



# Care Transitions: We're All In It Together

## CALL FOR PRESENTERS

Aging and Disability Services—the Area Agency on Aging for Seattle-King County—and a community-based conference planning team are currently accepting proposals to present at our 2017 Care Transitions Conference. Titled “Care Transitions: We’re All in It Together,” the conference will take place at Four Points by Sheraton Seattle Airport South in Des Moines, WA on May 10, 2017.

2017 marks the sixth year that hospital and home health care administrators, discharge planners, nurses, physicians, pharmacists, policymakers, social service providers, community leaders, and consumers have gathered to discuss new ways to work together to decrease avoidable hospital admissions and health care utilization.

The focus of this year’s conference will be on developing a shared vision for patient- and family-centered transitions of care across the continuum. We encourage participation from stakeholders throughout King, Snohomish, Pierce, and Kitsap counties, while welcoming anyone engaged in improving health care quality and transitions of care.

### Why participate?

Participation provides you with an opportunity to share new ideas or highlight noteworthy projects and practices with professionals across the health and social service sectors. Conference participation has grown by approximately 25 percent each year. We anticipate that 300 individuals will attend the 2017 conference, representing more than 75 organizations.

### 2017 Topics

We welcome all interested presenters to submit proposals, particularly encouraging those that emphasize collaboration in the following areas:

- **Fundamentals of Care Transitions**—Participants will get up-to-speed on trends in transitions of care and what it means to be patient- and family-centered (e.g., understanding and managing relationships, effective team-based communication, social determinants of health, cultural competency, health literacy).
- **Enhance Your Skills**—Through engagement with regional leaders and their peers, participants will have the opportunity to discuss the most challenging aspects of today’s care transitions and enhance their ability to provide patient-centered, whole person care (e.g., care transitions for people experiencing homelessness, care transitions and behavioral health, crisis intervention, cross-setting coordination of palliative care).
- **Transformation and Policy**—Participants will learn about policy developments that are transforming transitions of care, reducing system fragmentation and duplication (e.g., behavioral health integration, 1115 waiver, value-based care).
- **Innovation and Development**—Participants will learn how innovations in service delivery and technology can improve patient, family and staff engagement. Participants will receive guidance on how to put ideas to action in their own organizations (e.g., managing moral distress and burnout, EHR/information management, emerging best practices or pilot programs).

## Guidelines

Conference proposals must be typed on 8½"x 11" paper, using 1-inch margins and a 10-point (or larger) font size, using the following format:

- **Preferred session format:**
  - general session
  - breakout panel or workshop
- **Topical area**
  - Fundamentals of Care Transitions
  - Enhance Your Skills
  - Transformation and Policy
  - Innovation and Development
- **Proposed title**
- **Primary presenter's name & affiliation**
- **Co-presenter name(s) & affiliation(s)**, if any (limit four)
- **Bios** (brief biographical information for each presenter): 50 words each
- **Session description:** limit 250 words
- **Objectives** (limit three): 250 words

**Presentations should offer content that is predominantly educational, replicable, and free of promotion.** Proposals may be for original or encore (repeat) presentations (i.e., from other conferences). Do not use tables, charts, or graphs in your proposal.

There is no fee for submitting a conference presentation proposal. There is no limit to the number of proposals one individual may submit for consideration.

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## Submission deadline

Submit proposals by e-mail to [Allison.Boll@seattle.gov](mailto:Allison.Boll@seattle.gov) on or before 5 p.m. on **Friday, February 17, 2017**.

If your proposal is accepted, you will be notified on or before **Friday, March 3, 2017**. Titles and presenters names will be published online on or before **March 17**.

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## Registration and fees

Submission of a proposal does not automatically register you to attend the conference. Once selected, presenters and co-presenters will be registered by the conference coordinator without a fee.

## Questions?

Visit the conference webpage at [www.agingkingcounty.org/CTconference/](http://www.agingkingcounty.org/CTconference/) or e-mail conference co-coordinator Allison Boll, Aging and Disability Services, at [Allison.Boll@seattle.gov](mailto:Allison.Boll@seattle.gov).