



Forum on Rural Population Health



May 19-21, 2025
Seaside, Oregon
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The mission of the Oregon Office of Rural Health (ORH) is to **improve the quality, availability and accessibility of health care** for rural Oregonians.

Our vision is to serve as a state leader in **providing resources, developing innovative strategies and cultivating collaborative partnerships** to support Oregon rural communities in achieving optimal health and well-being.





The **Oregon Office of Rural Health** is the only resource of its kind working on behalf of rural health organizations, leaders and communities.

ORH provides resources, technical assistance and other opportunities on topics including:

- Workforce: provider recruitment and retention
- Hospital and clinic quality improvement, finance and operations
- Rural health data and demographics across Oregon
- Rural population health

If there is something that our communities need, they can trust we have or will help find the opportunity to make it happen.





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To download Whova, our free event app:



1. Download the **Whova app** from your phone's app store
2. **Search your email** for an invitation to join the event, OR search the Whova app for "**Forum on Rural Population Health**".
3. **Sign in** with your email and this code: **pophealthforum25**



Let's play Bingo!

Folks who complete cards have the chance to win fun prizes!

Directions:

- Look in your agenda packet for a bingo card
- Fill in the boxes with signatures from different attendees, speakers or exhibitors
- Turn your completed card as you enter the **Pacific Room at 12:20 P.M.** on Wednesday for a chance to win.
- **You must be present to win!**

Your name: _____

FORUM BINGO

Gather signatures and fill in all the boxes for a chance to win prizes! Turn in your completed bingo card as you enter the Pacific Room on **Wednesday, May 21, at 12:20pm** for the drawing. **You must be present to win.**

Collect different signatures for each box:

Someone you want to follow up with after the Forum	A new person you met at the Forum	An exhibitor who has a program you're interested in
An ORH staff member you spoke with	Any exhibitor!	A speaker you connected with
An exhibitor whose organization you want to learn more about	Someone whose work you admire	Someone who taught you something new





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Opening speakers



Rep. Andrea Salinas
U.S. House of
Representatives



**Annie Valtierra-
Sanchez**
SO Health-E



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Plenary Session

Building Health Equity Together: What Role Do You Play?



Angel Harris, MSN, RN
Angel Harris Consulting, Bushnell University



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Plenary Session

Health Equity Community of Practice: Finding Solidarity in Rural Spaces



Kennedi Fields, MGH
Klamath County Public Health



Caitlin Nemeth, MPA
Yamhill County Public Health



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Plenary Session

Leveraging Community Partnerships to Support SDOH Needs for Patients



Norma Mota
Clatsop Community Action



Viviana Matthews
Clatsop Community Action



Shelley Yoder, MSW
Providence Health & Services



Learn more about ORH's programs for rural Community Health Workers!

Rural CHW Network:

The network is a 2-way listserv to connect rural CHWs across the state. This is a space to:

- Network and form meaningful relationships with other CHWs;
- Share knowledge, educational materials, tools, resources and opportunities;
- Promote events, workshops and webinars;
- And anything else CHWs find useful!

Sign up here: ohsu.edu/chwnetwork



Virtual Rural CHW Peer Meetup:

RURAL COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER PEER MEET-UP

Join this monthly meeting to connect with other CHWs working in rural Oregon!

This is a space to learn from one another by sharing knowledge, resources and experiences.



SIGN UP HERE:



THIRD TUESDAY OF THE
MONTH,
12 P.M.-1 P.M. PT
(VIRTUAL)



QUESTIONS?
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AT DRAGOON@OHSU.EDU

ORH Provider Incentive Programs

Oregon has provider incentive programs that can help with loan debt, income tax burdens, and malpractice insurance costs!



Learn more



Join us in October!



42nd Annual Oregon Rural Health Conference

October 1 - 3, 2025
Riverhouse Lodge | Bend, OR



Registration is open!

Contact Laura Potter
Potterla@ohsu.edu



Oregon Rural Health Excellence Award



Submit your nomination!

