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Promotor(a) or Community Health Worker Training and Certification Program Advisory Committee Meeting

October 29, 2021

Promotor(a) or Community Health Worker (CHW) Training and Certification Advisory Committee Meeting

FOR QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

You may submit your questions/comments to

CHW@dshs.texas.gov

Thank you.



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Welcome

Melissa Frei-Jones, MD, MSCI, FAAP

Pediatric Hematology

**Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long School of
Medicine, UTHSCSA**

Sickle Cell Task Force- Community Health Worker Collaboration

Melissa Frei-Jones, MD, MSCI, FAAP

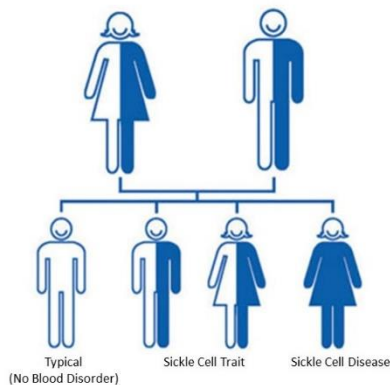
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Agenda

- What is Sickle Cell Disease and Sickle Cell Trait?
- Sickle Cell Task Force
- Community Health Workers and Sickle Cell

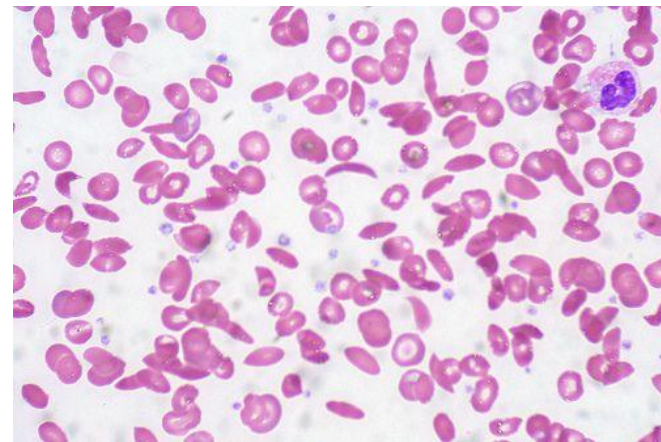
Sickle Cell Trait (AS)

- Individual carries one copy of Hemoglobin S mutations
 - 1:15 Black Americans have Sickle Trait
- Not a disease, does not develop into a disease.
- Complications are rare, but may be severe.
- Procreative counseling



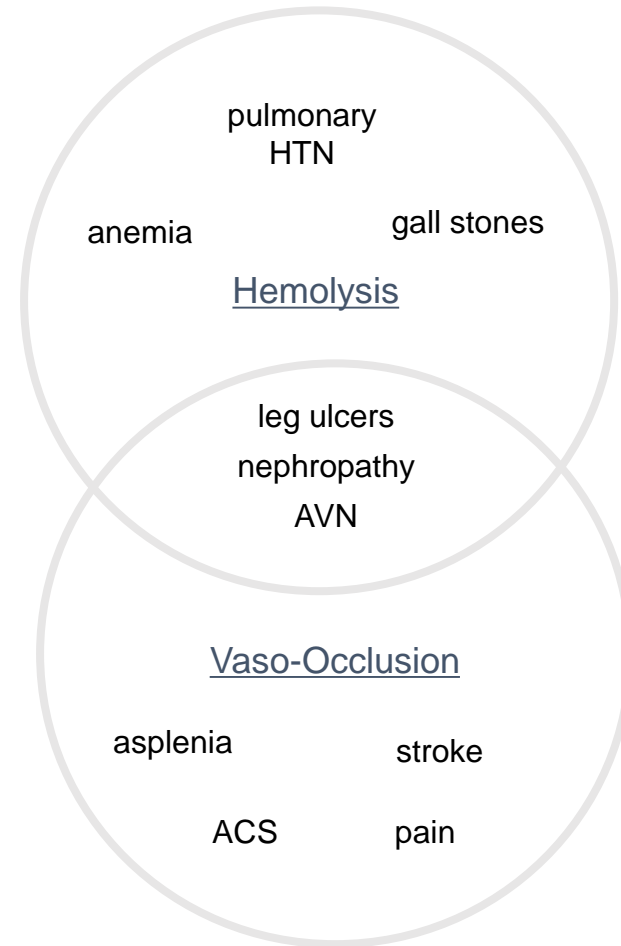
Sickle Cell Disease (SCD)

