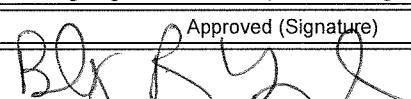


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Outputs: Case study publications focused on how rural communities, including hospitals and other health care organizations, can actively participate in the shaping of the broadband Internet infrastructure for economic development purposes. Presentations were delivered to rural community leaders and civil groups.			
Outcomes/Impacts: The recent funding of broadband development projects related to rural health facilities has taken center stage as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2011. Funding provides rural health facilities with greater bandwidth to create Internet pipelines capable of providing electronic medical record (EMR) exchanges. However, few researchers in rural health or development have organized to study the effects of ARRA funding in rural health or development. A research proposal has been developed and will be submitted to the Division of Administration, Office of Information Technology in Louisiana in early 2012.			
Publications: No Publications Reported			
Participants: J. Barnes (PI), LSU AgCenter; Louisiana Division of Administration; Louisiana Office of Information Technology; and Louisiana Broadband Advisory Council			
Target Audiences: Rural Development Associations and governmental entities.			
Project Modifications: Nothing significant to report during this reporting period.			
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