

Feature: Informatics Mini-Track at NACCHO Annual 2009

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Program Update

Last day for early bird special is June 23

Help out your department with its budget woes. Today is the last day to register for NACCHO Annual 2009 at a discounted rate. You can also save money by registering multiple NACCHO members at the same time.

The Informatics Mini-Track

The mini-track will help attendees easily identify parts of the conference, which pertain to informatics, that they may want to participate in.

What is the Informatics Mini-Track?

Many Proposals in One Place

So many great session proposals had an informatics theme, and as a result a special mini-track has been created. The mini-track will help attendees easily identify parts of the conference that they may want to participate in.

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Pre-Conference Workshop

Public Health Performance Improvement: Understanding Your Workflow

This interactive workshop will provide participants with the opportunity to learn quality improvement terms and approaches and learn about practical tools for improving their agency's workflow.

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Sharing Sessions

The Future of Public Health and Health IT: The Federal Perspective

Leaders from CDC's National Center for Public Health Informatics and HRSA's Office of Health Information Technology will highlight the short and long range implications of current HIT/HIE initiatives on local public health practice and systems.

Business Process Analysis and Re-Design Tools for High Quality, Efficient Public Health Work

Through Common Ground, a grant funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, grantees have learned tools to collaboratively identify requirements for information systems using business process analysis.

This session will share the benefits of this project as well as how to overcome barriers preventing others from implementing similar projects.

Safe Sex in Second Life: Using the 3D Virtual Reality World to Teach and Learn about HIV/AIDS

The Brothers And Sisters United Against HIV/AIDS (BASUAH) specifically targets middle school, high school, and college age students and trains them to become BASUAH Ambassadors. These Ambassadors complete a culturally competent online training that raises awareness about the epidemic and ways they can protect themselves.

The New Public Health and RHIOs: The Intersection of Public Health and Informatics

This session will provide an overview of Duval and Orange County Health Departments' work with the Central FL Regional Health Information Organization. The speakers will explore the possible uses of aggregate RHIO and EMR data for surveillance, health service delivery research, and community health planning purposes.

Leveraging Web Technology to Deliver Public Health Services, Information, and Training

NACCHO, along with the National Association of Counties, is sponsoring Network of Care for Public Health's online Web portal. This local government sponsored one-stop Web site allows the public as well as staff and providers to access a broad range of public, environmental, and community health information that goes beyond the ordinary.

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Poster Presentations

July 30: Informatics-Related Posters

During the poster presentation session on Thursday July 30, attendees will have the chance to view seven informatics-related posters. The posters cover a range of topics including disease detection, outbreak and emergency management, and the exchange of epidemiological information.

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Networking Session

The Business Model for Health Informatics and How It Can Support Quality and Performance Improvement

Informatics can be defined as leveraging information technology to

improve the use and processing of information. This session is a chance to discuss challenges with colleagues and discover that informatics means more than simply spending money on IT. It is a fundamental shift in the way you manage your information and carry out business processes, which can then support public health decision making.

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Post-Conference Workshop

Web 2.0: How Can Local Public Health Departments Use it and Measure Outcomes?

Learn what Web 2.0 is and how local government agencies and public health entities are using its tools to connect with a growing online audience. Attend this session to discover the policy implications of Web 2.0, how to talk to your IT staff or consultants about it, and to explore methods of tracking outcomes. You will also hear lessons learned from LHDs and others who have already ventured into this new frontier.

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