



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

2019 Maryland Rural Health Conference
Monday, October 21 – Tuesday, October 22, 2019
Harborside Hotel, Oxen Hill, MD

Submission Deadline: May 15, 2019

The Maryland Rural Health Association (MRHA) is pleased to announce the 2019 Maryland Rural Health Conference October 21- 22, 2019 at the Harborside Hotel near National Harbor. PreventionLink will host a Chronic Disease Management Pre-Conference, on the afternoon of Sunday, October 20 with additional details to be announced soon!

GOAL: The goal of the conference is to advocate and educate for the optimal health and wellness of rural communities and their residents.

The conference will gather rural health leaders in the public, private, and non-profit sectors to discuss the major health issues facing rural Maryland. Past conference attendees have pointed toward the value of illustrating data driven and evidence-based public health and community level best practices as most useful to participants.

This year's Conference Planning Committee is now accepting proposals for:

- Educational/Learning Sessions for Monday, October 21
- Certification/Training Sessions for Tuesday, October 22

Sessions should fit within one of the following tracks:

- I. Track One:**
 - Recruitment & Retention of Providers
 - Behavioral Health Treatment
 - Telehealth Expansion & Reimbursement
 - Opioid Epidemic & Medication Management
- II. Track Two:**
 - Maryland's Total Cost of Care Model
 - School-Based Health Centers
 - Expansion of Non-Clinical Health Professionals
 - Health Insurance Literacy
- III. Track Three:**
 - Care Coordination
 - Mobile Integrated Health
 - Chronic Disease Management
 - Emergency and Non-Emergency Medical Transportation

Session Length & Style:

- Educational/Learning Sessions will be 1-hour in length, including time for questions.
- Certification/Training Sessions can be 1-hour, 2-hours, or 3-hours in length and must result with attendees receiving a Certificate/Certification, Credits, etc.

Selection Process: The Conference Planning Committee will make decisions and notify selected presenters by **JUNE 15**. The Committee consists of a diverse range of rural health stakeholders across the state. Criteria for selection include: 1) Relevance to Participants; 2) Rural Focus; 3) Collaborative Nature of Research or Program; and 4) Quality of Abstract.

Below is a summary of information requested in the Call for Proposals:

1. Title	Include the name of the presentation as it would appear on an agenda. <i>Session descriptions are not included in the program, so the more detailed the title, the better.</i>
2. Track Selection	Please indicate which “Track” your presentation best fits. If more than one, please indicate 1 st and 2 nd choice.
3. Relevance	Please indicate how you would tie in the overall theme of the conference to your presentation.
4. Speaker/Presenter	Include the name, title, degrees, and organization for EACH speaker/presenter. <u>PLEASE NOTE: If your abstract is accepted, payment of the registration fee is required for ALL speakers/presenters and no travel stipends are offered. Please discuss this with all speakers/presenters prior to submitting for consideration.</u>
5. Biographical Info (for EACH speaker/presenter)	Include a 150-word biographical sketch for each speaker/presenter. <i>Abstracts will not be accepted without this completed.</i>
6. Session Type	Please indicate whether topic is for an Educational/Learning Session (Monday) or Certification/Training Session (Tuesday).
7. Session Length	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For Educational/Learning Sessions we are planning on 1-hour sessions including time for audience questions.• For Certification/Trainings Sessions, please indicate whether this is a 1-hour, 2-hour, or 3-hour session.
8. Session Format	Please indicate whether this topic would be best suited to be a Presentation or Panel.
9. Three Learning Objectives	Please list three succinct learning objectives. <i>Abstracts will not be accepted without this completed.</i>
10. Abstract (200 words max)	Describe your presentation to include: the methods or development of the program described; the results of research or program; and clear conclusions or best practices.
11. Audience	Indicate the audience most interested in this topic and whom we should market to when the agenda is finalized.
12. Audiovisual (AV)	Describe the AV you might require. (i.e.: imbedded videos, access to the Internet during presentation, etc.)

Process and Terms of Agreement:

- Please provide the requested information above in a separate WORD DOCUMENT.
- Please be sure to include all of the listed categories in your submission (#1 – #12).
- Submissions must include all biographical information for each speaker/presenter.
- By submitting an abstract you agree to the following:
 - Your presentation can be accepted as a type of presentation (length/format) other than that which you have indicated.
 - The authors' names and presentations title will be published in the conference program.
 - Presentation will be posted on the MRHA Website after the conference.

**Please submit proposals by email to larawilson@mdruralhealth.org
by 11:59 p.m. ET on **May 15, 2019**.**

For additional information about the Maryland Rural Health Conference, please visit:
<https://www.mdruralhealth.org/2019-maryland-rural-health-conference/>