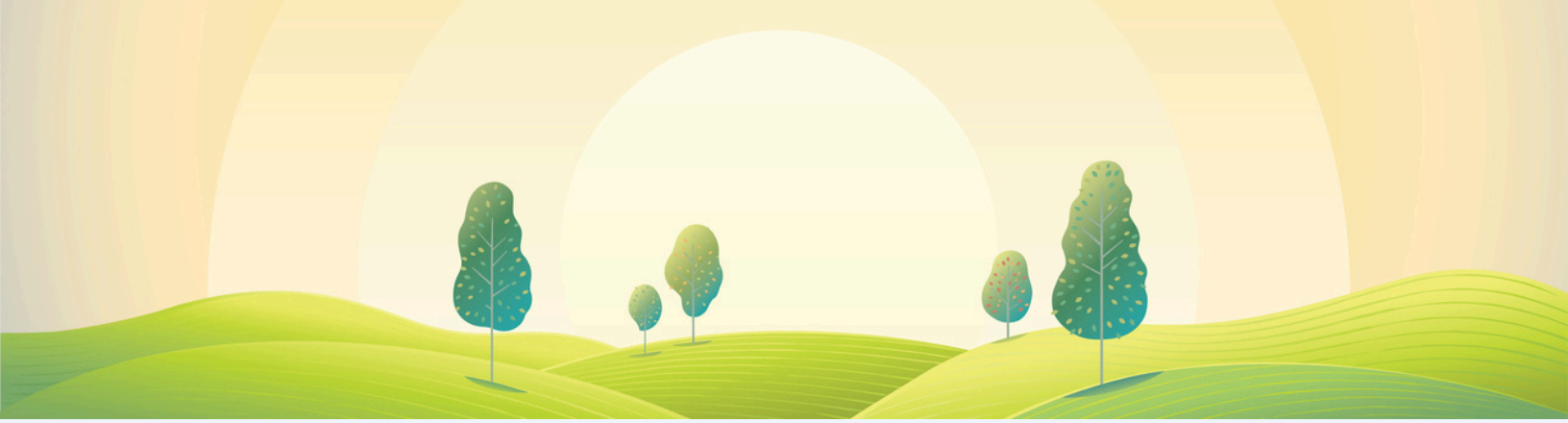


RURAL HEALTH TRANSORMATION PROGRAM WEBINAR

Opportunities for Sustainable Rural Health Transformation

Sept. 9, 2025 | 10 a.m. PT | 11 a.m. MT | Noon CT

There is a lot for state leaders to consider in their applications for funds through the new federal Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP). The program gives states broad leeway in how they design and implement a plan that addresses the specific needs of their communities, and state and health system leaders have an opportunity to ensure the needs of health care providers and community members are met by leveraging the program to sustainably address system-level challenges faced by rural populations.

Join **Comagine Health** and our partners at **UHIN** and the **Compass Healthcare Collaborative** for a discussion on how states can approach RHTP to address critical workforce, technology, payment and care delivery needs in partnership with health care providers and frontier communities.

SESSION OBJECTIVES

- Discuss what we know about the **RHTP goals, priorities and opportunities** for states to leverage the program for sustainable improvements in rural health
- Offer **actionable ideas** on how states might approach their planning, engage stakeholders and align with federal expectations
- Highlight **key opportunities for innovation around data and technology, workforce, payment and care delivery**
- **Facilitate discussion among attendees** about what they hear from state and community leaders about RHTP challenges and opportunities

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SESSION PANELISTS



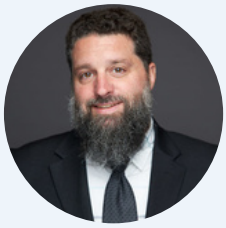
Emily Transue — Chief Clinical Officer | **Comagine Health**

Emily Transue, MD, MHA, FACP, is a primary care physician and internist with over 20 years of clinical experience in primary care, physician-owned multispecialty group leadership, Medicaid managed care and state public benefit programs, including Medicaid and public and school employee benefits. Before joining Comagine Health, she served as a medical director at the Washington State Health Care Authority, where she provided clinical leadership and oversight of public employee benefit programs, quality measurement and improvement.



Evan Saulino — Clinical Director | **Comagine Health**

Evan Saulino, MD, PhD, has spent his career leveraging collaboration to empower individuals, organizations and communities to implement innovative strategies and improve health for all. His work in value-based care and payment with a focus on local and state primary care innovation, policy and investment has been a catalyst for policy and practice change nationally and internationally. In addition to his role at Comagine Health, he serves as a primary care clinician and family medicine residency preceptor for a rural FQHC and a consultant on value-based care and vaccine programs.



Nick Faulkner — Senior Director of Consulting | **Comagine Health**

Nick Faulkner, MBA, PMP, is a certified project manager and technical consultant with experience in all aspects of system planning, development, implementation and support. He leads a team of Comagine Health consultants providing project management, quality assurance, independent verification and validation, and other technical assistance services to government clients. Nick has worked closely with a variety of partner groups, including CMS, the Alaska state legislature and 18F.



Lisa Hollibaugh — Director of Patient Safety | **Comagine Health**

Lisa Hollibaugh, MBA, FACHE, CPHQ, RHIA, possesses deep strategic and operational expertise in both clinical and non-clinical settings with an emphasis on lean process improvement and project management, including construction and facility growth. At Comagine Health, she oversees a slate of contracts and staff that implement quality improvement and patient safety initiatives in nursing homes, hospitals and home health agencies, many of which serve rural communities.



Ryan McLelland — Chief Technology Officer | **UHIN**

Ryan McLelland has diverse work experience in the technology industry. Before becoming chief technology officer in 2021, he served as the director of engineering and as a software engineer, web developer and project manager. At UHIN, Ryan works to achieve interoperability by increasing the adoption of electronic data exchange to ensure health care organizations can collaborate to improve the quality of care provided to patients.



Jen Brockman — Chief Clinical Program Officer | **Compass Healthcare Collaborative**

Jen Brockman, MHA, BSN, RN, CPPS, provides strategic leadership for initiatives focused on quality improvement, patient safety, change management, data analytics and organizational performance. With over 20 years of nursing experience across acute and long-term care, quality management and infection prevention, she brings a deep understanding of health care operations and transformation. Jen has extensive experience designing and implementing large-scale clinical and population health strategies, leading statewide alignment initiatives and developing national provider networks.

SESSION FACILITATOR



Kate Elliott — Vice President of Systemwide Quality Improvement | **Comagine Health**

Kate Elliott leads a team of health care, public health and quality improvement experts, conveners, project managers and consultants working to improve health and health care in communities across the U.S. Clients and partners include federal and state agencies, health care providers and associations, payers, community-based organizations, universities, patient advocates and others working to make high-quality health care accessible.