Good afternoon folks... please send this information out to folks in your respective areas. A great opportunity to get some Tribal programs on the map with the U.S. Public Health Service.

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From: John McElligott [mailto:JMcElligott@coausphs.org]
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Dear Mr. Allis,

Good morning. I represent U.S. Public Health Service officers, many of whom work for the Indian Health Service. We will host a conference in Glendale in May and invite your tribal members to join us. There is a tight fit between our conference’s focus and the services provided by tribal governments. Below is a call for abstracts you could share.

The 2013 USPHS Scientific & Training Symposium invites you to submit an abstract for presentation at the Symposium, which will be held May 21-23 at the Renaissance in Glendale, Arizona. The theme for the 2013 Symposium is “Public Health Prevention and Care: Bridging the Gaps.” The deadline for abstract submissions is December 17, 2012.

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The online abstract submission process is easy to follow. [http://symposium.phscof.org/agenda/speaker-information](http://symposium.phscof.org/agenda/speaker-information)

Sincerely,

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Accepted abstracts will be selected for a 30-minute oral presentation as part of a themed track session presented on Wednesday, May 22.

The committee seeks abstracts that provide an opportunity for those engaged at all levels and settings of public health to share innovative and effective best practices and research. Abstracts should identify how the presentation will improve the competence or performance of the attendees or improve public health or clinical outcomes. Any topics falling within the scope of the overall theme or sub-themes will be considered. The topics listed under each track are intended to stimulate your thinking, not limit it.

Abstract proposals require:

- A title
- Three Learning Objectives
- A brief description (200 words or less of the proposed topic that explains how it will build on a professional’s knowledge, science or practice
- A biography/resume of the presenter (200 words or less) that explains why they are qualified to present on the topic.

Abstract narratives should specifically address the way in which the presentation will enhance the competency or performance of the attendees or how it will result in improved clinical or public health outcomes.

Those selected to present will be contacted by March 7.
Track Details

Track 1: Public Health and Communities: Collaboration to Improve the Health and Wellness of all People
This track will highlight collaborative initiatives at the international, national, state, local, and Tribal levels that promote the health and wellness of communities. The track will also explore the importance of sustainable relationships among community organizations, coalitions, local government, health care systems, businesses, and faith-based institutions as partners in improving a community’s health status.

Abstracts for this track may include topics such as:

- Strategies for strengthening collaboration between international, national, state, and local health departments and communities
- Collaborative initiatives that highlight communities participating in the design, implementation, and evaluation of healthcare, environmental and public health interventions
- The use of novel public-private partnerships, business models, and continuous quality improvement models in the design of community healthcare, environment, and public health projects
- Community empowerment and engagement through coalition building and partnerships for change in health outcomes
- Community-directed interventions that utilize health information systems and the sharing of data and social media tools to mobilize communities to take action against social, environmental and community factors that impact the health of community members
- Community-change models applied at the local level that provide economically sustainable programs that produce positive social, environmental and health outcomes (i.e. community gardens, free and reduced cost health screening)

Track 2: Clinical and Community Preventive Services
This track will emphasize the role clinical and public health providers can play in preventing morbidity and mortality through improved service delivery, education, and outreach at both the individual and community level. Submissions should reflect what is known in terms of evidence-based prevention strategies, as well as practical examples of what works to translate knowledge into practice.