- Types of SCD
 - Sickle Cell Anemia - Homozygous SS Disease
 - Most common type of SCD
 - Compound Heterozygotes
 - Hb SC
 - Hb SB thalassemia plus
 - Hb SB thalassemia null
 - Estimated 100,000 individuals with SCD in US



Manifestations of Sickle Cell Disease

- Chronic anemia
 - Poor growth and development
 - Jaundice
 - Cholelithiasis
- Acute vaso-occlusive complications
 - Pain, priapism
 - Acute stroke
 - Acute chest syndrome
 - Splenic sequestration
- Chronic organ damage
 - Spleen
 - Brain - Vasculopathy
 - Kidneys
 - Lung – Chronic lung disease
 - Bones – Avascular necrosis
 - Eyes -Retinopathy



Sickle Cell Advisory Committee

- 2015-2018 First ever Sickle Cell Advisory Committee in Texas
 - Purpose - To raise public awareness of sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait.
- Committee recommendations to DSHS:
 - establish a sickle cell task force;
 - develop statewide sickle cell awareness campaigns;
 - begin statewide sickle cell surveillance throughout the lifespan;
 - partner with Medicaid/Medicare, Managed Care Organizations, and Accountable Care Organizations to improve awareness of Sickle Cell Disease and Trait and access to services; and
 - utilize community health workers to improve patient care.

Sickle Cell Task Force

- 2019 House Bill 3405 establishes and maintains a task force to raise awareness of sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait.
 - Purpose: Study and advise the department on implementing the recommendations made in the 2018 Sickle Cell Advisory Committee Report.
- Utilize Community Health Workers (CHW) to improve patient care:
 - Optimize CHW access to updated education on SCD and SCT, including the development of a lecture or conference.
 - Encourage use of the DSHS SCD/SCT online training module to increase awareness among CHW
 - Understand locations where individuals with SCD seek care for possible targeted educational efforts of regional CHW.
 - Review and discuss opportunities for CHW optimization for high-need areas in Texas.

CHW and SCD

- CHW and local SCD community-based organizations (CBO) provide patient outreach and follow-up care.
 - CHW and CBO are the bridge between SCD patients and quality care. Their importance was evidenced in the Northeast region, where community health workers connected adult SCD patients with a medical home that managed their disease progression and symptoms.
- Research in CHW
 - COMETS Study
 - Community Health Worker and Mobile Health Programs to Help Young Adults with Sickle Cell Disease Transition to Using Adult Healthcare Services
 - CHW and mHealth for Sickle Cell Disease Care
 - Compare the effectiveness of two CHW and mobile health (mHealth)-versus enhanced usual care to improve health-related quality of life

Conclusions

- “As a rare but socially costly condition that increases health disparities, SCD is in need of alternative interventions for improving short- and long-term outcomes and quality of life. CHWs are an accepted model for improving healthcare outcomes in underserved communities and populations at high risk for poor outcomes.”
 - *Hsu et al. Community Health Workers as Support for Sickle Cell Care. Page 7 Am J Prev Med. Author manuscript; available in PMC 2017 July 01.*
- <https://www.sicklecelldisease.org/our-initiatives/community-health-worker-training/>
- Next steps to collaborate.....

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Texas Breast and Cervical Cancer Services

Candice Adame Estrada, BSN, RN

**Nurse Consultant, Breast and Cervical Cancer Services
Health and Human Services Commission**

October 29, 2021



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Program Overview

- National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Program (NBCCEDP)
- In 1991, Texas Breast and Cervical Cancer Services (BCCS) was one of the first national cancer screening programs in the U.S.
- Texas Administrative Code (“TAC” Title 25 Part 1, Chapter 61)

Contracted Service Providers

- 37 Texas BCCS service providers across the state.
- Direct services are offered at more than 250 clinical locations.



