

## \*DELTA REGION COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT (DRCHSD) PROGRAM

Plaquemines Medical Center

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On behalf of the Health Resources Services Administration's [Federal Office of Rural Health Policy | HRSA](#) and the [Delta Regional Authority \(DRA\)](#), [The National Rural Health Resource Center \(The Center\)](#) is excited to announce that Plaquemines Medical Center has been selected to participate in the [Delta Region Community Health Systems Development \(DRCHSD\) Program](#). Through the DRCHSD Program, the DRA and FORHP have partnered to support rural communities with an opportunity to receive intensive technical assistance (TA). The link to DRA's official press release can be viewed here: [2024 Cohort Selected for DRA and HRSA Technical Assistance Program Designed to Address Health Care Needs in Rural Communities](#).

The TA consists of various assessments, onsite consultations, workshops, and educational trainings, all provided through a multi-year phased-in approach. The Program is designed to increase the sustainability and efficiency of local health care delivery system practices by focusing on care coordination, social services integration, access to emergency medical services, and workforce recruitment and retention. Support is provided to help each organization:

- Improve financial position and increase operational efficiencies;
- Implement quality improvements that support an evidence-based culture for improved health outcomes;
- Address workforce recruitment and retention needs;
- Increase use of telemedicine to fill service gaps and access to care;
- Ensure access to and availability of Emergency Medical Services;
- Integrate social services to address socio-economic challenges;
- Enhance coordination of care and develop a community care coordination plan; and
- Strengthen the local health care delivery system to position for population health

"Plaquemines Medical Center and Plaquemines Primary Care are excited about this opportunity," says Leslie Prest, CEO of Plaquemines Medical Center. "We are always searching for resources that strengthen our healthcare services and opportunities to increase the types of services provided. This grant will allow us to do that and reinforce our mission to provide high-quality health care in our community."

With the support of the DRA and FORHP, The Center is proud to recognize the organization for this outstanding opportunity! To learn more about the DRA and FORHP collaboration to support rural communities through the DRCHSD Program, visit [Delta Region Community Health Systems Development - Delta Regional Authority](#).

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