



2027 Education Proposals

Submission Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in submitting an education proposal for AQORD's 2027 Annual Conference taking place April 20-22, 2027, in Greenville, SC. Please review the following guidelines prior to submitting your proposal.

All submissions are due by **September 15th, 2026**.

Ready to submit? Click the link below!

[2027 AQORD Annual Conference Education Proposal Submission Form](#)

Guidelines

- All submissions must be made by **September 15th, 2026**, for consideration.
- Proposed sessions should address the full AQORD membership, which includes leadership of behavioral health, intellectual and developmental disability, acute medical care, social services, and senior living organizations.
- Presenters will be expected to provide their own laptops for presentations.
- A PowerPoint deck template will be provided for presenters.
- You may submit more than one proposal for consideration.
- 2027 workshop tracks include:
 - Leadership & Culture
 - Tech & Innovation
 - Governance
 - Operations, Dementia, Fundraising, and Crisis Management
 - Other (if your proposal fits none of the tracks above)
- Please be prepared to submit the following via the proposal submission form:
 - Word document including title and description of your proposed session
 - Preferred length of your session – 60 or 90 minutes
 - Presenter/s' information (name, title, bio, contact information, headshot, etc.)



- If you do not have presenter information at this time, all presenter information for selected workshops will be due by **December 1st, 2026**
 - Identify a Lead Presenter who will be the primary contact for communication
- Presenters will be responsible for registering for the conference as well as securing travel and lodging.
- All selected sessions will be submitted for NAB CEU credit consideration.
- Presenters will be responsible for all expenses related to delivering their session.
- Submission of PowerPoint presentations and handouts will be due **February 21st**. Submissions after this date will not be included as assets in the conference app.

Selection Process

All submissions must be uploaded via the 2027 AQORD Annual Conference Education Proposal Submission Form.

Submissions will be collected and reviewed by a selection committee made up of AQORD member organization representatives, AQORD executive leadership, and AQORD board members. Proposals will be sorted by track and will be reviewed by the committee September - October, 2026. Confirmation of selection will be made by November 13th, 2026.

About the 2027 Annual Conference

The 2027 Annual Conference will occur April 20-22, 2027, at the Hyatt Regency in Greenville, SC. This will be AQORD's first Annual Conference after the merger of FSA and MHS Association, bringing together the 89 collective member organizations. We are expecting about 250 attendees.

The Annual Conference will focus on bringing forth expert insights, fostering opportunities for discovery, bringing clarity and understanding to current complexities within the health and human services sector, and illuminating opportunities. We will explore building an intentional network of leaders who stand together to magnify our vision, amplify our voice, and advance our mutual ministries.

The conference will offer presentations from leaders who have brought innovation and new perspectives to the industry. Topics for a variety of workshops will be generated



by our associations' members and business partners, bringing fresh ideas, actionable opportunities, and best practices. In large and small group settings, we will celebrate, discern, and strategize for the future, leaving attendees seeing things differently than when they arrived.

If you have any questions about the proposal process, please contact me at rmills@aqord.org or (812) 267-6291.

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