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Funding

Federal Funds

NBCCEDP

State Funds

General Revenue

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families



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Number of Women Served

NBCCEDP-funded Services
January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020

NBCCEDP-funded Services	Projected	Actual	Percent of Projected
Number of women served for breast cancer	14,548	12,508	85.97%
Number of women served for cervical cancer	8,845	8079	91.34%

Texas Health and Human Services Commission. (Data retrieved January 5, 2021). Breast and Cervical Cancer Services Program. Med-IT®.



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Eligibility



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- Women may be eligible for benefits if they:
 - Are a resident of Texas
 - Are 18 years of age or older
 - Do not have health insurance or are underinsured
 - Are at or below 200% of the federal poverty level



BCCS Clinic Locations

- Find a BCCS clinic at healthytexaswomen.org
- Call **2-1-1**
- BCCS **512-776-7796**



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Find a Doctor

Healthy Texas Women

Family Planning Program

Breast & Cervical Cancer Services

Address

Distance

Provider Name (optional)

Select any filter and click on Apply to see results





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Benefits

- Breast and cervical cancer screening services
 - Clinical breast examination
 - Mammogram
 - Pelvic examination and Pap test
- Diagnostic services
- Cervical dysplasia management and treatment
- Patient navigation

Cervical Dysplasia Management and Treatment

- Follow-up testing and observation (pap test, Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) testing, colposcopy)
- Treatment of abnormal cells found on the cervix
 - Loop Electrosurgical Excision Procedure (LEEP)
 - Cervical cryotherapy: Removing abnormal cervical cells by freezing them
 - Cervical conizations: Treating abnormal cervical cells by removing a cone-shaped area of tissue from the cervix and cervical canal
- Patient navigation



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Patient Navigation

- Individualized assistance
- Facilitate timely access to quality screening and diagnostic services
- Initiation of timely treatment services



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Medicaid for Breast and Cervical Cancer (MBCC)



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- Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act of 2000
- 2007 Human Resources Code §32.024 Treatment Act Expansion

MBCC Applications

- Contracted service providers provide MBCC application assistance.
- BCCS nurse consultants review for clinical eligibility.

January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020

	Reviewed	Clinically eligible
MBCC Applications	1,554	1,534



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MBCC Eligibility

- Qualifying cancer diagnosis
- Age 18-64
- U.S. citizen/Qualifying legal immigrant
- Texas resident
- Income 200% or less of federal poverty level
- Not insured
- Need treatment
- May be diagnosed by any qualified provider
- Screened by BCCS provider for MBCC eligibility



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MBCC Coverage

Medicaid coverage dates and benefits

- a. Determined by HHSC Centralized Benefit Services
- b. The earliest date of presumptive eligibility
 - i. The day after the client received a biopsy-confirmed qualifying diagnosis (not >90 days)

Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP)
Medicaid Client Help Line

1-800-335-8957



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Provider Resources

- BCCS Provider Portal <https://hhs.texas.gov/doing-business-hhs/provider-portals/health-services-providers/womens-health-services/breast-cervical-cancer-services>
- Healthy Texas Women healthytexaswomen.org
- Email the BCCS program at BCCSProgram@hhsc.state.tx.us



