**2023 Open Forum NxGen Conference**

For over twenty years, NNPHI has been convening public health experts to improve our public health systems and advance training across the workforce. The Open Forum Meeting for Quality Improvement (QI) in Public Health served as one of the signature communities we support to build knowledge together.

NNPHI is proud to host **Open Forum Next Generation (NxGen)**. This is the latest version of the traditional Open Forum convening but with a new focus on developing the current and future public health workforce to meet the ever-evolving needs. The Open Forum NxGen immerses public health leaders and professionals in compelling, innovative, and emerging content.

**Join us September 27-29 in Indianapolis, Indiana** where we’ll showcase the best and emerging practices and innovations related to public health infrastructure, the public health workforce, complex public health challenges, and topics related to performance management and quality improvement. We are now accepting abstracts for presentations, workshops, roundtables and posters.

The **Open Forum NxGen** welcomes abstracts in research and practice that focus on application, innovation, and equity. Submissions from public health practitioners willing to share highlights, challenges, and lessons learned from the implementation of public health initiatives are especially encouraged.

**Submission Tracks**

**We are seeking abstracts for four (4) learning tracks:**

* Public Health Infrastructure
* Advancing and Renewing the Public Health Workforce
* (Re)Shaping the Future of Public Health
* Performance Management and Quality Improvement

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**Presentation Formats**

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* **Workshops:**75-minute sessions with up to 60 participants per session to allow for small group discussions and interactive activities. These sessions should focus on skill-building and providing tangible tools or resources for participants.
* **Breakout Presentation:**30-minute breakout sessions with up to six sessions happening concurrently. Presenter(s) should prepare 20 minutes maximum of content and then allow time for engaging the audience with Q&A and discussion.
* **Roundtable Presentation:** 60 minutes with approximately 10-12 participants per table. Presenter(s) should share on a topic for about 15 minutes, then facilitate a Q&A and discussion among participants.
* **Poster Presentation:**Poster session during a reception allowing all participants to visit posters and discuss content with presenters. We especially encourage students to submit posters on their emerging and applied research.

**Speaker Registration and Travel:** All speakers will receive complimentary registration and travel support, including coverage for round trip airfare, hotel nights, per diem meals, and ground transportation. For workshops and breakout presentations, up to two speakers’ costs will be covered. For roundtables and posters, one speaker’s costs will be covered.

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Title: *Building a Stronger Public Health Workforce: Equipping Current and Future Leaders*

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In this session, attendees will learn how Fort Bend County Health & Human Services (FBCHHS) is using a multifaceted approach to invest in public health leadership development. FBCHHS will share organizational changes introduced to support workforce development to transform individuals and empower leaders. Through onboarding re-structuring, book clubs, lunch n’ learns, and discussion groups as well as 1:1 mentoring and support, FBCHHS is creating a leadership pipeline and strengthening its leadership team.

Participants will take away concrete examples of how to improve and increase leadership and management skills within their organizations with the use of limited resources. Participants will learn how by implementing a monthly book club, they can increase awareness about and address equity and bias.

The session will be interactive by encouraging participants to share their experiences, ask questions, and actively engage to make the most out of this unique learning opportunity.

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