

2024 CJA Application for Breakout Sessions

Communities Joined in Action, or CJA, is a national nonprofit organization that facilitates the acceleration and dissemination of best practices and tools, facilitates formal learning opportunities, and supports community health collaboratives to improve health and eliminate disparities. In short, CJA works to achieve 100% access and zero disparities.

The 2024 CJA National Conference is taking place May 1–3, 2024, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. With a theme of “Inspiring Health, Equity, and Well-Being,” this is a national gathering for people like you who are passionate about improving health, increasing access, and eliminating disparities.

We are seeking abstracts for in-depth breakout sessions and pre-conference workshops that speak to the theme of “Inspiring Health, Equity, and Well-Being” within the following topic areas:

1. **Organizational Effectiveness / Workforce:** Sessions in this category share short- or long-term strategies for attracting and maintaining an exemplary board and workforce for their organization. These can be activities or policies at the program, organizational, or policy level. These sessions can be related to work/life balance, professional development, recruiting and retaining diverse teams, and fostering employee and board engagement.
2. **Financing and Sustainability:** Sessions in this category share successful methods of sustaining financing and fundraising, from health insurance payments and state budget appropriations to grants and donations. What were the nuts and bolts of developing fundraising ideas into strategies to raise revenue for your organization or project? What was the overall timeline to get to success? How have you measured or demonstrated ROI and outcomes?
3. **Innovative Initiatives:** Sessions in this category share effective programs, policies, and systems changes to promote equity, improve health, and eliminate disparities in communities. Presenters will share how they identified the priority population(s) or health condition(s), how community members were engaged, what evidence supported the initiatives, and their outcomes.
4. **Partnering and Community Engagement:** Sessions in this category share successful methods of developing and sustaining community engagement and partnerships. How did you decide with whom to develop new partnerships? How did you approach community engagement, and how do you sustain it today?
5. **Social Determinants of Health Focus:** The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has taken an important step in implementing new rules, effective January 2024, that require hospitals to screen all in-patients for 5 SDOHs: food insecurity, transportation, housing, help with utilities, and personal safety. For more information: An Intro to CMS’s SDOH Measures ([medisolv.com](https://www.medisolv.com)). CJA is interested in abstracts from programs that are working to improve community health by linking medical and social needs and/or collaborating with hospitals to provide seamless referrals for individuals identified as at-risk through the new mandated screening processes, including programs that assist in meeting value based contracting and 1115 waiver work/models.

CJA is on the ground in more than 1,000 communities across the country and has a track record of working towards success in large cities and small rural communities. Conference participants represent community networks/coalitions, community-based organizations, hospital/health systems, public health, regional and local health collaboratives, safety-net organizations, health plans, community development corporations, city and county government, universities, philanthropy, housing, food systems, and community health advocates.

All submission are due by November 6, 2023.

For questions about the call for abstracts or the conference, please contact convenings@texashealthinstitute.org.

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We request that all applicants hold the dates of May 1–3 on their calendar and be available to present on all days, on-site in Albuquerque, NM. This flexibility will allow the planning committee to develop an agenda based on content rather than scheduling needs, ultimately resulting in a more valuable summit experience for everyone. Accepted applicants will be notified of their assigned day and time at the time of acceptance.

Proposals will be scored based upon the following criteria: theme alignment, replicability, demonstration of outcomes and or impact, equity as a priority, and focus on one or more of the conference topic areas: (Organizational Effectiveness / Workforce, Financing and Sustainability, Innovative Initiatives, Partner and Community Engagement, and Social Determinants of Health Focus

☒ I confirm that I am available May 1– 3.

A maximum of 4 presenters will be allowed for each accepted proposal.

Accepted presenters will be expected to register for the summit and will receive a \$50 discount off the general attendee rate at the time of registering.

☐ I understand and agree

Session Type

- ☒ Pre-Conference Intensive (3 hrs)
- ☐ Breakout Session (1 hr)

Topic Track:

- ☒ Organizational Effectiveness/Workforce
- ☐ Financing and Sustainability
- ☐ Innovative Initiatives
- ☐ Partnering and Community Engagement
- ☐ Social Determinants of Health Focus

Based upon the selected topic, please describe how your proposal relates to this topic track (see description above) in the text box below. (500 words)



Maximum of **500** words. *Currently Used: 0 words.*

Proposed Session Title (100 Characters)

(Please Note: The conference planning team has the right to make edits as necessary)

Maximum of **100** characters. *Currently Used: 0 characters.*

Learning Objectives

(Please limit to no more than three objectives)

Maximum of **100** words. *Currently Used: 0 words.*

Abstract

Briefly describe your session – must be objective and may not include the names of commercial products or services. (100 words)

Maximum of **100** words. *Currently Used: 0 words.*

Describe your organization. Please include mission, history, and population served. (250 words)

Maximum of **250** words. *Currently Used: 0 words.*

Please submit a presentation, published article or report related to your submission. (OPTIONAL) Size limit: 10MB

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Please provide a 1–2 sentence description of your proposed session that may be used for promotion and/or social media. (Please include professional social media handles or tags that can be used when promoting this session).

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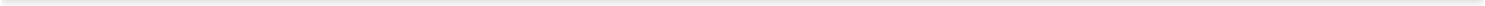
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Let us know if you anticipate any other AV needs.

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Presenter 2: Please include a biosketch to be included in the conference program and website (100 words)

Maximum of 100 words. Currently Used: 0 words.

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