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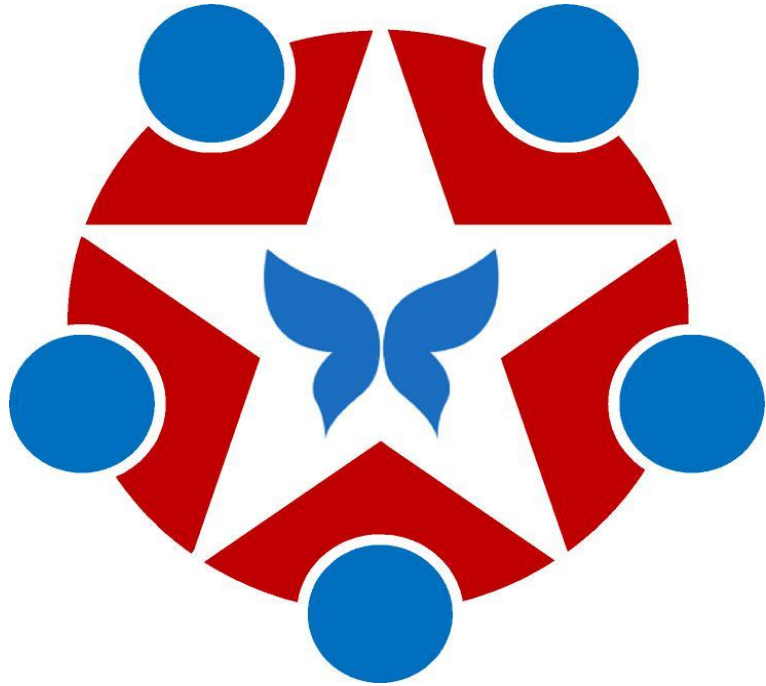


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Ashley Rodriguez, CCHW, CCHWI

**Texas Association of Promotores &
Community Health Workers (TAPCHW)**



Texas Association of Promotores & Community Health Workers

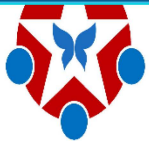
Ashley Rodriguez, CCHW, CCHWI
President of the Board of Directors

Statewide Update

DSHS Advisory Committee Meeting 10.29.21

Our Mission

To support and expand opportunities for the CHW profession at the state and local level through advocacy, education, employment, empowerment, and policy.



Board Officers



Ashley Rodriguez

President of the Board



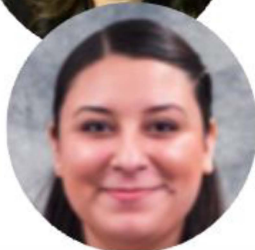
Roxana Lopez

Vice President of the Board



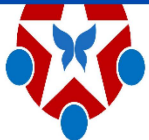
Denise Hernandez

Secretary of the Board



Denise Martinez

Treasurer



Board Members



Dolontria Bryant-Williams

Membership Co-Chair



Gloria Carter

Membership Co-Chair



Kim Bush

Member



Ricardo Garay

Member



Tarri Wyre

Member



Julie St. John

Member



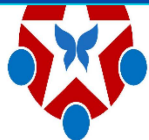
Yamaceeta Thompson

Member



Christie Coffey

Member



**Official
Launch**

2019

**1st
Conference**

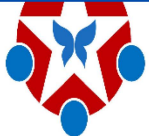
2020

**Training
Center
Launch**

2021

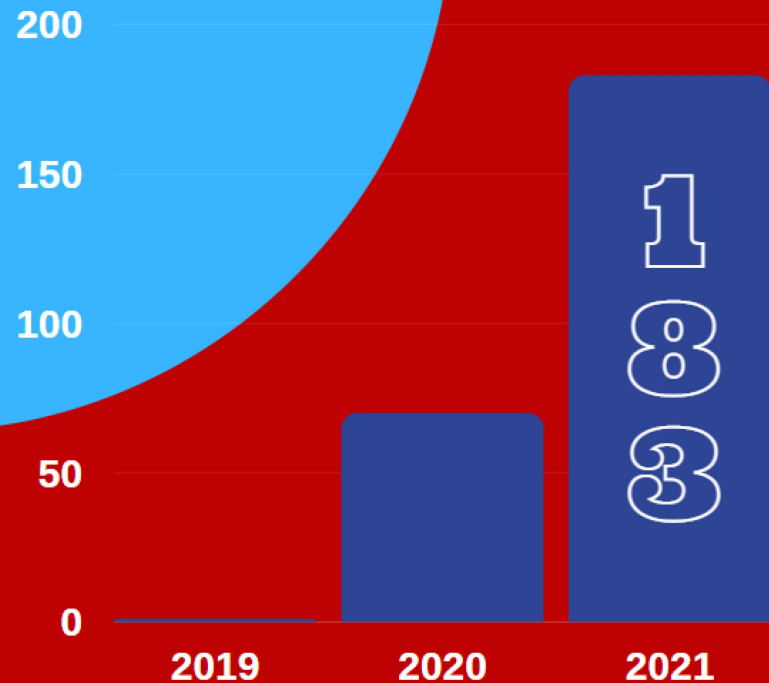
A Few Key Milestones

And we couldn't have done any of it without our member's support!



