



ADVOCATES FOR
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HEALTH

CHC INNOVATION SUMMIT

October 5-6, 2026

ABSTRACT CRITERIA

Abstracts should address two or more of the below criteria:

- Showcase innovative solutions to address a current issue, important problem, or a barrier to accessing health care
- Highlight a lasting change, solution, or technology
- Recommend an effective and innovative option for addressing an issue
- Identify opportunities or areas for improvement for participants in the Community Health Center program.

There are no limits on the topics submitted, applicants are welcome and encouraged to showcase any variety of innovation, such as:

- Opportunities for new business models or areas for identifying significant savings or new revenue
- New technologies or use of artificial intelligence in place
- Identifying and addressing local / state level challenges that may have implications at the federal level
- Areas to address workforce challenges, from recruitment and hiring to retention
- Alternative payment models
- Strategies that increase access to care for vulnerable populations

The [linked rubric](#) will be used to evaluate all submissions; only complete submissions will be considered, and applying organizations will be asked to communicate with ACH's planning team in a timely manner.

Only active ACH health center members are eligible to apply. Other organizations can contact Samantha Noble, ACH's VP of Membership, Programs, and Engagement if interested in collaboration and engagement efforts.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Speaker Parameters and Participation Information

- There are three options to present at the meeting:
 1. Participate in a joint panel discussion with other health centers (20-30 mins);
 2. Lead a podium speaker presentation (45 mins); or
 3. Provide all panelists for your own feature panel (60 mins).
- There is no limit to the number or type of abstracts submitted. In the selection process, ACH aims to gather a wide variety of presentations, speakers, and health centers serving different populations and showcasing unique innovations.
- All sessions will be presented onsite in Dallas, TX, and panelists must cover their own registration, lodging, and travel.



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Presenter Timeline and Deadlines

- Friday, June 19, 2026 - **NEW!** Abstract application deadline
- Mid June – Notice of selection
- Tuesday, June 30, 2026 – Deadline for accepting / declining speaking innovation
- October 5 to 6, 2026 - Meeting in Dallas, TX

Acceptance Notification

- Email notification of abstract acceptance will be sent to the primary submitter only.
- The primary submitter must respond by either accepting or denying the invitation to present the abstract by the given acceptance deadline.
- Once the primary author has accepted the invitation to present, ACH will collect additional abstract materials to include speakers' short biographies and headshots and the PowerPoint presentation. Materials will be made available to all meeting attendees as part of the meeting materials, including powerpoint presentations, recordings, and photography / videography.

Please contact Samantha Noble, ACH's Associate VP of Membership, Programs, and Engagement at snoble@advocatesforcommunityhealth.org with any inquiries about either the submission process or the meeting. We look forward to seeing you in Dallas!