

The National Rural Recruitment and Retention Network for Healthcare Professionals

# The National Rural Recruitment and Retention Network – 3R Net

Members are state based non-profit agencies in 49 states, CNMI and the Cherokee Nation

(RI is not a member)

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# Physician and Dentist Shortages in Rural and Underserved Areas

- Rural populations less access to healthcare
- 25% of the US population lives in rural areas
- Only 10% of US physicians practice in rural areas
- Rural areas average 30 dentists per 100,000 people
- Urban areas average 60 dentists per 100,000 people

Source: NRHA Issue paper, February 2006



## 3R Net Concept - 1995

- National Career Website Ease of use by Candidates and Members
- Up to Date High Quality Information
- State organizations should know and care more than distant recruitment firms
- People who live locally are in touch with communities and are more responsive



#### What Does the 3R Net do?

Serves as a clearinghouse for over 5,000 communities across the country where medical professionals connect with federal, state, local and other medical staff recruiters

October 6, 2008
29,488 active candidates
16,544 physicians



#### How does the 3R Net work?

- Members are non-profit state agencies recruiting physicians, dentists, nurses and other medical professionals for their entire state - some members charge for posting or placement
- 3R Net provides a national presence where states place information and job postings.
- Candidates register and learn about rural and underserved communities.
- Members also access the resource library and a comprehensive recruitment and retention manual.

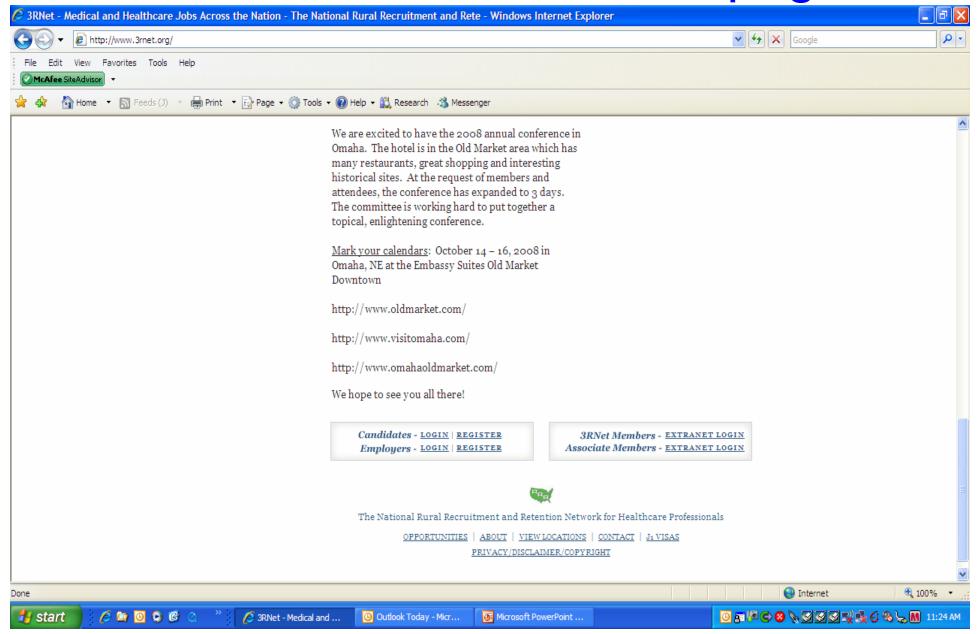


# 3R Net Benefits Your Communities

- Interactive website for medical recruitment professionals
- Too costly to develop individually (redesign)
- Able to pool resources and funds for nationwide ads and sourcing that could not be done individually
- Active server pages Each state creates its own page with the ability to publish links, photos, practice profiles



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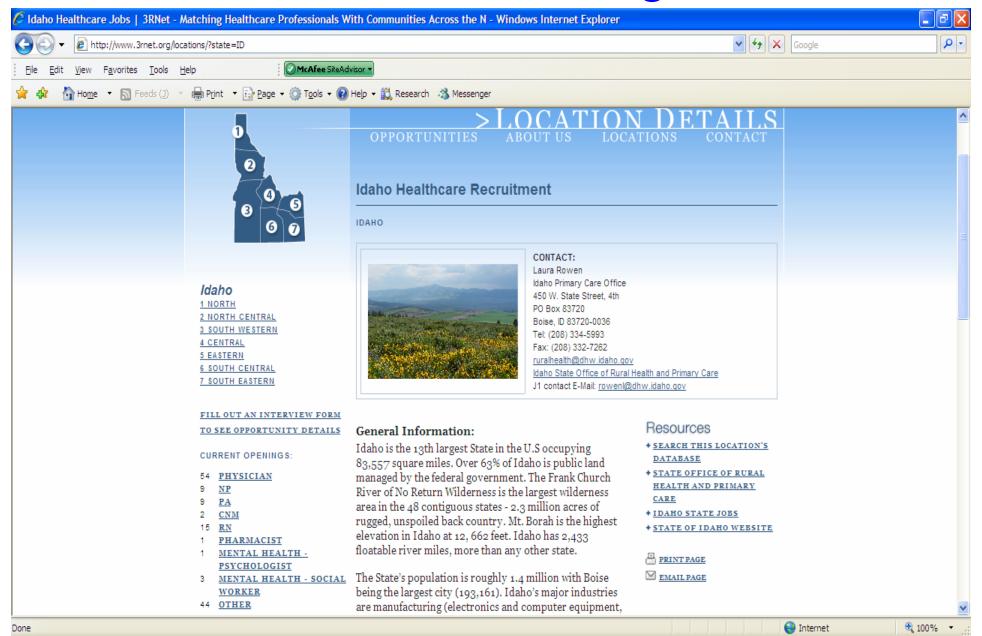
### **3RNet Job Posting**