Our Membership

We've come a long way in a relatively short amount of time - and are proud of membership renewals at 65% retention!



Support CHW & CHW Instructor continuing education efforts

TAPCHW PRESENTS

CRITICAL KEYS TO SUCCESS

TAPCHW & TEXAS AHEC EAST DFW REGION

UNDERSTANDING STRESS & BURN OUT

TAPCHW & THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT TYLER

HELPFUL HINTS TO UNDERSTANDING AND MAINTAINING YOUR PROFESSIONAL BOUNDARIES

taasa 
TEXAS ASSOCIATION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT

Dynamics of Human Trafficking: Considerations for Community Health Workers

TAPCHW & The National CHW Training Center

CONNECTING CHILDREN & ADOLESCENTS TO MENTAL HEALTH CARE

As part of your member benefits - this virtual 1 hour, IDHS Approved CHW CE is free to all TAPCHW Members!

Register here today!
Join TAPCHW here today!

JOIN US FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 13, 2020

12 PM - 1 PM (CENTRAL TIME)
HOSTED ON ZOOM!




INSTRUCTORS
KATY NIMMONS
DENISE MARTINEZ

Engage for Health

Taking an active role in your health care.

  U.S. National Library of Medicine
National Institutes of Health

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ATTENTION ALL TEXAS CHWs!

Join us for a celebratory CE event on

TEXAS CHW DAY

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2021
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM
ONLINE

 **Diabetes + the Eyes**

Developed by:  Using grant funding from:  AMCE  The Alzheimer Foundation 

Building Vaccine Confidence: COVID-19 Vaccination Saves Lives

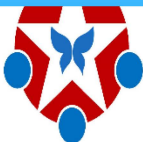
Vaccine Evidence, NIH
Co-Design, Stakeholder Engagement & Disparities Research, Affected Adult Populations, Vaccine Task Force Communications, CDC COVID-19 Response



  vaccinatewithconfidence.org

Learning How to Be a Community Leader

COMMUNITY TOOL BOX 



All the Work "Behind the Scenes"

Promoting statewide projects & opportunities for CHWs is how we advocate for & support the workforce!

12+ Partnerships Developed

that support our mission & CHW/CHWI members

5+ Projects

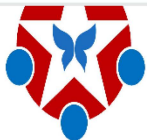
in the works currently

Over 11 CE Hours

Offered to-date



HPV VAX NOW



Amplify & Promote Local Associations

- Build & strengthen relationships
- Host networking events & meetings
- Defer to local for opportunities in their area

Local Association Calls

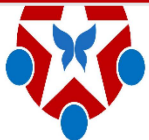
Monthly meetings began in April 2021 with local associations to better understand what levels of support we can offer.

Training Center Calls

Coming soon!

Interested?

Contact us! info@tapchw.org

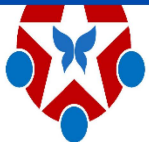




TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF PROMOTORES & CHWS
PRESENTS

CHWs Moving Forward: Reset & Refocus

SEPTEMBER 27 & 28 2021



TAPCHW



2nd Annual Virtual Conference CHWs Moving Forward: Reset & Refocus September 27th & 28th

September 27th English Agenda



- 10 AM OPENING SESSION featuring DSHS & NACHW*
- 12 PM Practical Communication & Organizational Skills ++
- 2 PM CHW Community Engagement for Emergency Preparedness
- 4 PM Interprofessional Collaboration and CHWs
- 5:30 PM Networking Happy Hour*

