Who Should Attend

- Rural healthcare professionals
- Public health professionals
- Mental health professionals
- Researchers
- Social workers
- Administrators—nursing home, hospital, and clinic
- Nurses
- Dietitians
- Educators
- Health professions students
- All individuals interested in improving healthcare service in rural areas

Goals

1. Provide continuing education to health and human service administrators, managers, researchers, and clinical providers in the areas of
   - healthcare administration,
   - health promotion and disease prevention,
   - environmental health and occupational health, and
   - diverse populations and health disparities.
2. Create an environment of learning that is informative and educational to an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary audience of health and human service professionals.
3. Provide conference participants with the opportunity to formally present community-based solutions to common rural and public health issues.
4. Provide conference participants with the opportunity to informally network with others to share skills and strategies meant to address access, financial, and quality-of-care issues found in rural and public health.
5. Foster an environment that is conducive to collaboration between different organizations, health and human service disciplines, and communities.

Objectives

Upon completion of this conference, participants will be able to describe strategies meant to address access, financial, and quality-of-care issues found in rural and public health. Participants will be able to define solutions to improving health and develop skills that will be taken to the participant’s communities and implemented in their healthcare practices.

The Dakota Conference is

Facilitated by Center for Rural Health, University of North Dakota (UND) School of Medicine & Health Sciences (SMHS)
Supported by
- Altru Health System
- Center for Rural Health (UND SMHS)
- College of Nursing and Professional Disciplines (UND)
- North Dakota Public Health Association
- North Dakota Rural Health Association

For a Full Conference Schedule, visit: ruralhealth.und.edu/dakota-conference
The Format
Dakota Conference includes preconference workshops, keynote speakers, a variety of breakout sessions, poster presentations, evening workshops, and the annual awards banquet.

- North Dakota Rural Health Association Meeting – June 14, 2018, 7:00–8:00 am – there is no charge to attend
  This general membership meeting is open to members or is interested in becoming a member of the ND Rural Health Association.

Registration Fees

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Pre-conferences
Critical Access Hospital (CAH) workshop (June 13, 2018; 8:00 am–11:30 am) = $20.00
ND Public Health Association meeting (June 13, 2018; 8:00 am–11:30 am) – no charge
ND Rural Health Association meeting (June 14, 2018; 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm) – no charge

Register Online
- Register online and request an invoice or pay by credit card at ruralhealth.und.edu/dakota-conference. Payment must be received (not postmarked) by May 11, 2018. All payments must be RECEIVED by May 11, 2018 in order to receive the Early-Bird Discount. If payment is not received by that date the regular registration fee will be assessed. No Exceptions!

Hotel Reservations
Make your reservation now! Blocks of rooms are being reserved at special conference rates until the deadlines below (or until rooms are all taken). Please request the Dakota Conference room block.

- Canad Inns (attached to the Alerus Center) $81.90+ tax - Reservations accepted until May 12
  701-772-8404 • grandforks.canadinns.com

- Expressway Inn & Suites (located across from Alerus Center) $69.95+ tax - Reservations accepted until May 22
  701-757-7000 • www.expresswaysuitesgf.com/gf-home.aspx

- My Place Hotel (located across from Alerus Center) $80.00+ tax - Reservations accepted until May 12
  701-757-1717 • www.myplacehotels.com/my-place-hotel-grand-forks-nd

- Sleep Inn & Suites (located in south parking lot of Alerus Center) $81.90+ tax - Reservations accepted until May 12
  701-757-2900 • www.choicehotels.com/north-dakota/grand-forks/sleep-inn-hotels/nd052

Cancellations and Substitutions
Refund(s) may be issued, provided that written request is received, following the guidelines below:

- Registration(s) cancelled prior to 30 days, from conference start date, is eligible for a 75% refund of registration fee.
- Registration(s) cancelled less than 30 days, but more than 15 days from conference start date, is eligible for a 50% refund of registration fee.
- No refund(s) will be issued on cancellation requests received less than 15 days prior to conference start date.
- Participant substitutions will be allowed; however, the request for substitution must be made in writing by the original registrant or the company/facility of the original registrant.
- Refund(s) will be made to the issuer of the original payment.

Questions?
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