

Attachment—Additional Questions for the Record

**House Energy and Commerce Committee
Subcommittee on Health Hearing on
“Communities in Need: Legislation to Support Mental Health and Well-Being”
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The Honorable Robin Kelly (D-IL)

1. To date, has the Health Resources and Services Administration awarded any grants to 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Centers to support mental health for public safety telecommunicators?

HRSA response:

HRSA used American Rescue Plan Act funds to reduce burnout and promote mental health and wellness among the health care workforce. These programs include the Health and Public Safety Workforce Resiliency Training Program, as well as the Promoting Resilience and Mental Health Among Health Professional Workforce Program.

As of January 2022, HRSA awarded \$103 million to 45 grantees across three programs to improve health care workforce retention and promote mental health and wellness among the health care workforce, with a specific focus on providers in underserved and rural communities. Grant recipients will expend these funds over a three-year project period. The full list of awardees is available here: [Health Workforce Resiliency Awards | Bureau of Health Workforce \(hrsa.gov\)](#). Awardees include, for example, the All Clear Foundation, that works with public safety professionals and emergency responders.

2. If grants were awarded for this purpose, could you provide the number of awardees, the grant amounts, and under which Health Resources and Services Administration’s grant program?

HRSA response:

HRSA made the following awards to reduce burnout and promote mental health and wellness among the health care workforce:

- The All Clear Foundation was the sole awardee whose resiliency efforts will support public safety telecommunicators. The entity was awarded \$1,979,000 across a 3-year period under the Health and Public Safety Workforce Resiliency Training Program.
- HRSA’s Health and Public Safety Workforce Resiliency Training Program made \$68.2 million in awards to 34 grantees to support tailored evidence-informed training development. This curriculum will help reduce burnout and promote resilience among health care students, residents, health care professionals, paraprofessionals, trainees, and

public safety officers, such as firefighters, law enforcement officers, and ambulance crew members. Thirty-four awards were made.

- Through the Promoting Resilience and Mental Health Among Health Professional Workforce program, HRSA awarded \$28.6 million to 10 grantees to help health care organizations establish, improve, or expand evidence-informed programs and practices to promote mental health and well-being among the health workforce, including their employees. There were 10 awardees.
 - A final award for \$6 million was made to establish the Health and Public Safety Workforce Resiliency Technical Assistance Center program to provide tailored training and technical assistance to the awardees.
3. If there have not been grants awarded to support public safety telecommunicators' mental health, are there existing grant opportunities that Emergency Communications Centers would be eligible to apply for?

See response to question #4 below.

4. Finally, what actions can Congress take to ensure public safety telecommunicators' mental health and well-being is prioritized and not overlooked in a larger pool of eligible professions?

HRSA response to #3-4:

Supporting the mental health needs of frontline workers is a top priority for HRSA. As mentioned in our responses to question 1 and 2, as of January 2022, HRSA awarded \$103 million to 45 grantees across these three programs to improve health care workforce retention and promote mental health and wellness among the health care workforce. HRSA continues to prioritize and grow our provider resiliency efforts to retain and maintain a strong health care workforce. To ensure success in our efforts, we hope to continue to have regular communication, collaboration and support from Congress.