



Call for Abstracts

May 8, 2024

The Association of Ohio Health Commissioners (AOHC) is seeking abstracts for the 2024 AOHC Fall Conference. The event will be held Wednesday – Friday, September 18-20, 2024, at the Embassy Suites, 5100 Upper Metro Place, Dublin, Ohio 43017.

AOHC's Annual Fall Conference is a continuing education opportunity for Ohio's health commissioners and their staff, as well as staff members of the Ohio Department of Health and other public health professionals in Ohio. Total conference attendance is approximately 300 people, including health commissioners, medical and nursing directors, and environmental health professionals.

Public health in Ohio covers a broad range of clinical, environmental health, and health promotion services. The members of AOHC are the health commissioners of the local health departments throughout the state. As the "CEOs" of their local health departments, health commissioners make purchasing and other decisions for their departments.

Our expectation is that all sessions will follow best practices and scientific approaches and will convey innovative contemporary concepts that engage participants from various public health disciplines. Sessions times include: a 10-minute (Dynamic Short Research to Practice Talks), a 45-minute (didactic, demonstration, ignite thinking) or a 90-minute skill-building (discover, discuss, practice) workshop style.

Priority will be given to presentations that focus on one of the topics of interest listed below. The list was generated from feedback received from past participants, and members of the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners. Topics of interest for this year include:

Workforce Development & Training

- Recruiting and maintaining new public health professionals.
- Creating success for new employees: onboarding, mentoring, training.
- Strategies for developing and retaining seasoned professionals. Examples: Alternative work schedules, worksites, continued learning, recognition and rewards.

Improving Outcomes

- Utilizing performance management strategies.
- Fostering innovation. Assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation.
- Seeking and writing grants to support community priorities.

Equity & Engagement

- Vulnerable populations and cultural relevancy.
- Engaging the community, partners, and stakeholders.



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Communities & Climate

- Planning and crisis preparedness.
- Public health's role in environmental changes.
- Housing stability and vitality in neighborhoods.

Informatics, Technology & Messaging

- Media and social media messaging.
- AI Technology uses (Prompt engineering).
- Mis/Dis Information: Trusting sources.
- Promoting health literacy in the community.
- Technology, computer science, and applied information methods.

Emerging Trends & Needs

- Prevention and "upstream".
- Pending legislation with public health impact. Example: Local impacts of recent legislation.
- Impact of substance use and exposure to children at various developmental stages (prenatal through adolescence).

We are accepting abstracts through May 31, 2024. If you are interested and would like to present at this year's AOHC Fall Conference, [click the application link](#).

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