APPENDIX 1: ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Organizations concerned about Rural Health:

Rural Health Association of Tennessee: https://www.rhat.org/page-18442

National Rural Health Association: https://www.ruralhealthweb.org/

Tennessee Hospital Association:
- Report on Economic Impact: https://tha.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/THA0062_EconomicImpactReport_May2018_ONLINE_Resized.pdf
- Rural Hospital Viability: https://tha.com/focus-areas/small-and-rural/rural-hospital-viability/

Tennessee Department of Health:
- Office of Rural Health: https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/rural-health.html
- Joint Annual Reports of Hospitals: https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/statistics/health-data/jar.html

U.S. Health Resources & Services Administration
- Rural Health Policy: https://www.hrsa.gov/rural-health/policy/index.html

Rural Policy Research Institute:
- Physician Engagement – A Primer for Healthcare Leaders: https://ruralhealthvalue.public-health.uiowa.edu/files/RHV%20Physician%20Engagement%20Primer.pdf
- Comprehensive Primary Care Plus – A Rural Commentary**:** https://ruralhealthvalue.public-health.uiowa.edu/files/CPCp%20Rural%20Perspective.pdf

 Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research (University of North Carolina):
- Links to pertinent infographics: https://www.shepscenter.unc.edu/product/understanding-the-broader-context-of-rural-hospitals-and-profitability/.
- Hospital Closures: https://www.shepscenter.unc.edu/programs-projects/rural-health/rural-hospital-closures-archive/rural-hospital-closures/

Rural Health Information Hub:
Hospitals: https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/topics/hospitals

National Center for Rural Health Works: http://ruralhealthworks.org/

Center for Health Care Quality and Payment Reform: https://ruralhospitals.chqpr.org/

National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH): https://nosorh.org/
- Rural Hospital Transition Framework: https://nosorh.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Rural-Hospital-Transition-Framework-Eric-Shell.pdf

- Working with Vulnerable Hospitals and Communities: https://nosorh.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Vulnerable-Hospital-Toolkit-Excerpt.pdf
- Links to Multiple Resources: https://nosorh.org/educational-resources/educational-resources-topic/

Additional reports on rural health and hospitals:

The Commonwealth Fund:
- Building Partnerships to Improve Health in the Rural South ~ CareSouth Carolina: https://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/case-study/2020/jan/building-partnerships-improve-health-rural-south-caresouth-carolina

Transforming the Rural Health Care Paradigm:
- Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA): https://jamanetwork.com/channels/health-forum/fullarticle/2770355?MessageRunDetailID=3273188818&PostID=19107056&utm_medium=email&utm_source=rasa_io

Rethinking Rural Hospitals:
- JAMA: https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2643297

Community Health Needs Assessment:
- Hospital Alliance of Tennessee: http://www.hospitalalliancetn.com/communityHealth.php

Interactive Maps Highlight Urban-Rural Differences in Hospital Bed Capacity:
- Kaiser Family Foundation: https://www.kff.org/health-costs/press-release/interactive-maps-highlight-urban-rural-differences-in-hospital-bed-capacity/

Assisting Small Rural Hospitals to Prepare for the Future:
- Rural Health Innovations: https://www.ruralcenter.org/rhi/srht

Engaging Your Board and Community in Value-Based Care Conversations:
- Rural Policy Research Institute: https://ruralhealthvalue.public-health.uiowa.edu/files/Engaging_the_Board_Value_Discussion_Questions.pdf

Rural Hospital Renaissance:
- Saving Rural Hospitals: https://savingruralhospitals.com/

Resources on Mobilizing the Community:

Community Vitality:
- Rural Health Information Hub: https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/topics/community-vitality-and-rural-healthcare#illustrate

Valuing the economic impact of your hospital on the community: R
- Rural Health Information Hub: https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/topics/community-vitality-and-rural-healthcare#illustrate and explanation of an Economic Impact Tool: https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/econtool/about

Starting a Community Coalition:
- Community Toolbox: https://ctb.ku.edu/en/table-of-contents/assessment/promotion-strategies/start-a-coaltion/main

Developing a Plan for Assessing Local Needs and Resources:
- Community Toolbox: https://ctb.ku.edu/en/table-of-contents/assessment/assessing-community-needs-and-resources/develop-a-plan/main

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps: https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/

Change-makers working to create healthy, equitable, sustainable communities:
- Community Commons: http://www.communitycommons.org/

Media Toolkit:
- National Organization of States Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH): https://nosorh.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Media-Toolkit-final.pdf

Resources on Emergency Care:

What is the Potential of Community Paramedicine to Fill Rural Health Care Gaps?:
- National Organization of States Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH): https://nosorh.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/What-is-the-Potential-of-Community-Paramedicine-to-Fill-Rural-Health-Care-Gaps.pdf

Estimated Costs of Rural Freestanding Emergency Departments 2015:
- Rural Health Research Gateway: https://www.ruralhealthresearch.org/publications/995

Community Paramedicine:
- Rural Health Information Hub: https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/topics/community-paramedicine

Resources on Quality of Care:

Generating quality reports for health systems:
- Why Not the Best?: https://whynotthebest.org/

Institute for Healthcare Improvement: http://www.ihi.org/

Hospital Inpatient and Outpatient Quality Reporting Outreach and Education Support Programs:
- Quality Reporting Center: https://www.qualityreportingcenter.com/

Quality Improvement Organizations: http://www.qioprogram.org/locate-your-qio

MPQIP Quality Reporting Guides:
- National Rural Health Resource Center: https://www.ruralcenter.org/resource-library/mbqip-quality-reporting-guide

Rural Hospital Performance Improvement (RHPI) Project:
- National Rural Health Resource Center: https://www.ruralcenter.org/rhpi

CAH Blueprint for Performance Excellence:
- National Rural Health Resource Center: https://www.ruralcenter.org/resource-library/cah-blueprint-for-performance-excellence

Understanding Reimbursement & Insurance Coverage:

Evaluation of the Medicare Frontier Extended Stay Clinic Demonstration, Report to Congress:
- HHS: https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/new-approaches/pdf/evaluation-of-fesc-demonstration.pdf

Innovation:
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: https://innovation.cms.gov/

State Profiles - Decrease in Uninsured Population Under 65:
- National Organization of States Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH): https://nosorh.org/state-profiles-decrease-in-uninsured-population-under-65/

Value-based Care Assessment Tool:
- Rural Policy Research Institute: https://ruralhealthvalue.public-health.uiowa.edu/TnR/vbc/vbctool.php

Telemedicine:

South Central Telehealth Resource Center: https://learntelehealth.org/

What's the difference between telemedicine and telehealth?:
- American Academy of Family Physicians: https://www.aafp.org/news/media-center/kits/telemedicine-and-telehealth.html

Recent Legislative Efforts to Support Rural Hospitals

Links to Legislation:
- Federal: https://www.durbin.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/durbin-lankford-kinzinger-loebsack-introduce-bill-to-support-rural-hospitals
- Federal: https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/3665/text
- State: https://tha.com/tha-2020-legislative-report-now-available/