

Forum on Rural Population Health & Health Equity

Call for Presentation Proposals: 2025 Forum on Rural Population Health & Health Equity

The Oregon Office of Rural Health (ORH) seeks proposals for presentations at the [Forum on Population Health & Health Equity](#) (Forum) to be held **May 19-21, 2025 at the Seaside Civic & Convention Center in Seaside, Oregon.**

Proposals may be submitted between Oct. 21, 2024 and Jan. 17, 2025. **Proposals are due by 5:00 p.m. on Jan. 17, 2025 and should be submitted through an online form [found here](#).** Proposals will be selected by Feb. 3, 2025.

The Forum's mission is to strengthen community health in rural Oregon by sharing knowledge, expertise and resources on innovations and best practices in population health and health equity. Although based in Oregon, ORH encourages submissions from inside and outside of the state on topics that describe rural health successes that can be duplicated elsewhere.

All proposals must:

- Center around addressing population health and/or health equity in rural communities (inclusive of addressing social drivers of health, health disparities, and other related topics);
- Advance learning around population health and health equity; and
- Include tangible action items for attendees and/or best practices on how to implement programs in rural communities.

The Forum will prioritize proposals that:

- Describe and promote collaboration between community organizations (hospitals/clinics, community-based organizations, public health, etc.);
- If research-based, describe the direct impact of research on rural communities and tangible next steps for attendees;
- Describe an innovative program, model or approach;
- Describe how to implement a specific program, model or approach;
- Focus on overcoming systemic barriers; and
- Provide one or more case studies and real-life examples.

Please note that we will not accept proposals that sell a product or service.

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We are specifically seeking proposals focused on the following topics (although topics are not limited to this list):

- Value-based care and models for improving community health
- Collecting, analyzing and using social needs data
 - Measuring social needs
 - Creating programs to fill needs outlined by data collected
- Addressing social drivers of health in different environments (hospitals, clinics, CBOs, etc.)
- Care coordination and referral systems
- Responding to the health needs of different populations
 - BIPOC populations, LGBTQIA+ communities, people experiencing re-entry from incarceration, people experiencing homelessness, people experiencing intimate partner violence, pregnant people, veterans, and others
- Responding to the high burden of a specific health condition (i.e., diabetes, cardiovascular disease, asthma, etc.) for a specific population
- Responding to health-related climate change impacts for special populations
- Trauma-informed care
- Health literacy
- Policy + programs
 - Health equity + Medicaid
 - Oregon's 1115 waiver + health-related services
 - Building coalitions/partnerships to promote community health
 - CCOs and health-related services
 - Community Health Workers and other Traditional Health Workers (i.e., Peer Support Specialists, Doulas, Peer Wellness Specialists, etc.)
 - Putting Community Health Needs Assessments into action
- Technology
 - Digital divide
 - Digital literacy
 - Telehealth
 - Assistive technology

Proposals are due by 6:00 p.m. on Jan. 17, 2025

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Direct any questions to Stepha Dragoon at dragoon@ohsu.edu.

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PLEASE REVIEW PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS SECTION BELOW BEFORE STARTING YOUR ONLINE SUBMISSION

[Click here to submit your proposal!](#)

Proposal Requirements

Please review the following requirements before you submit your proposal online to gather the necessary information beforehand.

Please note: each session will be 60 minutes.

The online application will ask you the following:

- How many presenters will your presentation have? (Please keep sessions to one or two speakers, if possible. Maximum of three speakers per session unless it's a panel.)
- Information needed for each presenter:
 - Name
 - If your name is often mispronounced, please include a phonetic pronunciation of your name
 - How would you like your name represented on Forum materials (include title and credentials, if preferred)
 - Pronouns
 - Email address
 - Phone number
 - Highest academic degree (i.e., PhD, MPH, MD, MSW, BA, MA, etc.)
 - Position title
 - Organization
 - Short bio for each presenter to be displayed on Forum written materials (maximum 750 characters, including spaces)
 - Shortened bio (1-2 sentences) to be read aloud as an introduction before your presentation (maximum 400 characters, including spaces)

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- Headshot for each presenter
- Presentation title
- Presentation description (maximum 900 characters, including spaces)
- Presentation date and time availability (**please note that the entire Forum will be held in person this year)
 - Options (can select multiple):
 - Available anytime May 19, 20 and 21
 - Available the afternoon of May 19 (between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.)
 - Available the morning of May 20 (between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.)
 - Available the afternoon of May 20 (between 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.)
 - Available the morning of May 21 (between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.)
- Please describe your learning objectives for this session. What would you like attendees to leave with? What new knowledge, ideas or skills would you like them to bring back to their communities? How does this session promote population health and health equity?
- Will your organization plan to cover your travel to the Forum, or do you plan to ask for assistance?
- List anything else ORH should know about your session, or any comments/questions you may have.