



**Subject:** Call for Presentation Proposals – 2025 NM Statewide Community Health Workers Conference

We are excited to invite you to submit a proposal to speak at the **2025 NM Statewide Community Health Workers Conference**, which will take place on October 27-28 at Sandia Resort & Casino. As we convene CHW Champions from across the field, we'd be honored to include your voice and knowledge in this event.

**Conference Theme: The Future is Local: CHWs Leading with Culture, Compassion, and Courage**

We anticipate audience members will include Certified Community Health Workers, Community Health Representatives, Promotoras de Salud, healthcare, social service professionals, as well as other esteemed community members.

As a speaker, you'll have the opportunity to share your knowledge, inspire attendees, and connect with fellow professionals in the New Mexico area.

### Key Details:

- **Event Date:** October 27-28, 2025
- **Event Location:** Sandia Resort & Casino – Albuquerque, NM
- **Submission Deadline:** Friday, August 1, 2025, at 12:59 PM MST
- **Proposal Review Criteria:** Quality, relevance, and impact of the topic

**Submit Your Application to be a Presenter: 2025 NMSCHW Conference Presenter Application Form**

<https://forms.office.com/g/5AQzmRSaG7>

### What We Are Looking For:

We welcome presentations on a variety of topics, including but not limited to:

- **Social Drivers:** Identifying and addressing the conditions in which people live, learn, work, and play that impact health outcomes.
- **Environmental Health & Climate Change:** Examining the impacts of environmental challenges on community health and strategies for resilience.

- **Innovative Financing and Medicaid Reimbursement:** Understanding new opportunities for sustainable CHW program funding and reimbursement pathways.
- **Capacity Building:** Strengthening CHW/R skills, leadership, and organizational effectiveness to support long-term success.
- **Additional relevant topics**

### Presenter Requirements:

To comply with the standards and continuing professional education of the CHW profession, the presenter(s) must have the following:

- Presenter(s) who are Certified Community Health Workers and have (3) three years or more of working experience within the CHW profession; OR
- Non-Certified Community Health Workers who hold a bachelor's degree or higher education from an accredited institution and (3) or more years of experience working in the CHW profession.
- Responsibility of the presenter(s) to control all aspects pertaining to the NMDOH OCHW Core Competencies to **ensure educational standards and objectives are fully being met.**

### Proposal Submission Guidelines:

We invite individuals to submit proposals for **presentations, workshops, and panel discussions.**

Proposals will be evaluated based on their relevance, quality, and potential impact.

#### Submission Requirements:

- **Title** of the presentation or workshop
- **Abstract** (250 words or less) summarizing the topic and its relevance to the conference theme
- **Presenter(s) Full Name(s) and Credentials**
- **Short Bio** (100 words or less) for each presenter
- **Session Format** (e.g., lecture, interactive discussion, hands-on workshop, panel discussion, etc.)
- **Preferred Session Length (EXAMPLES)**

#### CEU Details

To offer formal NMDOH OCHW Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for each presenter session at the conference, each session will be 60 minutes in length. Certified Community Health Workers (CCHWs) will earn one (1) CEU toward CHW recertification renewal for each session they attend.

### Proposal Selection Process:

Our office will review applications thoroughly after the proposal deadline to select a balanced list of presenters addressing current public health trends within the CHW profession.

- Proposals will be evaluated on the clarity, strength, and inclusivity of the session title, description, learning objectives, and relevance to the CHW/R profession. Proposals must also meet presenter requirements.
- Previous OCHW conference presenters are encouraged not to submit the same presentation from the last two years.

- All proposals will be blind-scored by the Selection Committee, which will evaluate speaker qualifications and content separately. Thoughtful proposals are highly recommended.
- Being a sponsor or exhibitor does not guarantee selection as a speaker. All interested speakers must submit an application and go through the selection process.

Final approval notifications will be sent by September 2, 2025. Additional conference logistics and information will follow.

### **Conference Incentives:**

- Selected presenters will receive complimentary conference registration, meals, and access to all scheduled activities.
- Presenters will have the opportunity to showcase their organization's programs, services, and resources to a diverse network of professionals from across New Mexico.
- Please note: Hotel accommodations and travel expenses are the responsibility of each presenter and are not covered by NMDOH OCHW.

### **Presenter Cancellation & Presenter No-Show:**

If selected speakers cannot attend, they must notify NMDOH OCHW at least 45 days before the conference, by **September 13, 2025**. Any presenter changes need NMDOH OCHW approval.

A session will be canceled if the selected speaker does not appear. Substituting another speaker without written permission is not allowed.

For cancellations or no-shows, contact OCHW Director, Devona Quam to manage coverage and logistics.

### **Questions?**

Please contact **Devona Quam** at [devona.quam@doh.nm.gov](mailto:devona.quam@doh.nm.gov) for any inquiries.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to present at the **2025 NM Statewide Community Health Workers Conference**. We look forward to receiving your proposal and welcoming you as a valuable speaker!