September 28th English Agenda



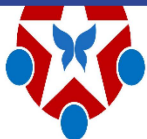
- 10 AM Helping your Community Kick the Tobacco Habit
- 12 PM Exploring the CHW Workforce Development Ecosystem and Professional Development Pathways
- 2 PM COVID: Facts, Outcomes, and the Future
- 4 PM Your Kidneys and You

ALL TIMES IN CST

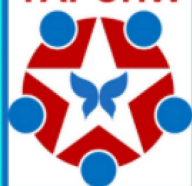
++ CHW & CHW Instructor Certified CE Course

*Non-certified Course

DISCLAIMER: Paid attendees must participate via web for entire session(s) in order to receive credit, no call-in will be tracked or accepted. TAPCHW is not responsible for technical, network, or equipment issues.



TAPCHW



2da Conferencia Anual Virtual de TAPCHW Promotores Avanzando: Reiniciar y Reenfocar 27 y 28 de Septiembre

Septiembre 27 En Español



- 10 AM Sesión de apertura presentando DSHS & NACHW*
- 12 PM Explorando el ecosistema de desarrollo de la fuerza laboral de Promotores de Salud y las vías de desarrollo profesional
- 2 PM Determinantes Sociales de la Salud
- 4 PM Cáncer Colorrectal: Medidas Para Ayudar a Reducir su Riesgo++
- 5:30 PM Hora feliz de networking*

Septiembre 28 En Español



- 10 AM Usted y Sus Riñones
- 12 PM Fatiga por Compasión++
- 2 PM Virus de Papiloma Humano 101: La vacuna para prevenir seis tipos de cáncer
- 4 PM Ayuda Para Que Su Comunidad Abandone la al Hábito del Tabaco

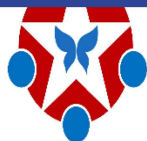
En hora CST

++ CHW & CHW Instructor Certified CE Curso

*curso no certificado

^ pendiente de certificación

Descargo de responsabilidad: los participantes pagados deben participar a través del sitio web durante sesiones completas para recibir crédito, ninguna llamada telefónica será rastreada o aceptada.



JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL

Conference Networking Event

OUR VOICES MATTER

Monday, September 27th
5:30 PM CST

*followed by fun interactive
break-out room activities*

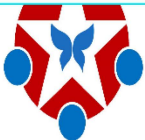
What 2-Minutes with Your State Rep Can Look Like





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Sponsors



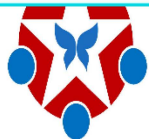


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Supporting Local CHW Associations & Training Centers



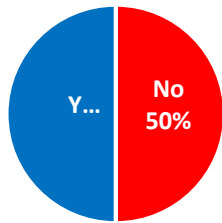
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**LARRY COMBEST
COMMUNITY HEALTH &
WELLNESS CENTER**



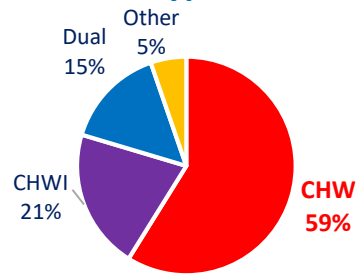
2021 TAPCHW Registered Conference Attendees

Map generated from zip code attendee data

Active Member of TAPCHW



Conference Attendee Type



“Other” Answers:

- Consultant
- Member and Partner Engagement Coordinator
- CHR Supervisor/CMA
- Research Field Coordinator
- Social Worker
- Manager
- Public health graduate student
- Program Coordinator
- Outreach & Enrollment Assistance Worker

