

Call for Presentation Proposals: 2027 Forum on Rural Population Health

The Oregon Office of Rural Health (ORH) seeks proposals for presentations at the 2027 [Forum on Rural Population Health](#) (Forum) to be held **May 10-12, 2027, at the Seaside Civic & Convention Center in Seaside, Oregon.**

Proposals may be submitted between Sept. 28, 2026, and Dec. 11, 2026. **Proposals are due by 5 p.m. PT on Dec. 11, 2026, and should be submitted through an online form [found here](#).** Proposals will be selected by Jan. 15, 2027.

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. Although based in Oregon, ORH encourages submissions from within and outside the state on topics describing rural health successes that can be replicated elsewhere.

Proposal Requirements

All proposals must:

- Address a pressing population health topic relevant to rural communities;
- Advance learning around population health strategies; 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/or
- Provide one or more case studies and real-life examples.

Please note that we do not accept proposals that sell or promote a product or service, and we are unable to provide compensation or honoraria to speakers.

Topic Examples

Potential topics include:

- Value-based care and models for improving community health
- Addressing social drivers of health in clinical and community settings
- Collecting, analyzing and using social needs data
- Care coordination and referral systems

- Rural workforce recruitment, retention and well-being
- Integrated behavioral health and substance use disorder services
- Maternal, child and family health
- Healthy aging and caregiver support
- Community health worker and peer support models
- Cross-sector partnerships and collective impact initiatives
- Community health and culturally responsive care
- Community resilience, climate impacts and emergency preparedness
- Health literacy and patient engagement
- Policy and program approaches to improving population health
- Technology-enabled health improvement strategies
- Digital literacy and digital inclusion
- Telehealth implementation, sustainability and evaluation
- Assistive technology and accessibility
- Data, evaluation and quality improvement
- Innovative programs, models and best practices that improve health outcomes in rural communities

Proposal Requirements

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

Please note that all sessions 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. Example: *Jane Doe, MD*)
 - Pronouns
 - Email address
 - Phone number
 - Highest academic degree (i.e., PhD, MPH, MD, MSW, BA, MA, etc.)
 - Position title
 - Organization
 - One paragraph 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)
- 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 10, 11 or 12
 - Available the afternoon of May 10 (between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.)
 - Available the morning of May 11 (between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m.)
 - Available the afternoon of May 11 (between 12 p.m. and 5 p.m.)
 - Available the morning of May 12 (between 8 a.m. and 12 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?
- ORH has limited funds to support presenter travel. Does your organization plan to cover your travel to the Forum, or do you plan to apply for financial assistance from ORH?
- List anything else ORH should know about your session, or any comments/questions you may have.

Proposal Submission

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PLEASE REVIEW THE PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS SECTION BEFORE STARTING YOUR ONLINE SUBMISSION

[Submit your proposal here!](#)

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