Abstracts for this track may include:

- Innovations in expanding access to and providing preventive care
- Motivational and educational interventions to improve preventive care-seeking behavior
- Multidisciplinary approaches to prevention in clinical and non-clinical settings
- Prevention across the lifespan, including provision of preconception and prenatal care, anticipatory guidance from infancy through adolescence, and adult and senior wellness.
- Risk-factor based screening or other interventions for patients with chronic illnesses or high-risk behaviors or conditions
- Use of telemedicine to promote and enhance preventive medicine

Track 3: Emergency Preparedness and Response
This track will highlight programs and strategies at the national, state, and community-level to prevent, protect against, quickly respond to, and recover from health emergencies. These programs and strategies can help bridge the gaps that overwhelm the capability of the public health system during an emergency. Submissions should reflect a commitment to increasing scientific contributions to the preparedness and response knowledge base as well as promoting the translation of science to practice.
Abstracts for this track may include a broad range of topics such as:

- Cross-border and global partnerships to prevent pandemic influenza and other communicable diseases
- Strategies for building the public health emergency preparedness and response workforce
- Rapid distribution and administration of medical countermeasures
- Innovative programs to strengthen and sustain healthcare delivery systems and infrastructure
- Health initiatives and interventions for vulnerable populations to promote community resiliency
- Experiences from the field highlighting excellence in risk communication and situational awareness

**Track 4: Elimination of Health Disparities**

This track will examine the impact of health disparity both nationally and internationally across populations that have been disproportionately affected. The track will also showcase the use of [innovative methods] using research, science, technology, and policy/legislation to develop solutions, strategies, and interventions to address health inequities and to improve health outcomes.

Abstracts for this track may include a broad range of topics such as:

- Using GIS and mobile health applications to address public health disparities
- Engaging State, Tribal, and local partners in promoting improved health outcomes through the passage of laws, policies, and ordinances
- Using biomedical interventions/models to improve health outcomes
- Presenting best-practice models in research and outreach pertaining to chronic diseases that disproportionately impact racial and ethnic minorities
- Evaluating Health Equity by measuring change in health behaviors and outcomes
- Developing strategies to improve health outcomes in poor communities related to adverse environmental influences (e.g. raising public awareness of environmental hazards such as lead poisoning, hazardous waste and pollution; providing safe environments to grow and play)

**Track 5: Mental Health Strategies to Bridge Public Health Gaps Among Different Ethnic Populations**

This Track will focus on public health initiatives that incorporate research, education, and clinical practice to prevent mental health problems within ethnic groups nationally or globally. This track is unique in that it will feature panels of three selected abstracts integrated into a ninety-minute joint presentation. To accomplish this, symposium organizers will develop panel themes with a consolidated title, objectives and references in order to meet time requirements, conference goals and CEU requirements for psychologists. Presentations should highlight outstanding public health programs and focus on best practices that address global mental health challenges and encourage individuals and families to seek treatment when warranted.

Abstracts for this track may address a broad range of topics such as:

- Mental Health Symptoms and Substance Abuse among HIV Patients
- Mental Health as an Integral Part of Children’s Health
- Suicide and Substance Abuse Among Marginalized Ethnic Groups
- Cultural and Cross-Cultural Barriers that Discourage the use of Mental Health Services
- Mental Health Disparities between recent Latino Immigrants and U.S. residents
- Prevention of Psychological Trauma during Events of Public Health Significance (e.g. natural or technological disasters, mass casualty events)
- Effects of Malnutrition on Mental Health
- Dementia and its Mental Health Implications
Track 6: Pharmacy and Therapeutics
This track will highlight pharmacologic and therapeutic interventions that advance public health prevention initiatives and bridge gaps in clinical healthcare services. It will emphasize the roles clinical and public health providers serve at the national, state, local and Tribal levels. Presentations should focus on translational research and pharmacotherapy quality assurance/quality improvement initiatives that address current gaps in prevention and clinical therapeutic services.

Abstracts in this track may address a broad range of clinical topics such as:

- Innovative strategies to promote wider use of recommended screenings that translate into disease prevention
- Public health initiatives focused on improving immunization rates and reducing clinical service utilization
- Utilization of public health providers to enhance delivery of preventive and/or treatment services to hard-to-reach populations
- Strategies for enhancing the quality of national, regional, Tribal, and local clinical therapeutic services
- Public health policy and regulation assuring the appropriate management oversight and distribution of pharmacotherapeutic agents from production through administration