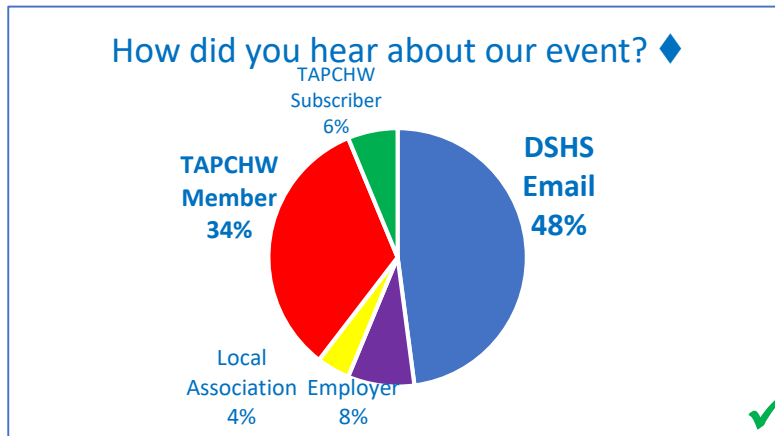


Note: Not pictured – 2 Attendees from California!



2021 TAPCHW Attendee Info at a Glance

49
Survey
Responses
Received
4/5/2021
2020

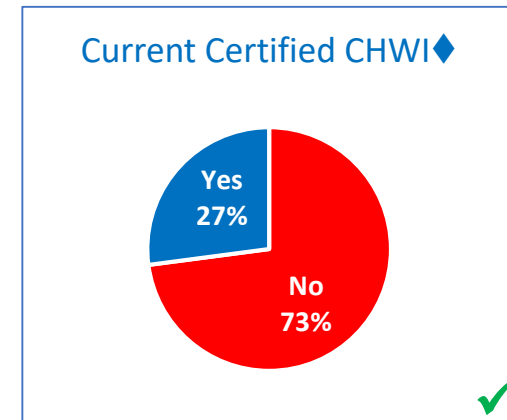
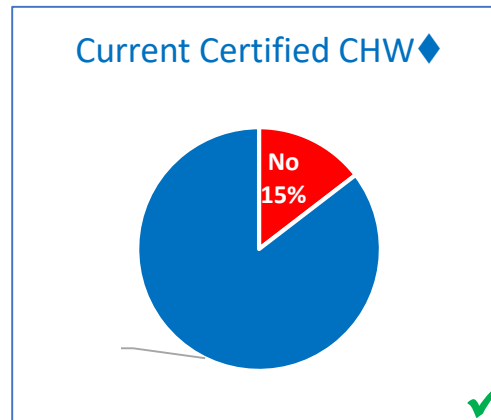


ENGLISH	Day 1	Day 2
# Attendees Total	154	156
# Questions Asked	20	No data
Response Rate	68%	92%

~60 Less participants than 2020

SPANISH	Day 1	Day 2
# Attendees Total	6	11
# Questions Asked	No data	No data
Response Rate	91%	95%

Source: WebEx data



✓ = same as 2020

♦ Source: feedback survey data



Associations/Networks Attendees are Affiliated with

CHW Associations

- Día de la Mujer Latina (1)
- DFW-CHW Association (4)
- NACHW (6)
- Northeast Texas CHW Coalition (4)
- South Texas Promotora Association (1)
- **TAPCHW (24)**
- Texas Gulf Coast CHW/Promotores Association (TGCCPA) (4)
- West Texas CHW/Promotores Association (3)

Other Associations/Networks

- AARC
- ACTS HIV Ministry
- AHEC
- American Association of Diabetes Educators
- Black Fire Brigade
- Cardea
- caring for the care giver
- CHW Initiative- University of Houston
- City of Austin Maternal infant outreach program
- ETX Human Needs Network (ETHNN)
- Family circle of care
- Health Literacy Coalition
- Healthy Mom's Healthy Babies
- IHS & CRIHB
- Lincoln Park Historical Foundation
- Maximus
- MD Anderson
- Metro Health
- Red Cross
- Retired Firefighters of Chicago
- SACHW Advisory
- Shannon Medical Center
- Stress HeartMath
- Texas A&M Center for Population Health And Aging
- Texas Tech
- THN
- TPHA
- Umemeba

