**2016 IRHA Annual Conference**

**Call for Presentations**

**August 10-11, 2016**

**Keller Convention Center- Effingham, Illinois**

 **Submission Deadline March 11, 2016**

The Illinois Rural Health Association is announcing a **“Call for Presentations”** for its Annual Conference to be held August 10-11th, 2016 in Effingham. Presentations will occur the afternoon of August 10th and August 11th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

We are planning a dynamic conference sure to spark the interest of administrators of public health departments, rural hospitals, Rural Health Clinics, academic institutions, medical schools along as well as clinicians and clinical practices.

Some suggested session topics include, but are not limited to, the following:

* Affordable Care Act Implementation
* Care Coordination in Rural Communities (ACEs and CCEs)
* Coding/Billing
* Cyber Security
* Using Meaningful Use Data for Quality Improvement
* Changing Service Needs in Rural Communities (oral health, behavioral, etc.)
* Collective Impact and Strategic Planning
* Grant-Writing Assistance for Rural Communities
* Post-ICD-10 Procedures
* Mental Health Needs in Rural Communities
* Population/Community Health Management
* Quality Improvement Performance Measures
* Workforce Issues
* Best Practices:
	+ Rural Health Clinic Operations
	+ Public Health Department
	+ Rural Hospitals
* Substance Abuse Challenges in Rural Communities
* Telemedicine in Various Specialties
* Veteran’s Health Challenges in Rural Settings

If you have **solutions**, **successes**, or **research** in any of the above areas or another **Best Practice** to share, please submit your idea for a workshop session, research presentation, and panel discussion

The Illinois Rural Health Association is the only conference in the state targeted to rural health care and those interested in rural health issues including the following target audiences:

* Rural Hospital CEO/Administrator
* Practice Manager
* Rural Physicians
* Public Health Administrators and Staff
* Rural Health Clinic Administrators
* Oral Health Providers
* EMS Personnel
* Nurses
* Rural Mid-Level Practitioners
* Long Term Care Administrators
* Health Educators
* Case Coordinators
* Home Health Care Managers
* Mental Health Providers
* Counselors
* Social Workers
* Academic researchers

**Presentation Formats**

**All sessions will be allotted 50 minutes and this should include time for questions.**

***Format Options: Research Presentation, Workshop Session, Panel Discussion*** (panel discussion will include at least 3 individuals speaking on related topics (e.g. telemedicine projects, integrated care models, oral health in rural hospitals, etc.)

**Acceptance:** You will be notified of acceptance in April 2015. The IRHA reserves the right to combine sessions, make recommendations with respect to presenters, and to contact presenters regarding potential edits.

**If Accepted**: Submitting a proposal represents a commitment to develop and deliver a presentation that is informative, relevant and useful. Accepted presenters who plan to attend the whole conference must register for the conference and will receive the discounted rate of $150, as a small gesture of our appreciation for the hard work in preparing your presentation. Presenters who are just coming for their presentation only are invited to stay for one meal and do not have to register. **Please submit proposal application below to Melissa Henriksen, 2016 Conference Chair to** **mhenriksen@niu.edu** **byMarch 11, 2016**. She can be reached by phone at 815-753-0323.

**(see next page for submission application**)

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**2016 IL Rural Health Association Conference Presentation Proposal**

**August 10-11th, 2016 -Keller Convention Center**

**Effingham, IL**

***Submission Deadline is March 11, 2016* Please submit proposals to Melissa Henriksen, 2016 Conference Chair at** **mhenriksen@niu.edu**

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| Presentation Title: |  |

Presentation Format:

* Research Presentation
* Workshop Session
* Panel Discussion

Who is the audience for your presentation?

Please attach a detailed description of your presentation (50-100 words).

Presentation Objectives: (For example: After this presentation, participants will be able to…)

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| Audio/visual equipment needed: |  |

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| **Contact Information** |  |  |
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| Presenter |  | Degree |  |
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| Organization |  |
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| Address |  |
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| City |  | State |  |  | Zip |  |
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| Phone |  | Email |  |

I plan on attending whole IRHA Educational Conference ($150 if accepted)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

I plan on just presenting at the IRHA Conference and staying for a meal (no cost)\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Please attach any additional presenter(s) information.