

CALL FOR PAPERS

Strengthening Community-Based Health and Human Services for All:
A Symposium on Constructing Foundational Services
and Advocating for Quality in Community-Based Care

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Symposium Overview

The basic building blocks necessary to ensure access and quality in health and human services at the community level include a wide-array of activities and organizations. Advocacy for basic levels of service provision that support healthy living and quality in care require commitment and accountability. All sectors – nonprofit, for profit, and governmental – are essential for communities to provide for services necessary to sustain healthy living and to supplement health care resources that may be absent or underutilized. Community health care extends beyond recognizing the number of direct health service providers and dollars spent to include an understanding of the health-related education, advocacy, and commitment to quality necessary for communities to thrive. Health and human services may be narrowly targeted, inconsistent, insufficient or lacking in quality, or they may be broadly available, reliable, and bountiful. This symposium provides a venue for research that investigates the provision of health and human service related programs and foundational activities that affect the well being of people, especially marginalized groups. Research that investigates the impact of state and federal policies on local-level health and human services activities, and the attitudes and activism that impact the availability or quality of services, are especially welcome. Research on impediments to service access such as waiting lists, a lack of transportation or information about available services is also pertinent to this call for papers.

This symposium will provide a forum for conceptual and empirical research related to the provision of community-based health care services and advocacy and activism efforts employed to improve community health broadly defined. Topics include, but are not limited to:

- Design and implementation of community-based health care programs
- General management or supervision considerations for providing basic but high quality community health services
- Advocacy, activism, education and training efforts to enhance health and human services (especially among marginalized and underrepresented groups)
- Collaboration among and between pre-hospital agencies, local hospitals, nonprofit health care agencies, and primary health care providers in addressing community needs such as discharge planning and reducing community homelessness

Proposal Submission Process and Timeline

This area of inquiry is necessarily interdisciplinary, and proposals from a variety of fields and specializations are encouraged. These may include those that focus on health care administration and management, public and nonprofit management, clinical health care practice, social work and social services, and others. A 500-word proposal should be submitted via email to lisa.dicke@unt.edu by February 15, 2019.

Proposals should include information on the purpose or aim of the article, a discussion of the methods or approach used, and a discussion of the fit with the symposium topic. Please also include author name(s), affiliation(s), and full contact information.

Proposal acceptance will be sent by March 15, 2019. Full manuscripts will be due by July 1, 2019 for peer review. Final decision on manuscript acceptance is anticipated by November 1, 2019, with publication in spring 2020.