



CommunityConnect 2026 — Abstract Review Rubric

Score each criterion from 1–3. Total possible score: 15 points.

Criterion	3 — Strong	2 — Adequate	1 — Weak
Relevance	This topic clearly addresses the needs of leaders and staff in home and community support, and I can see it appealing to a wide range of delegates.	This topic is somewhat relevant to the audience, though it may appeal to only a segment of delegates.	This topic has limited relevance to the audience or feels too narrow in scope.
Originality	This presents a fresh perspective, innovative approach, or creative angle that feels distinct and new to me.	This topic has some unique elements, though the approach feels somewhat familiar or conventional.	This feels like a well-worn topic with little new thinking — I don't see a fresh perspective or creative angle.
Clarity	The title, description, and objectives are compelling and easy to understand, and the abstract is well-written.	The abstract is mostly clear, but there are gaps in the description or objectives, or some writing issues.	The abstract is vague or hard to follow, the objectives are unclear, or there are significant writing problems.
Value to Delegates	The takeaways are specific and actionable, and I can clearly see what delegates will learn and how they'll apply it.	There is some practical value here, though the outcomes could be more clearly defined.	The takeaways are vague or absent, and I'm not sure what delegates would gain from this session.
Presenter Qualifications	The presenter's experience and expertise are evident and well-matched to this topic.	The presenter has some relevant experience, though the depth of expertise is less clear.	The presenter's qualifications are unclear or don't align well with the topic.