



Call for Abstracts

SSWLHC 52nd Annual Meeting and Conference

The abstract submission deadline is Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 12:00 PM (noon) Pacific Time.

The Society for Social Work Leadership in Health Care is now accepting proposals for pre-conference intensive workshops, concurrent workshops, and poster sessions to be presented at its 52nd Annual Meeting and Conference, October 11-14, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency Baltimore, in Baltimore, Maryland.

If you would like to be considered as a presenter of a 60 minute workshop for the 2017 conference please complete this online submission application. Abstracts will be accepted through 12:00 PM (noon) Pacific Time on Thursday, March 9, 2017.

The attendees at the annual conference are reflective of the diverse settings and levels of practice and leadership of health care social workers. We are encouraging abstracts that focus on the Society's areas of emphasis including:

- Use of self in leadership
- Leadership development
- Advocacy
- Best practices in health care
- Innovative programming
- Clinical models
- Community partnerships

I. Session Submissions

- **Pre-conference Intensive Workshops:** A full day (eight hour) or half day (four hour) class offering in-depth examination of a specific topic. These courses are highly interactive and feature nationally recognized experts in the field. They require an additional registration fee.
Abstracts are being accepted for the following specialty areas of practice:
 - Pediatric Social Work
 - Home Health and Hospice
 - Ethics
 - In addition, presenters may submit their own topic for consideration as a four hour intensive.
- **Concurrent Workshop:** A structured 60 minute presentation of a concept, model, theoretical framework, knowledge or skill area, with some time for questions and discussion or a presentation that describes a particular program, practice, or model that has potential applicability to other settings.
 - If warranted, you may request two 60 minute time slots to present in a two-part workshop.
 - Use of audio-visuals and handouts is expected as well as some basic "how to" tools and resources for further study.
 - Description, analysis, evaluation, and lessons learned should be included where relevant.
 - Presenter should be knowledgeable in the topic area, or have produced/examined a successful, transferrable model for practice.

- **Poster Session:** Posters are visual displays of educational material, successful projects, graphs, diagrams, narratives, or educational videos.
 - Posters are typically displayed on four foot tall by eight foot wide boards. The poster display can include anything that will fit in this allotted space.
 - Posters will remain set up throughout the conference with at least one full hour scheduled for presenters to answer questions of viewers.
 - Please include three learning objectives and a summary statement.
 - Three awards will be conferred for posters that promote social work excellence in the following areas: clinical expertise, leadership, and working with specific populations.
 - Conference attendees will serve as the peer reviewers. Attendees will have an opportunity to cast votes for the posters. The ballots will be part of the registration packet.
 - The awards will be presented on Friday, October 13, 2017. You do not have to be present to win.

II. Instructions for Proposal Submissions

- All presentations are for **educational purposes only**, not for the sale of goods or services.
- **Your participation does not guarantee reimbursement** of any faculty expenses including conference registration, honorarium, travel, hotel and/or per diem.
 - All presenters will be required to register for the conference if attending any educational sessions.
 - Presenters are required to secure and pay for their own hotel reservations. The Society has reserved a block of rooms at the Hyatt Regency Baltimore at a special rate of \$215.00 plus tax for single or double occupancy.
- Accepted presenters are expected to provide handouts for the conference attendees.
 - Handouts will be uploaded to a password protected page of the Society's website.
 - Conference attendees will be responsible for printing the handouts to the sessions they plan to attend.
 - **THE SOCIETY WILL NOT DUPLICATE HANDOUTS.**
 - **Handouts will be due no later than September 19, 2017.**
- To be reviewed, each online application **must** include the following information:
 - a. Your completed contact information
 - b. Abstract summary of 550 character (approximately 75 words)
 - c. Full abstract
 - d. Target Audience

Please identify the target audience(s) that best suits your presentation material. These could include:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acute care • Rehabilitation • Pediatrics • Adults • Elderly • Home care • Hospice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community practice • Behavioral health • Case management • Leadership • Aging • Other
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You may indicate as many selections that apply to your presentation.

- e. A list of three learning objectives. Each learning objective should clearly explain to the audience what they can expect to better understand or achieve after attending your session. Please use action words like review, analyze, discuss, etc. as in “Participants will be able to discuss ...”
- f. CV/Resume for each presenter. **Please note** this information is necessary to have on file for continuing education approval.

A note about curriculum vitae: Curriculum vitae must be in Microsoft word or Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format only. You will be required to upload it during the submission process. Please have all authors CVs available in either Microsoft Word (.DOC/.DOCX) or Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format.

III. Notification

1. Once you have finalized your submission to the abstract management system you will receive a confirmation email from the system. Please check your folders and filters for this email; you will need it to make any necessary edits to your submission before the deadline of March 9.
2. Only the lead author/presenter will receive notification of abstract status.
3. The abstract review will be completed and decisions made by early June 2017. To protect the integrity of the review and notification process, SSWLHC cannot release status information to co-authors or third parties.

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If you have any questions about the Call for Abstracts, please contact the SSWLHC Main Office at 866-237-9542 or email at jdebald@fernley.com

For Technical questions please use the “Support” link in the upper right of the submission site.