#### You are Employers

- Log in if you have already registered
- Register if you have done so before
- Before posting check out other postings
- Post your opportunity easy to copy and paste from a word document
- Spell check, grammar and complete information
- Internet tip! google your town/area to check other websites



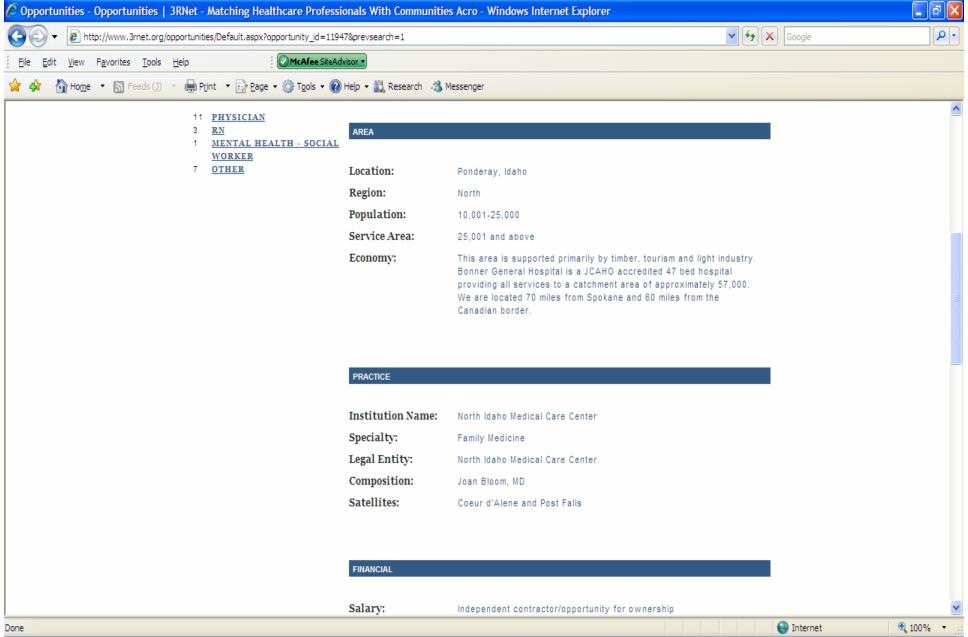
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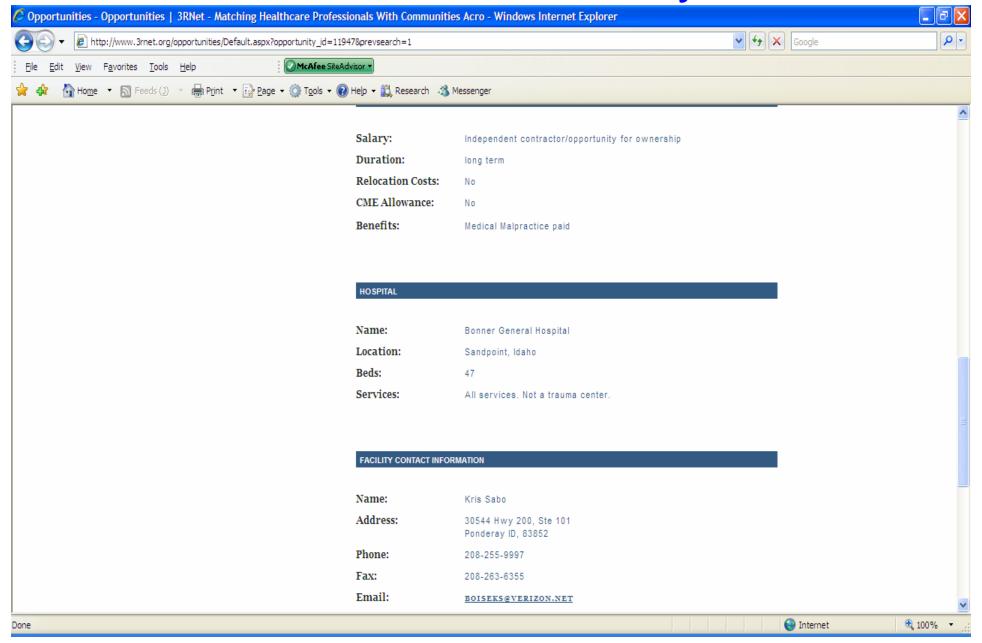
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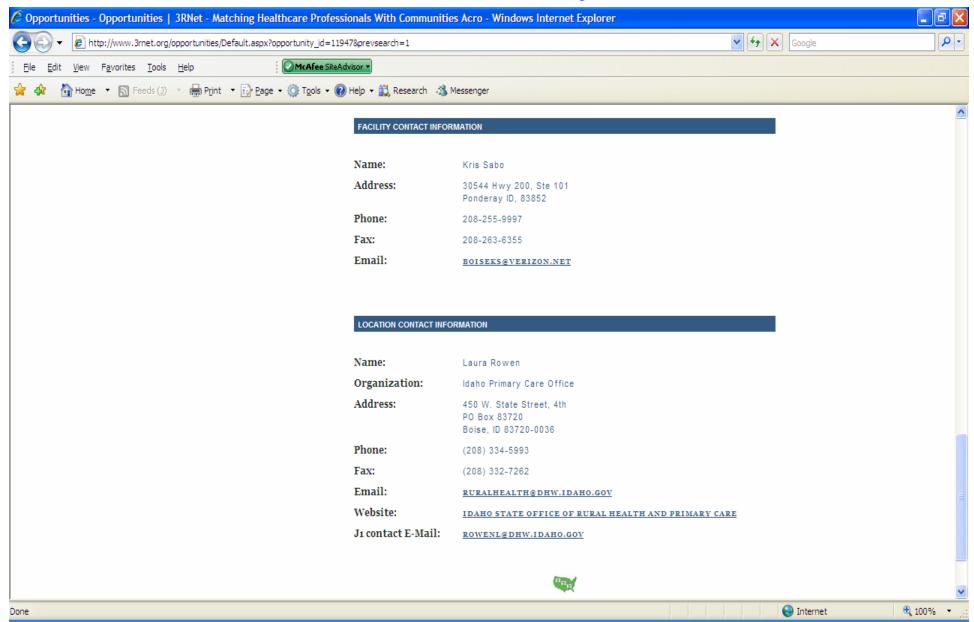
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### **3R Net Diverse Membership**

