Call for Papers

The 2011 1st Annual University of New Mexico Health Disparities Conference on May 23 and 24 at the Hotel Albuquerque will bring together disparities researchers from across the country and across the state to increase awareness about health disparities related to research on national levels, at the University, and within local New Mexico and regional settings. This conference will highlight strategies for disparities related research innovations, consider best practices for community engagement, and develop approaches for converting research into policy and practice.

Sponsored by the NM CARES Health Disparities Center, a collaborative of academic and community partners focused solely on the causes and solutions of health disparities affecting New Mexico's Hispanic and Native American populations, this conference seeks to:

- Engage community members, Center staff, disparities research trainees, disparities research investigators, and interested UNM faculty, staff and students in national and local discussions of health disparities;
- Increase awareness about health disparities related research at the University of New Mexico as well as at other local and regional groups;
- Generate discussions around strategies, methods and interventions to addressing health disparities in New Mexico’s (Hispanic and Native American) communities;
- Introduce attendees to emerging methods and topics for health disparities research;
- Focus on best and emerging practices to transform health disparities research findings into policy and practice; and
- Facilitate the integration of UNM campus and community resources to foster collaboration, encourage disparities related research, and increase health equity in New Mexico’s Native American and Hispanic communities.

Conference Tracks

Presentations related to reducing disparities in health and healthcare are being solicited across six conceptual areas:

- Strategies for Community Engagement
- On-going and Emerging Health Disparities Related Research
- Strategies, Methods and Innovations in Intervention Research
- Transforming Health Disparities Research into Policy and Practice
- Fostering Academic and Community Collaborations
- Increasing Health Equity in Native American & Hispanic Communities

When submitting your application, please indicate the category that best represents the emphasis of your work.
Submission Guidelines

Poster Presentations:

Posters will be presented on a standard-size (4 feet wide and six feet high) poster board throughout the conference to provide ample viewing time for participants. Information on poster set-up and parameters will be forwarded upon acceptance. All mounting supplies (e.g. masking tape, push pins) will also be provided on-site.

Paper Presentations (Individual or Symposia):

Individual oral presentations should be no longer than 15 minutes. PowerPoint and projection equipment will be available should you desire to utilize that format. Alternatively, presenters can propose a symposium that comprises three related papers. Approximately half of the 90 minute session should be saved for questions and discussion of the presentations. Each symposium should include an abstract summarizing the overall purpose of the panel, as well as individual summaries for each of the papers to be presented (must involve three presenters and an identified discussant (one of the presenters can fill this role). Paper presentations will occur the morning of May 24, 2011 during the second day of the conference.

For Discussion: Moving Research Ideas into Research Projects:

In this workshop, researchers who have an idea for a health and/or healthcare related research project and/or intervention will have the opportunity to present their ideas to a national expert and to other members of the research community. When submitting research ideas for this workshop, please include a half page prospectus along with a list of questions for response and discussion. This workshop will occur the morning of May 24, 2011 during the second day of the conference.

Tables for Programmatic Materials:

Tables will be available for attendees to present information about their programs. Advanced notice is required to ensure adequate space and set up. Please specify your desire to have a table for presentation on the registration form.

Overview of Guidelines

For paper and poster submission, please include an abstract of 75 words to be included on the conference website and for use in the packet of conference materials.

For workshop participation, please include a half page prospectus along with a list of questions for response and discussion.

Submission (all formats)

All submissions must be emailed to NM-CARES-HD@salud.unm.edu and mkano@salud.unm.edu by 5:00 PM EST on Monday, April 25, 2011. The primary presenting author must be identified as the key contact person for each submission. Please contact Bernadette Cortez at 272-5646 or Miria Kano at 272-3876 for further questions.

Please visit our website: http://hsc.unm.edu/programs/nmcareshd for conference updates!