

## Call for Presentation Proposals: 2026 Forum on Rural Population Health

The Oregon Office of Rural Health (ORH) invites proposals for presentations at the 2026 Forum on Rural Population Health (Forum), to be **held virtually on May 14-15, 2026**.

Proposals may be submitted between Sept. 23 and Dec. 12, 2025. **Proposals are due by 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 12, 2025, and should be submitted through the online form [found here](#).** Proposals will be selected by Jan. 16, 2026.

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 community health. 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 and improving population health and/or community health in rural communities (inclusive of addressing social drivers of health, expanding access to care for different groups and other related topics);
- Advance learning around population health and community health; 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.

Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- Value-based care and models for improving community health;
- Collecting, analyzing and using social needs data
  - Measuring social needs
  - Creating programs to fill the 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;

- 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 and programs
  - Medicaid
  - Oregon's 1115 waiver and 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; and
- Technology
  - Digital divide
  - Digital literacy
  - Telehealth
  - Assistive technology.

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Direct any questions to Stepha Dragoon at [dragoon@ohsu.edu](mailto:dragoon@ohsu.edu).

**\*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 that each session will be 60 minutes long.

The online application will ask you the following:

- How many presenters will your presentation have? (Please note the number of speakers if it is 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 preferred name and credentials, if applicable)
- Pronouns (ex., she/her, he/him, they/them, etc.)
- 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)
- Headshot for each presenter (these will be shared on the agendas and promotional materials – if you would prefer that ORH NOT use your photo, please email [dragoon@ohsu.edu](mailto:dragoon@ohsu.edu))
- Presentation title
- Presentation description (maximum 900 characters, including spaces)
- Presentation date and time availability (\*please note that the entire Forum will be held virtually this year)
  - Options (can select multiple):
    - Available anytime May 14 and 15, 2026
    - Available the morning of May 14 (between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.)
    - Available the afternoon of May 14 (between 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.)
    - Available the morning of May 15 (between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.)
    - Available the afternoon of May 15 (between 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 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/or community health?
- List anything else ORH should know about your session, or any comments/questions you may have.