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Dr. K. Bryant Smalley to participate in White House panel

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Dr. K. Bryant Smalley, the co-executive director of Georgia Southern’s Rural Health Research Institute and the associate director of clinical training in the University’s Department of Psychology, will participate in a White House Rural Council panel on Tuesday, May 1.

Smalley was among only 26 rural health leaders nationwide invited to the event, where the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture will announce new innovations in rural health care and discuss their plans for rural health in the upcoming year. The 26 attendees will comment on the plans and provide input on future directions for the work of the White House Rural Council. The event provides an unprecedented opportunity for participants to engage members of the president’s administration, including HHS leadership, on rural health interests and challenges. The information gathered from this meeting will help inform the ongoing work of the White House Rural Council and the Department of Health and Human Services.

The White House Rural Council was formed by President Obama in 2011 to enhance federal programs serving rural communities and is comprised of the U.S. secretaries, the White House Domestic Policy Council, the National Economic Council and other federal officials.