Honoring exceptional programs and leadership in our rural communities.

Oregon's rural health and community-based organizations often demonstrate exceptional resourcefulness, teamwork and creativity when addressing improvement in health care and health outcomes.

To recognize rural hospitals, clinics, local public health departments, EMS agencies and CBOs that demonstrate remarkable dedication to health outcomes in their communities, we invite eligible facilities to apply for ORH's Rural Health Excellence Award.

Submit your nomination by **August 31, 2025**. Awardees will be announced at the 42nd Annual Oregon Rural Health Conference, held Oct. 1-3, 2025, in Bend, Oregon.

<https://www.ohsu.edu/ruralqualityaward>

Sign up for the ORH newsletter!



ORH provides ongoing updates,
resources and opportunities through our
mailing list and newsletter.

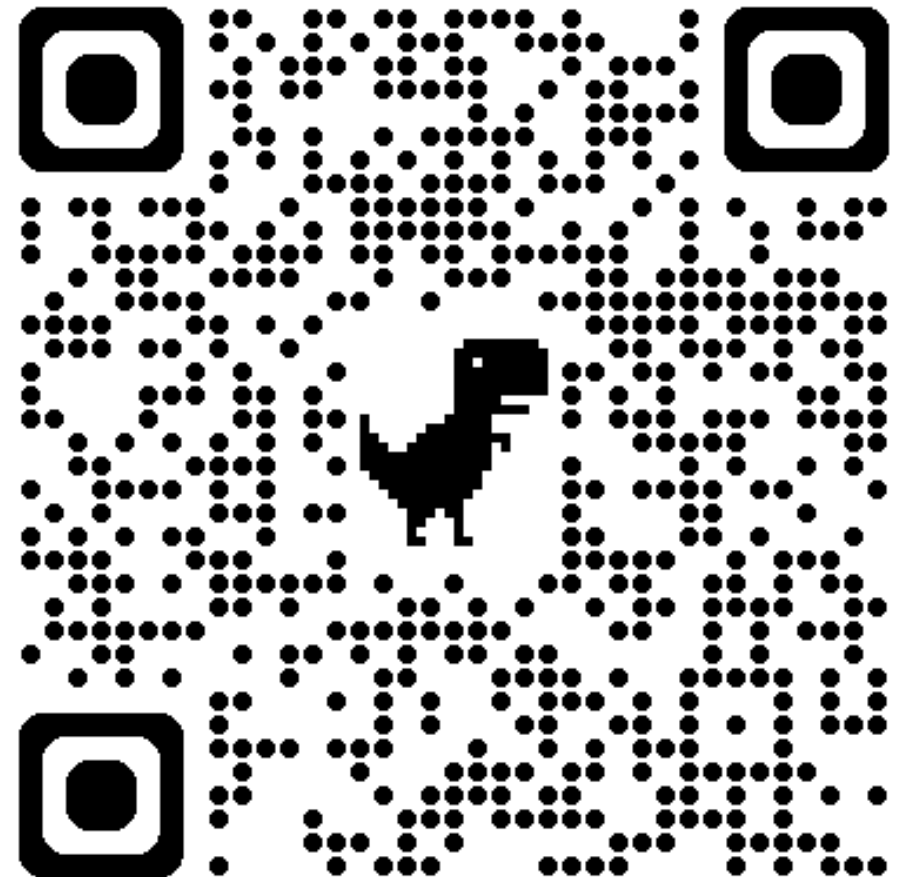
Stay up to date on rural health programs
by subscribing to the mailing list.

Join the ORH Bimonthly Community Conversations!

Community Conversations is an ongoing, bimonthly virtual event to bring together rural community members and partners to discuss pressing rural health topics.

Upcoming Community Conversations:

- **July 24:** CAH, RHC and Population Health Program Updates
- **Sept. 18:** Students and Pipeline/Pathway as a Workforce Strategy
- **Nov. 20:** National Rural Health Day: Celebrating Rural Health in Oregon







Thank you to the 2025 Forum partners!

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