Community Health Worker Survey Summary

First Utah Community Health Worker Conference: Building a Statewide Force
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73 community health workers responded out of potential 160

Employed CHWs
Average 5.4 years experience
70% on employer-based health insurance

Volunteer CHWs
Average 3.6 years experience

Employment

Age

Education
Top 3 types of organizations CHWs work in:
1. Non-profits (n=47)
2. Community Health Clinics (n=14)
3. Health Plans (n=9)

Top 3 trainings CHWs receive:
1. Conferences / Workshops (n=41)
2. On the job training by shadowing others (n=37)
3. Partner agency(ies) training (n=26)

Top 4 health areas:
1. Diabetes (n=58)
2. Blood pressure (n=45)
3. Obesity/ Nutrition (n=31)
4. Mental Health (n=27)

*22 health issues were selected
Primary Languages

51% Non-English*

21% Two primary languages: Non-English & English*

28% English

*Non-English languages were primarily Spanish and also included Burmese, Somali, Karenni, Arabic, Swahili, & French

Current roles for CHWs

- Connecting others to community resources (n=42)
- Health education activities at fairs or events (n=41)
- One-on-one education and counseling (n=39)
- Promoting health literacy (n=39)
Where do CHWs work?
Represented by local health department

- Salt Lake (38%)
- Southwest (9%)
- Weber Morgan (8%)
- Utah (7%)
- Davis (7%)
- TriCounty (6%)
- Wasatch (6%)
- Summit (5%)
- Bear River (5%)
- Tooele (4%)
- Central (2%)
- San Juan (2%)
- Southeast (1%)

Communities served

Race/ethnic groups served

- Latino
- White Non-Hispanic
- African American
- Asian American
- Pacific Island/Native Haw.
- American Ind./Alaskan Nat.
Next Steps: Reasons for an interest in a CHW Group

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