



## American Public Health Association Policies in Support of Community Health Workers

### Policy 2001-15: Recognition and Support for Community Health Workers' Contributions to Meeting our Nation's Health Care Needs

- First comprehensive policy to detail recommendations for the promotion and growth of the CHW field.
- Policy archived in 2009 after the adoption of policy 2009-1, which updated recommendations.

### Policy 2009-1: Support for Community Health Workers to Increase Health Access and to Reduce Health Inequities

- Established a definition of CHWs, still in use today and adopted by various local, state, and national CHW membership and advocacy groups.
- Identified seven roles of CHWs, as determined by the 1998 National Community Health Advisor Study.
- Advocated for full integration of CHWs into health and human services systems and for workforce development through training, certification, and establishment of sustainable funding streams.

### Policy Number: 2014-14: Support for Community Health Worker Leadership in Determining Workforce Standards for Training and Credentialing

- Advocated for inclusion of CHWs in any local or state effort to create CHW workforce standards.
- Encouraged local and state CHW professional groups to consider policies regarding training standards and credentialing, if appropriate for local conditions.
- Recommended that a group composed at least of 50% CHWs participate in any group considering policy related to CHW training standards and credentialing, including certification.