2023 Forum on Aging in Rural Oregon - Call for Presentations

The Oregon Office of Rural Health (ORH) seeks proposals for presentations at the 7th Annual Forum on Aging in Rural Oregon, May 15 – 17, 2023 in Seaside, Oregon. Proposals are due by **5pm on January 13, 2023** and are to be submitted through an online form, found here.

**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, Rural Health Clinics, 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 one hour 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 page 3 of this document. These are merely suggestions; successful proposals are not limited to the topics on this list.

**Proposals are due by 5pm on January 13, 2023.**
**Direct any questions to Stepha Dragoon at dragoon@ohsu.edu.**

Click here to submit your proposal!

*PLEASE REVIEW PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS ON PAGE 2 BEFORE STARTING YOUR ONLINE SUBMISSION*
Proposal Requirements

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

- How many presenters will your presentation have? (Please keep sessions to 1 or 2 speakers, if possible. Maximum 3 speakers per session.)
- Information needed for each presenter:
  - 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 (needed for CE purposes)
  - Position title
  - Organization
  - Where will you be traveling from when you head to the Forum?
  - Short bio for each presenter (maximum 750 characters, including spaces)
  - Headshot for each presenter
- Presentation title
- Presentation description (maximum 900 characters, including spaces)
- Presentation style (interactive, presentation with Q&A, workshop etc.)
- Presentation date and time availability (**please note that the 2023 Forum will be in person in Seaside, Oregon and there will not be a virtual option offered.**)
  - Options (can select multiple):
    - Available anytime May 15, 16 or 17
    - Available afternoon of May 15
    - Available morning of May 16
    - Available afternoon of May 16
    - Available morning of May 17
- 1-3 learning objectives for the presentation (this is needed for CE purposes)
- Conference track selection:
  - Clinical
  - Social determinants of health
  - Policy, programs and resources
  - Other ________________
Suggestions for topics include (but are not limited to) the following areas:

- Aging and disability
- Caregiver support
- Climate crisis, natural disasters and emergency preparedness
- Collaboration across facilities and organizations
- Community Health Workers and older adults
- Death doulas
- DEI and older adults
- End of life planning
- Fall prevention
- Gender, sexuality and aging
- Grief support
- HIV and aging
- Housing (accessibility, affordability, aging in place)
- Living alone and aging
- Mentorship and intergenerational relationships
- Nutrition and rural food systems
- Older adult artists and creators
- Peer support programs for rural Oregon
- Substance use disorder