Call for Abstracts for Poster Session
Implementing Systems-Level Change for Health Equity: A Partnership Summit
February 25 – February 26, 2016
New York, NY

Introduction

Health Equity Initiative, Inc. (HEI), invites you to submit an abstract for poster presentation at the Implementing Systems-Level Change for Health Equity: A Partnership Summit to take place on February 25 – February 26, 2016. The goal of the summit is to offer professionals, students and community leaders across sectors and disciplines a forum to address the systemic barriers that contribute to health inequity and exchange ideas focused on building and sustaining a global community that works across sectors and disciplines to advance health equity.

Many people would agree that the quality of one’s health is often directly correlated to the ability to access quality health care. Yet, while unfettered access to quality health care services is integral to our health, social factors (e.g., caring and friendly clinical settings; supportive community and social environments; adequate levels of preparedness to respond to health crises and emergencies; and access to recreational facilities, playgrounds and parks where families can exercise, healthy, nutritious, and affordable food, information that is culturally competent and relevant to intended groups and populations, economic opportunities, and transportation systems that allow people to easily reach essential services, just to name a few examples) have a significant impact on the state of our health. This call for abstracts encourages professionals and students from multiple sectors and disciplines to submit a proposal for poster presentation that highlights the effects that social impact interventions have had on systems-level change for health equity or specific social determinants of health.

Posters sessions allow conference participants to freely view findings throughout the duration of the conference and engage one-on-one with poster session author(s). Poster session author(s) will be given a designated time for their poster session.

Abstract Category

Abstracts are sought that highlight changes in economic, social, cultural, environmental, and/or political conditions due to the implementation of a social impact intervention that supported systems alignment for health equity or influenced leadership at different systems levels to collectively work towards advancing health equity. Abstracts that address interventions that have resulted in the improvement of conditions specific to individuals’ economic stability, neighborhood and built environment, health and health care access, social and community context and higher education are also sought. Your abstract should not be research-focused, nor should it represent interventions or initiatives that are in the beginning stages of implementation. Your abstract should be practice-focused and should include data and results.

Abstract categories include:
- Socioeconomic development and health equity

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Abstract Deadlines

Abstract submission OPENS: October 1, 2015
Abstract submission CLOSES: October 25, 2015

Abstracts may only be submitted online on (http://www.healthequityinitiative.org/hei/abstracts/submit_form.php) via the abstract submission page. If you experience difficulty submitting your abstract, please contact Project Coordinator, Divya Padgaonkar at dpadgaonkar@healthequityinitiative.org.

Preparing for Abstract Submission

1. Abstracts should be limited to 400 words for peer-review
2. A brief abstract (125 words maximum) should be submitted for publication
3. All presenting authors should submit a brief biosketch (max 400 words in total for all combined authors bio)
4. We recommend that you print and save a copy of your submission for your files
5. Please keep the following questions in mind when preparing to submit your proposal for consideration:

   a. Does the abstract relate to social impact interventions that have changed systems-level approaches to advancing health equity or does the abstract highlight social impact interventions that affected social determinants of health in a way that effectively tackles barriers that lead to health inequities?
   b. Does your abstract include data and results?
   c. Do your findings provide key stakeholders at the multiple systems levels with new and innovated ideas and resources to implement collective social impact interventions to address the barriers that exist to attaining the highest standard of health for vulnerable and disenfranchised populations?
   d. Does your abstract clearly highlight your intervention type, objectives, intended audiences, results and conclusions?

Notifications and Communication

Potential presenters will be notified by e-mail once their proposal has been received. Only primary presenting authors will be contacted regarding all notifications. It is the responsibility of the primary presenting author to share notifications with all other presenters. Primary presenting authors will be notified via e-mail of the acceptance of their proposal on or before November 20, 2015. Selected presenters are required to register by December 4, 2015.

Thank You
All of us at Health Equity Initiative thank you for your interest in participating in Implementing Systems-Level Change: A Partnership Summit and all the hard work you do towards bringing attention to the importance of health equity and to address its many social, economic and environmental determinants. We look forward to your submissions.