



2022 Fall Conference

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November 1st and 2nd | Killington, Vermont

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In-Person & Virtual Attendance Options!

We are thrilled to announce the **2022 New England Rural Health Conference – Thriving Rural Communities: Navigating An Ever Evolving Landscape** on November 1st and 2nd at the Killington Resort in Killington, Vermont.

Our conference is an opportunity for rural healthcare professionals including clinicians, hospital and health center administrators, educators, students and community leaders to learn from experts in rural topics, and to network with each other. Designed to involve all sectors that impact the health of people in rural New England, this multidisciplinary event gives attendees the opportunity to delve into specific areas of interest or participate in sessions spanning a variety of topic areas.

This event is designed to meet the needs of those interested in improving the health and wellbeing of our region's rural communities. Over the past 20+ years, the annual conference has become one of the Association's largest events, attracting over 300 participants. We are excited to bring you to a new location at the beautiful Killington Resort in Vermont this year along with continuing to offer virtual attendance options!

Attendee Registration is open now!



CALL FOR SPONSORS

We want to welcome you back (or for the first time) to the premiere interdisciplinary networking and educational event in the region!

We know our members and attendees are as excited as we are to get together in person at Killington Resort. We hope you will join us and take advantage of exposure to our attendees and partners from across the six states of New England and beyond to connect on rural health topics and improvement efforts.

The conference will offer plenary and breakout sessions, highlighting organizations and individuals from every New England state as well as regional and national programs. Throughout our two days of programming we will feature sessions from community-based groups, rural clinicians including oral and behavioral health, health systems, researchers, students and more.

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Top Benefits of Becoming a Partner/Sponsor:

- One on one access to attendees during multiple breaks and dedicated networking times.
- Targeted connections to 300+ rural healthcare leaders and advocates.
- A partnership between your organization and the region's only interdisciplinary rural health association and our growing number of members throughout New England.
- Access to decision makers from rural hospitals, primary care, oral health, behavioral health, home health and long-term care organizations, professional associations, medical and dental schools.
- Exposure to our Federal partners including their regional representatives and staff from the State Offices of Rural Health in CT, MA, ME, NH, RI and VT.
- An opportunity to learn about the challenges and opportunities that exist within the rural healthcare landscape.
- Access to our attendee list including their names, organizations and titles.
- Invitation to send potential contributions to our newsletter before and after the conference.
- Participation in exhibitor games and competition for raffle prizes to encourage increased engagement.



New! Choose from 4 Sponsor Levels!

This year, we are also excited to share that our sponsorship opportunities are expanding to include **four Tiers that offer benefits throughout the year** so that you can reach our members outside of the annual conference as well as on the conference floor.

Each Tier is good for a one-year term. Registration is open now through early November and, after a break in the month of December, will re-open for the 2023 year on January 1st. Please know that, to ensure your logo and organization are featured in our annual conference promotional materials, you will need to register by October 1st of each year at the latest.

As always, we are truly grateful for your support of the New England Rural Health Association! Our goal is to deliver value to our partners by broadening their reach to new audiences.

We hope to see you in November at Killington, Vermont!!

Secure your opportunity to join the conversation, showcase your organization, and network with attendees by registering now at nerha.org. Please contact Kiera Hight, our Conference Coordinator, with any questions at admin@newenglandrha.org or 207-828-5524 ext #2.



This year's Fall Conference promises to be the premiere interdisciplinary rural health conference in the region and will be held at Killington Resort in Killington, Vermont. The conference is a great opportunity to reconnect and network, showcase your work and bring exposure to your initiatives! We will also be giving attendees the opportunity to tune into the conference virtually. Each presentation room will be equipped with streaming capabilities that NERHA's team will operate.

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Poster Proposals: (ACCEPTING ON AN ONGOING BASIS)

We are also pleased to announce a call for proposals for the 2022 New England Rural Health Association Conference Poster Session. This year, we will have a new designated time slot for selected posters to be presented to our attendees in a full poster session!

Are you connected to a program or research project related to our conference theme or rural areas of focus that you would like to share with conference attendees?

We are looking for posters related to topics impacting rural health; please feel free to submit any unique and innovative ideas or projects that the audience would find valuable. We encourage academic posters about original research and also welcome less formal posters about special programs or projects.

We will have materials to hang your poster on display boards and ask that your poster be no more than 46 inches wide x 64 inches high.

Topics to consider include:

- Behavioral Health
 - Community approaches to substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery
 - Social Isolation
 - Mental Health First Aid and/or QPR Training
- Workforce
 - Recruitment, Development, and Retention
 - Workplace Burnout, Resiliency, and Engagement
 - Education & Training Students for Future Rural Leadership
- Maternal and Child Health
- Oral Health
- Telehealth and Rural Technology Strategies
- Social Determinants of Health
- Public Health Emergency and/or Disaster Preparedness Response
 - Creative Solutions in Moving Through the Coronavirus Crisis and preparing for future events
- Rural Funding Opportunities: Government and Philanthropy
- Model Practices and Opportunities in Rural Health Clinics and FQHCs
- Successful initiatives for populations such as Tribal & Native Communities, the Aging Population, Veterans



Session Proposals: (NOW CLOSED)

Our hope for this year is to combine proposals with strong connections into panel sessions, where each session features two to three related presentations, each about fifteen minutes long, with time allotted at the end for discussion and questions. In addition to these panel sessions, we will also offer hour-long single sessions for some presentations.

We are excited to embrace this new style of breakout session as a way to streamline the conference agenda, increase connection and learning, and create valuable dialogue between our attendees and speakers!

The Conference Committee will review all abstract submissions and be in contact with chosen presenters about which presentation block we would like to invite them to.

Session & Poster Submission Information:

Please note that you will need to complete your entire submission in one sitting (you will not be able to edit your proposal once you hit submit). The following items will be required: (i.) session title, (ii.) short and long description of presentations, (iii.) objectives, (iv.) general information regarding the speaker(s) including: name(s), emails, addresses, phone numbers, role/title, and affiliated organization.

Please indicate on the submission form if you have a preference for being selected as a poster or session presenter.

If you need to modify your submission (after it has been submitted), please contact our administrative support team at admin@newenglandrha.org.

Deadline: Session Proposals were due June 30th, 2022. Poster Proposals are open and will be reviewed in early October and then on an ongoing basis as they are received.

The Session Proposals will be reviewed by a panel of rural healthcare leaders, and their decisions regarding selections will be shared in late July to early August 2022.

The conference registration fee will be discounted for up to two registered speakers per presentation, for the day that they are scheduled to present. This does not apply to poster presentations. A separate registration form will be given to those selected to present.

If your proposal is accepted, the information provided in your proposal may be used in conference promotional materials, including, but not limited to, emails, social media posts, website, and/or mailings.

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