The New York State Public Health Association (NYSPHA), New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO) and the NYS Conference on Environmental Health Directors (CEHD) invite you to submit a proposal to present at the 2020 Public Health Partnership Conference. The event will be held April 30 - May 1, 2020 at Sheraton at the Falls in Niagara Falls, New York, with a pre-conference workshop to be held on April 29th. The Public Health Partnership Conference is a one-of-a-kind event in NYS where public health professionals from all settings can engage in public health learning opportunities designed to enhance personal growth and renewal, as well as to benefit the communities we all serve. Presenting a session provides an opportunity for you to share your expertise with public health professionals on a variety of current and emerging issues while building a rich networking community. We thank you for your participation and engagement.

**Theme**

This year’s theme is “Air, Water, Food: Protecting Where We Live, Work and Play.” In celebration of our partnership with the Conference of Environmental Health Directors, a state-affiliate of the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA), our conference will feature keynote speakers and conference sessions with a focus on how the environment impacts community health. The quality of the air you breathe, the water you drink and the food you eat all fosters healthy, viable communities.

**Tracks**

*NEW* this year! The Public Health Partnership Conference will follow tracks along the following topics. Presentations are encouraged that address innovative interventions, best practices and achievements under these tracks:

- Air (tobacco, asthma, climate change)
- Water (drinking water, emerging contaminants, HABs, sugar-sweetened beverages)
- Food (insecurity, breastfeeding, food safety and sourcing)
- Housing/Built Environment (lead, walkable communities, complete streets)
- Environmental Health- Innovations in Policy & Practice

Other areas of public health may also be submitted but priority will be given to those meeting the above topic areas.

Additional consideration will be given to abstracts that address social influencers of health, disparities (urban/suburban/rural, gender, race/ethnicity), equity or social justice.
**Pre-Conference Workshop**
You may also submit a skills-based proposal for this topic to be considered for presentation at the pre-conference workshop to be held from 1:30-5 PM on Wednesday, April 29, 2020. This workshop may include various presenters so please indicate your session length in the proposal.

**Please note:** Abstracts cannot be accepted via email. All abstracts must be submitted [online](#). Online submission will open the week of November 3rd.

**Abstract Submission Format Options**
Workshops that allow participants to leave with replicable skills and that allow interaction with ample time for Q&A will be prioritized. Submissions that are innovative are also strongly encouraged. The following formats are eligible for submission:

**Breakout Session:** The presenter(s) will organize the presentation and supporting materials for a captivating session over the course of 60 minutes. Please allow enough time to engage with audience for discussion and Q&A.

**Poster Presentation:** Public health professionals are invited to submit abstracts for poster presentation during one 60 minute session. Poster must be staffed/presented by a minimum of one author during the session. *(Note: This is a separate call from the student poster session. There will be another call for student only posters in Winter 2020.)*

**Additional Guidelines**

Individuals may submit a multiple person panel, not exceeding four presenters, but must have one lead presenter for each proposal. Innovative submissions are characterized by, but not limited to, new or creative ideas, cross-sector collaboration and the dynamic state of change inherent in public health transformation.

Presenters may submit more than one proposal.

**Proposal Requirements**
The following must be included in the proposal:

- Name of presenter(s) with highest academic degree & institutional affiliation listed for each.
- Full contact information for corresponding presenter (address, phone, affiliation and email) and brief bio for each presenter.
- Presentation title (short, descriptive).
- Presentation description (no more than 350 words; be detailed so the review committee has as much information as possible to best evaluate your program; address evidence-based methods and how the program promotes attendance).
- Abstract/Program Book Listing (100-125 words; concise and accurate; describe and “sell” the program to conference attendees).
- Three learning objectives written in measurable terms.

Please indicate your preferred presentation format(s). You may select more than one option:

- Breakout Session Presentation (60 minutes plus Q&A)
- Poster format - displayed/presented during one 60 minute session *(Note: This is a separate call from the student poster session. There will be another call for student only posters in Winter 2020).*
How to Submit
All concurrent session proposals must be submitted online via our abstract submission website* at https://bit.ly/35TW235. Submissions must be made by 11:59 PM on November 26th, 2019. Submissions sent via email may not be considered.

Timeline
Proposals must be received by 11:59 PM on November 26th, 2019. Notification of acceptance or rejection of proposal will be sent to the corresponding author on or by December 21, 2019. Authors may also login* to https://bit.ly/35TW235 to view proposal status and reviewer comments.

Conference Registration
All presenters wishing to attend the full conference must register at appropriate registration rate.

Questions
If we can address any questions or assist you in any way, feel free to contact us at info@nyspha.org or (518) 427-5835.

Please share this information with anyone you think may also be interested in submitting a proposal.

*Website for submissions will not be open until the week of November 3rd.