



## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

*Accelerating Change in Rural Maryland: Upstream and Downstream Strategies*

**2017 Maryland Rural Health Conference**  
Thursday, October 5 – Friday, October 6, 2017  
Wisp Resort, McHenry, MD

**Submission Deadline: May 12, 2017**

The Maryland Rural Health Association (MRHA) is pleased to announce the 2017 Maryland Rural Health Conference, *Accelerating Change in Rural Maryland: Upstream and Downstream Strategies*, October 5 – 6, 2017 at the [Wisp Resort](#) in Garrett County.

This year's conference will also host a pre-conference, *The Rural Maryland Opioid Epidemic: Status Update and Practical Toolkit*, on the afternoon of Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, details to be announced soon.

**GOAL:** The goal of the conference is to support and connect rural health stakeholders as they work toward Accelerating Change in Maryland's current dynamic health care environment.

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 practices as most useful to participants. Students are encouraged to submit.

This year's Rural Health Conference Planning Committee is requesting proposals that fit within the following three tracks:

- I. Track One: Upstream Strategies
  - Health Care Reform
  - Policy Development
  - Social Determinants of Health
  - Educational and Prevention Programs
- II. Track Two: Midstream Strategies
  - Community and Population Health
  - Care Coordination
  - Workforce Development
  - Early Intervention Programs
- III. Track Three: Downstream Strategies
  - Behavioral Health Treatment
  - Addressing Opioid Epidemic
  - Primary Care Innovations
  - Health Outcomes

**Selection Process:** The Rural Health Conference Planning Committee will make decisions and notify selected presenters by no later than **June 15<sup>th</sup>**. The Committee consists of a diverse range of rural health stakeholders across the state. Criteria for selection include relevance to participants, rural focus, collaborative nature of research or program, and quality of abstract.

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

<b>Title</b>	Include the name of the presentation as it would appear on an agenda.
<b>Track Selection</b>	Please indicate which track you believe your presentation would fall under.
<b>Relevance</b>	Please indicate how you would tie in the overall theme of the conference to your presentation.
<b>Speaker/Author</b>	Include the name, title, degrees, and organization for each speaker(s).
<b>Biographical Information</b>	Include a 150-word biographical sketch for each presenter.
<b>List Additional Authors</b>	Include the names, credentials, title, affiliation/organization for additional authors.
<b>Timeframe</b>	We are planning on 60-minute sessions including time for audience questions - please indicate if you cannot fill all 60 minutes.
<b>Three Learning Objectives</b>	Please list three succinct learning objectives for this presentation.
<b>Abstract</b>	Describe presentation to include methods or development of program described, results of research or program, and conclusions. Abstract should be no longer than 200 words.
<b>Audience</b>	Indicate the audience most interested in this topic and whom we should market to when the agenda is finalized.
<b>Audio-Visual (A-V)</b>	Include and A-V equipment you might require.

**Process and Terms of Agreement:**

- Complete the information in the table above. If you have troubles, just send information in a blank word document.
- Submissions must include all information and biographical information for each speaker.
- 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 after the conference.
- **If accepted, conference registration and payment of the registration fee is required for all speakers and no travel stipend is offered.**

Please submit proposals by email to [larawilson@mdruralhealth.org](mailto:larawilson@mdruralhealth.org) by **May 12, 2017**.

For additional information about the Maryland Rural Health Conference, please visit:  
<http://www.mdruralhealth.org/rural-health-conference-2017/>