



# **HHS Health Workforce Strategic Plan**

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**Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People** 



## **BHW Overview**





## **Bureau of Health Workforce**

### **MISSION**

Improves the health of underserved populations by

- ▶ strengthening the health workforce
- connecting skilled professionals to communities in need

















# **BHW Program Aims**



### **ACCESS**

Make it easier for people to access health care



### **SUPPLY**

Balance the supply of health workers with the demand for care



### **DISTRIBUTION**

Improve distribution of the health workforce



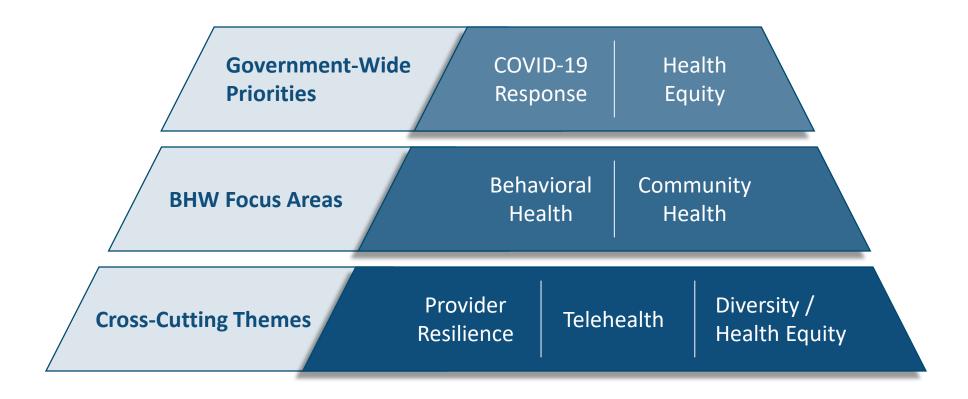
### **QUALITY**

Improve the quality of the health workforce and the care they provide





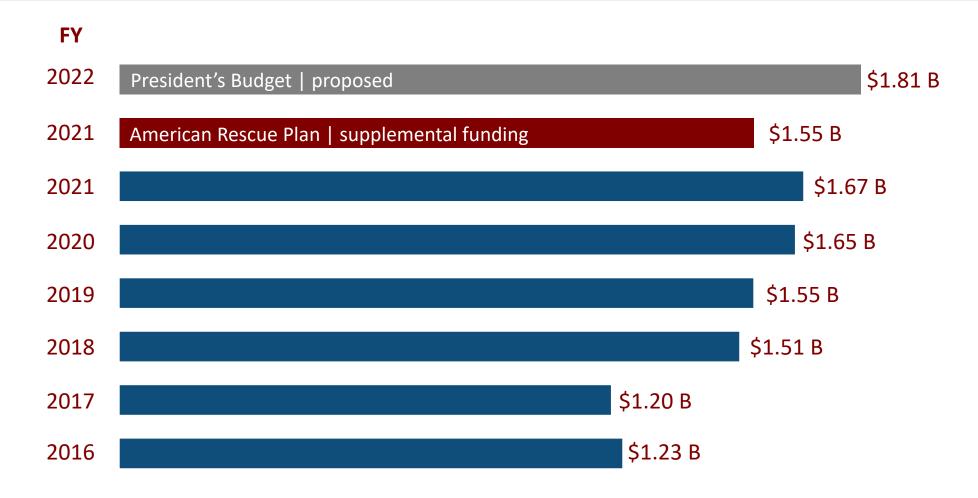
# **BHW Focus Areas (2021-2022)**







# **BHW Budget History**







# **Health Workforce Strategic Plan**

**Development & Implementation** 





# **Supporting Legislation**



> Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Sec. 3402

"The Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS)... shall develop a comprehensive and coordinated plan with respect to the health care workforce development programs of HHS, including education and training programs."

Enacted: March 27, 2020





# **Development Timeline**

### Jul - Aug 2020

- Set initial priorities
- Establish HHS working group

### Nov 2020 - Jan 2021

- Consult with external stakeholders
- Draft plan

### Jun - Oct 2021

- Clear final document
- Publish plan

### **Mar 2020**

CARES Act passed

### **Sep - Oct 2020**

Develop framework

### Dec 2020 - May 2021

- Refine plan
- Incorporate Administration priorities and American Rescue Plan





# **Strategic Plan Stakeholders**

### **>** HHS

- Administration for Children & Families
- Administration for Community Living
- Agency for Health Research & Quality
- Centers for Disease Control
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
- Food & Drug Administration
- Health Resources & Services Administration
- Indian Health Service
- Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health
- Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning & Evaluation
- Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services

### > HRSA Advisory Committees

- Advisory Committee on Interdisciplinary, Community-Based Linkages
- Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine & Dentistry
- Council on Graduate Medical Education
- National Advisory Council on Nursing Education & Practice
- National Advisory Council on the National Health Service Corps





# **Strategic Plan Overview**



- > Framework for health workforce improvements
  - Expand supply
  - Ensure equitable distribution
  - Improve quality
  - Enhance the use of data and evidence to improve program outcomes
- > Key theme: Addressing health equity
- ➤ Available: bhw.hrsa.gov/about-us



## Structure of the Strategic Plan



- Goal Statement
- Issue Overview
- Challenges & Risks
- Objective Statement
- Issue Overview
- Contributing HHS Divisions
- Activities
- Program/Activity
- Description
- Division

### **>** Appendixes

- Text of CARES Act (Public Law 116-136), Section 3402
- Health Workforce Strategic Plan Workgroup List
- Definitions
- Health Care Workforce Programs and Activities
- Performance Measures
- Input from Advisory Groups
- Endnotes



# **Expand Supply**

# GUA

# **Expand the health workforce to meet evolving community needs**

- **1.1** Offer financial support and other incentives to expand health workforce and training opportunities
- **1.2** Increase diversity, inclusion, and representation in the health professions
- **1.3** Invest broadly in health occupation education and training
- **1.4** Use evidence-based and innovative techniques to retain the existing workforce





# **Ensure Equitable Distribution**

# GOAL

# Improve the distribution of the health workforce to reduce shortages

- **2.1** Improve the geographic distribution of health care workers
- **2.2** Ensure distribution of health professionals in high demand





# **Improve Quality**

# GUA

Enhance health care quality through professional development, collaboration, and evidence-informed practice

- **3.1** Provide health professional development opportunities
- **3.2** Encourage integrated, collaborative health care
- **3.3** Strengthen workforce skills for the future of health care
- **3.4** Promote evidence-based health care practice





### **Enhance the Use of Data and Evidence**

# GOAL

# Develop and apply data and evidence to strengthen the health workforce

- **4.1** Use data to monitor and forecast health workforce needs
- **4.2** Advance health workforce knowledge through research and evaluation





# **Strategic Plan Implementation**

- Evaluate performance of health workforce development programs
- Identify opportunities to strengthen programs
- Eliminate redundancies across programs where possible
- Make program improvements

### March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue 1	Wed 2	Thu 3	Fri 4	Sat 5
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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# Questions







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