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National Association of Local Boards of Health

Call for Presentations

2009 NALBOH CONFERENCE
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
July 1-3, 2009

17th Annual
Conference

Improving Public Health through Leadership and Knowledge

Sheraton Society Hill Hotel
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The National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) Annual Conference Program Committee invites you to submit a proposal for a workshop or concurrent session presentation at its 17th Annual Conference.

This year's conference will take place in the historic city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 1-3, 2009.

NALBOH's Annual Conference provides current public health information and education to board of health members across the nation. By attending the 2009 conference, "Improving Public Health through Leadership and Knowledge," attendees will be able to:

- Improve leadership skills necessary for board of health members to effectively govern or advise
- Apply knowledge, skills, and resources to advocate for improved public health performance goals in their community
- Exchange information and lessons learned with colleagues from across the country

This is your opportunity to participate in one of the leading public health conferences of 2009.

Submit an abstract today!

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Conference Tracks

Concurrent sessions are divided into four tracks and proposals should fall within the scope of one of the following tracks: Board Governance, Community Health, Environmental Health, or Preparedness.

Board Governance

These sessions will focus on the governing and leadership roles of the board of health, such as advocacy, public health law, financial planning, strategic planning, and health officer relationships. This year's sessions will provide a focus on local public health system leadership and the respective roles for boards, health officers, and other senior officials.

Community Health

Sessions in the Community Health track feature health information and programs that address community-wide initiatives to improve the health of its residents. Past topics have included tobacco use prevention and control, health disparities, active living, school health, using health resources, and community health assessment. These sessions, in particular, address the current and emerging health needs of communities.

Environmental Health

These sessions will encompass the broad array of issues facing board members and communities today. Past sessions have discussed land use planning, on-site wastewater treatment, food safety, confined animal operations, environmental health lessons from catastrophic events, mosquito control, and many others. This year, sessions will continue to be selected based on the challenges identified by NALBOH members.

Preparedness

These sessions address the need for boards to actively participate in all emergency preparedness activities caused by biological, natural, or man-made disasters. Topics addressed in previous years include hurricane planning and recovery, epidemiology, infectious disease control, influenza planning, mass fatality planning, and the Medical Reserve Corps. We look to continue adding topics that address community planning and preparedness.

Through preliminary research, NALBOH has identified areas that board of health members have expressed a need for training, information, or technical assistance in. NALBOH strongly encourages submissions addressing these topics. They are: agency accreditation; creating a strategic plan; conducting a community health assessment; establishing community health priorities; voluntary board of health certification; public health law; designing, assisting with, and maintaining a website; program evaluation; board member orientation; state/local health reform activities; developing quality improvement practices; and developing effective legislative proposals.

Selection Criteria and Notification Timeline

NALBOH's Annual Conference Program Committee evaluates proposals based on the following criteria:

1. Does the presentation address a current issue(s) of interest for boards of health?
2. Do the presentation objectives meet the needs of board of health members?
3. Can the information presented be applied to all boards of health?
4. Does the presentation address the conference theme and objectives?

The NALBOH program committee will review all applications and make its selections based on the criteria above. **Applicants will be notified of the status of their submission by February 21, 2009.**

*All selected presenters will be required to register for the annual conference. We will also require copies of presentations and/or handout materials by **May 19, 2009.***

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Presentation Submission Instructions

Please complete the Presentation Submission Form online at: www.nalboh.org.

All proposals must be received by **Friday, December 19, 2008**. NALBOH encourages applicants to submit their proposals online. However, if necessary, a form (available at www.nalboh.org) may be printed and emailed, mailed, or faxed to:

Email: tracy@nalboh.org

Mail: NALBOH, 1840 East Gypsy Lane Road, Bowling Green, OH 43402

Fax: (419) 352-6278

Completing the Presentation Submission Form

1. Please complete the submission form as requested. Incomplete forms or responses that exceed the word limit may be returned for completion or removed from consideration.
2. The presentation title should be short but descriptive (no more than 10 words) and related to the content of the abstract. This title may be printed in preliminary and final conference literature for prospective registrants and conference attendees to review.
3. Abstracts should be presented in presentation format. Presentations will be scheduled either during one of the breakout sessions or as a workshop. Breakout sessions include 55-60 minutes for presentations with the remaining 10-15 minutes for questions and discussion (total 75 minutes). Workshops are sessions requiring 90 minutes or 3 hours.
4. Please select the conference track for which you would like to have your abstract considered.
5. Provide contact information for all presenters. All correspondence regarding this abstract, and if accepted, conference presentation logistics will be addressed to the primary contact. NALBOH strongly suggests that the number of presenters in a session be limited to three. In addition to presenter contact information, please provide a brief biography (do not send resumes) for each presenter. If accepted, these bios will be used to provide the session moderator with introductory information.
6. Please provide a brief abstract of what your presentation will address (150 word limit).
7. Please provide three learning objectives that describe the desired outcome(s) of the presentation, e.g., what an attendee will be able to do at the end of the presentation. Objectives may be expressed in terms of gained knowledge, comprehension, application, analysis, synthesis, or evaluation.
8. Please submit your completed form by 5:00 PM (EST) on **Friday, December 19, 2009**.
9. Please visit www.nalboh.org for more information. If you have questions, contact Tracy Schupp by phone at (419) 353-7714 or via email at tracy@nalboh.org.

