



CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

29th Annual Michigan Rural Health Conference

Navigating the Next Era of Rural Health

April 23-24 , 2025 - Soaring Eagle Resort - Mt. Pleasant, MI

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Michigan Center for Rural Health has proudly hosted the Michigan Rural Health Conference for nearly three decades—serving as the state’s premier gathering dedicated to advancing rural health. Now in its 29th year, the conference brings together healthcare professionals, administrators, and community partners from across Michigan to:

- Foster connection and collaboration among rural healthcare providers.
- Promote knowledge-sharing and professional growth through timely, evidence-based education.
- Highlight innovative practices and emerging trends that strengthen the delivery of rural health care.

ANTICIPATED AUDIENCE:

- Rural Health Clinic Staff
- Rural Hospital Staff
- Local Public Health Administrators & Staff
- Social Workers
- Community Health Workers
- Public Officials

THIS YEAR'S THEME

NAVIGATING THE NEXT ERA OF RURAL HEALTH

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2025





PRESENTATION FORMATS

ORAL PRESENTATION

A 60-minute session, including time for questions and answers. These presentations must limit the number of speakers to no more than two (2). A microphone, laptop, slide advancer, and projector will be provided for slide decks.

FACILITATED PANEL DISCUSSION

A 60-minute discussion-based session, including time for questions and answers. These proposals must limit the number of speakers to no more than three (3) and have a facilitator (total of 4). Microphones are provided.

SESSION TOPICS – Including But Not Limited To:

Workforce:

- Integrating Telehealth & Digital Tools into Care Delivery
- Addressing Staffing Shortages
- Enhancing Workforce Retention and Well-being

Rural Health Clinics:

- Advancing Quality & HEIDIS Measures in RHCs
- Expanding Access through Rural Health Clinic Development
- Maximizing Financial Efficiency and Sustainability
- Leveraging Technology & Artificial Intelligence

Population Health:

- Social Drivers of Health (i.e. Transportation, Food Security, Housing)
- Engaging Disproportionately Impacted Populations
- Strengthening Behavioral & Mental Health Services
- Showcasing Innovative Approaches to Rural Health Care





DETAILS & F.A.Q.

- Presenters may not use any conference presentation to market products or services; exhibit tables are available for that purpose.
- **No additional co-presenters may be added after a proposal is accepted.**
- No speaker fees are provided.
- Incomplete proposals will not be considered, Only proposals using the survey form will be considered.
- Based on evaluation of proposals by the committee, some presenters may be asked to instead participate in a panel presentation to allow for multiple presentations on a similar theme.

The MCRH Planning Committee will review all complete proposals, and presenters will be notified of the status of their submission no later than January 23, 2026.

We encourage interactive and discussion-based presentations that incorporate participation.

December 31, 2025

Proposal
submission
deadline

January 23, 2026

Presenters notified of
submission status

April 16, 2026

Deadline to submit
slide decks or other
presentation
handouts.

April 23–24, 2026

Conference Dates

SUBMISSION FAQS

When will I know if my proposal has been accepted?

All presenters will be notified of the status of their submission on or around January 23, 2026.

If my proposal is accepted, what is expected of me?

- Each presenter may register for the conference, using a promo code for free registration (that will be provided).
- If lodging is required, MCRH will support your stay.
- Submit slide decks at least 1 week prior to the conference.
- No speaker fees are provided.



PROPOSAL SUBMISSION CHECKLIST



- ✓ **Identify the lead presenter.**
- ✓ **Determine which presentation format best fits your presentation.**
- ✓ **Compile other presentation information.**
 - Presentation title
 - Presenters: maximum of 2 presenters for oral presentations and 4 total for panel discussions (including the facilitator). Please note that no additional presenters may be added after the proposal is accepted. All presenters will be listed in the agenda.
 - Presentation description/abstract.
 - Presentation objectives: include 2-3 measurable objectives.
 - A proposed learning outcome.
 - Identify the learner engagement strategies you will incorporate.
 - Evidence for the presentation topic. This can be research, documentation, websites, statistics, or other information that supports the topic (within the last 5 years). A bibliography-reference list is preferred.
- ✓ **Gather personal information for *each* presenter to submit:**
 - Resume/CV
 - Financial disclosures with ineligible companies
 - Biosketch
 - Headshot/photos

Submit your proposal online
using this application form:

SUBMISSION FORM

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