- State Offices of Rural Health
- Primary Care Organizations
- Primary Care Associations
- Area Health Education Centers
- University based SORHs
- Other Non-profit state based agencies



## **Member States – Strengths**

- All committed to recruitment, retention and community development
- All connected to HRSA programs
- Able to consult with and advise rural and underserved communities
- Able to advise medical professionals regarding practice opportunities, payback features, NHSC eligibility, more..



# Members Recruit for a of Variety Facilities

- Rural Health Clinics
- Community Health Centers
- Critical Access Hospitals
- Rural Hospitals
- Private Practice Clinics
- Tribal Health
- Integrated Delivery Systems
- Prison systems



#### **Evaluation: 3RNet**

National Research Center survey 2003 - 2007:

- 20,644 posted position vacancies
- 50,863 applications made by potential candidates
- Total placements by members 2,883
- Placements in HPSA/MUAs Over 90%
- 2007 69% of physician applications and 18% of non-physician applications filled through 3RNet



#### **Evaluation 2003 - 2007**

- 1,727 physicians placed by members
- For-profit recruitment firms at \$28,000 per placement
- Estimated collective savings of \$48,356,000 to rural and underserved community facilities
- Those commercial recruitment firm fee savings for patient access or other health services that would not have been funded otherwise



#### Who accesses the 3RNet?

- Physicians FP, IM, Peds, GS, Others
- Dentists and Hygienists
- Physician Assistants
- Nurse Practitioners
- Pharmacists
- Registered Nurses
- Psychologists
- Social Workers
- Other Professionals long list



# Physician Placements of 3R Net Members (2004 – 2007)

	Family Practice	866
•	Internal Medicine	262
	Pediatrics	171
	Other physicians	428



# Non-Physician Placements of 3R Net Members (2004 – 2007)

• Dentists 339

• PA/NP 568

All other professionals total 249
 Others: social workers, managers, techs, oral health professionals, dietitians, certified nurse midwives, counselors and on and on



## The 3R Net Strategic Plan

- Understand that rural America is diverse, requiring different approaches
- Monitor workforce needs and provide guidance to policy makers
- Develop the member staff with education and technology support
- Cost effectiveness of 3R Net is proven, expand it to all 50 states improve quality of member services



# Community Development and Recruitention

- Recruitention of medical staff is essential to community development
- Community development and medical staff development must be a partnership to be successful
- Agencies and organizations serving rural and underserved communities must collaborate



## Recruitention – Recruitment and Retention

The long term fit!
Community Grows the Medical Services
Medical Services Grow the Community

- Community Development plan
- Strategic Medical staff plan
- Recruitment/Retention plan
  - Compensation and benefits, contract
  - Sourcing
  - Interviewing
  - Relocation
  - Orientation and retention planning





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