



Utah Broad-Based Community Health Worker Coalition (CHWC)

VISION: *True collaborative health for all communities in Utah.*

MISSION: *To support and promote the work of community health workers (CHWs) in Utah.*

FOCUS AREAS: *Because the work of CHWs in Utah is so important to addressing social determinants of health and increasing health equity in all communities, the Utah Broad-Based CHWC has chosen to focus on the following areas:*

- *Sustainable finance mechanisms to reimburse the work of CHWs*
- *Statewide standardized training of core competencies for CHWs*
- *Certification for CHW Training*
- *Defined Scope of Practice for CHWs*
- *Return-on-investment Business Case for CHW work*
- *Development and growth of the CHW Section, under the Utah Public Health Association (UPHA)*
- *Public and professional recognition for the work of CHWs*

CHWS in UTAH: *CHWs are known by different titles throughout Utah, including promotora, lay health worker, patient advocate, peer support specialist and many others. While they may be known by different titles, all CHWs have one thing in common, the trust of the communities they serve. They are trained laypeople who share life circumstances with the clients they serve and are “natural helpers”. CHWs work in a variety of settings throughout Utah in both paid and volunteer positions.*

CHW COALITION WORKGROUPS: *The CHWC is made up of workgroups, each with a specific focus area.*

- *Workgroups for sustainable finance, workforce development, evaluation and advocacy formulate strategies to carry out the CHWC Strategic Plan approved by the CHWC Advisory Board.*

These workgroups also work together to carry out responsibilities which include:

- *Support the framework of the CHWC and the UPHA CHW Section*
- *Implement activities throughout the state to support and promote the work of CHWs*

JOIN THE COALITION: *We need more people supporting the work of CHWs through their organizations and in their communities. Join the CHWC and use your passion and skills in supporting and promoting this work across the state---you can make a difference!*

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