



2022 Forum on Aging in Rural Oregon - Call for Presentations

The Oregon Office of Rural Health (ORH) seeks proposals for presentations at the 6th Annual Forum on Aging in Rural Oregon, May 16 – 18, 2022 in Seaside, Oregon. Interested presenters are encouraged to submit a proposal to ORH by **January 18, 2022**.

Background

The Forum on Aging in Rural Oregon is an event where experts, practitioners and professionals in the field of aging gather to exchange ideas and learn from one another with the goal of improving care and services for older adults living in rural Oregon. This forum is Oregon's only rural-focused event where leaders from Critical Access Hospitals, coordinated care organizations and local public health departments are able to connect with state and local aging-focused stakeholders and community members. Past attendees have included health care providers, policymakers, community members and advocates, family caregivers, aging professionals, philanthropists and others who are invested in improving care for seniors in rural Oregon.

Presentation Topics and Timing

Proposed presentations should provide actionable information for attendees and/or share success stories and best practices to increase the ability of elders to age comfortably in rural Oregon communities. Presentations that utilize interaction between presenters and audience or among audience members are particularly encouraged. **Presentations are NOT an opportunity to sell a product or service.** Presentations will be 55 minutes in length and should allow time for questions from participants.

We welcome proposals on any relevant topic. However, the planning committee has expressed interest in the topics listed on the next page. These are merely suggestions; successful proposals are not limited to the topics on this list.

Proposal Requirements

The proposal should be a maximum of one page and **must** include the following information:

- Name, highest academic degree (or N/A), contact information and brief bio of presenter(s)
- Name and contact information of person submitting the proposal, if different than above
- Please indicate if you **are not** available on any of the Forum dates: May 16, 17, or 18 so we can be sure to slot you into a time during which you are available
- Title of presentation
- Summary description of presentation to be used for agenda
- Two learning objectives
- Presentation style (e.g., PowerPoint, facilitated discussion, panel, etc.)



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Please submit proposals and/or questions to Stepha Dragoon at dragoon@ohsu.edu no later than 5pm on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

Suggestions for topics include (but are not limited to) the following areas:

- Caregiver resiliency
- Person-centered care
- Digital divide and rural seniors
- COVID-19 and rural seniors
- Emerging trends and considerations in aging policy
- Serving minority communities (Native American populations, LGBTQ+ people, communities of color, immigrant communities, etc.)
- Engaging Native American tribes in health programming
- Cultural perspectives on dementia
- Diversity, equity and inclusion within the aging services space
- Rural trans health
- Serving long-term HIV survivors
- End-of-life care (SB 199, hospice care, death with dignity)
- Long-term care
- Elder abuse
- Adult protective services



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