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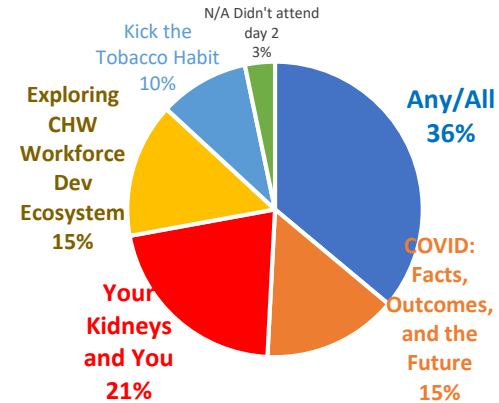


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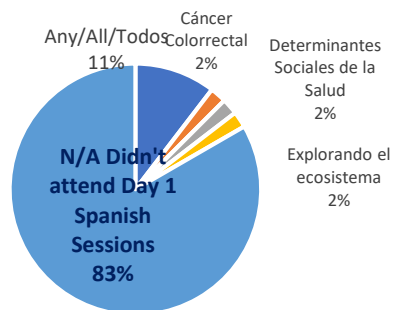
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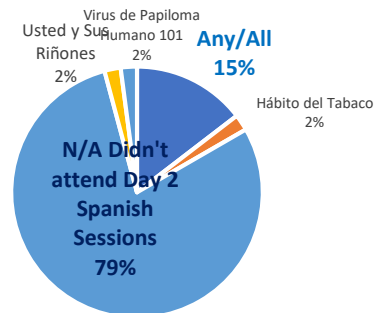
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Snapshot of Some Positive Feedback Received



Thank you for such valuable information; your conference was well planned and very well organized! I thoroughly enjoyed the time spent and learned about so many new tools for professional development Great job! Thanks for this opportunity!

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Helping the Community Kick the Tobacco Addiction was a great refresher course



Your Kidneys and You provided new information. which will be valuable to our communities.



the CHW Workforce Development ecosystem information was valuable to me as I am new to the CHW arena very well presented



Amazing conference! And it's just the beginning for TAPCHW! Participants were so engaged. Great job. Beatrice Smith, DSHS



Over 30+ Positive Comments/Responses + 'thank you' 1 e-mail



A Look into the Future

A snapshot of upcoming
events hosted by
TAPCHW

**Health
Literacy
CE Series**

Nov 5th

**Training
Center
Overview**

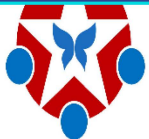
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**Quarterly
CE**

Nov 19th

**2022
Events**

CEs!
Conference!
New Projects!



TAPCHW Membership

\$15

Annual individual
membership



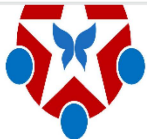
Professional Development Support

Minimum of 4 certified CEs offered annually!

Access

Employment opportunities, participation in projects, & various
community resources

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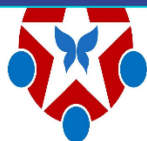
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Chair	Kim Bush
Membership (advisory member):	Kim Bush
Membership (non-advisory members):	Charles Begley, Ph.D., Debra Flores, Ph.D., M.A.; Julie St. John, MA, MPH, DrPh

- Last met on October 16, 2020
- Sub-Committee update

Next meeting: To be determined

Communication and Outreach



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Chair	Tasha Whitaker
Membership (advisory member):	Tasha Whitaker
Membership (non-advisory members):	Delphine Thompson, Maudia Gentry, Ph.D., Julie St. John, MA, MPH, DrPh

- Last met on August 18, 2020
- Sub-Committee update

Next meeting: To be determined

CHW Training and Certification Sub-Committee



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Chair	Carolina González Schlenker, MD, MPH
Membership (advisory members):	Carolina González Schlenker, MD, MPH, Minerva Garcia
Membership (non-advisory members):	Merida Escobar, Otila Garcia, Julie St. John, MA, MPH, DrPh


- Last met on October 3, 2021
- Sub-Committee update

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Public Comment Procedures



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- Written comments are encouraged
- Registration and call-in process for oral public comment
- All speakers must identify themselves and the organization they are representing before speaking
- Rules of conduct apply to public comments made by teleconference

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