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Spring UPDATE

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This year will be a **BIG** year for MiCHWA. This summer, MiCHWA turns five, we report results from our second [statewide employer survey](#) (watch for it next week!), and we celebrate our third [CHW Appreciation Month](#). We will also be experiencing some big organizational changes.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Staffing: In August, Project Director Katie Mitchell will be stepping down from her role after almost five years of service. Katie has served as MiCHWA's main staffer since launch. Our search for a new project director begins now, and our [job posting is officially posted here](#) (#124273). At present, the position will continue to be housed by the University of Michigan School of Social Work.

Host Organization: MiCHWA is also considering long-term sustainability. Later this month, MiCHWA's Steering Committee will release a **request for proposals** seeking a new organization interested in hosting MiCHWA. UM-SSW has been a wonderful host, and we will continue partnership with the school. We are looking to expand our services and activities, however, and are interested in options beyond an academic setting. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the RFP when released, please contact katie@michwa.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Unity Conference: July 17-20, Atlanta, GA

Community Health Workers: Social Change Agents Advancing Health Equity and Improving Outcomes

[Website](#), including information on the [11th Annual Esther M. Holderby Award](#)

[Download the program brochure here](#) (includes registration details)

Spectrum Health CHW Conference: August 25, Grand Rapids, MI

Community Health Workers: Lighthouse in the Community

8:30am to 4:00pm

[Download the flyer here](#)

CURRENT MiCHWA ACTIVITY

CHW Certification: MiCHWA's CHW Registry will launch later this year. The registry will be the mechanism through which CHWs are certified by MiCHWA. Before launch, we will host a webinar on CHW certification to get everyone on the same page. Until then, take a look at [our fact sheet on certification versus certificate](#).

Michigan CHW Training: New training opportunities are popping up all across the state. There are scheduled trainings Flint (starting next week!) and [Dearborn](#) in August. Training occurs by employer demand, so please let us know if you are interested in a training near you. Learn more on our [training webpage](#).

CHWs & Medicaid: We continue to focus on CHW financing, including payment models and financing mechanisms for sustainability. There are two current Medicaid financing mechanisms that directly support CHWs. Learn more on [our new fact sheet](#).

Upcoming Statewide Survey: MiCHWA will re-launch its [statewide survey](#) of CHW programs and their employers **April 20** in partnership with the [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services](#). This survey will gather data on where CHWs are employed, what they do, and what professional development needs exist. Watch for it!





CHW Training: 30 CHWs in Grand Rapids (above) and 18 CHWs in Dearborn completed MiCHWA's CHW curriculum in March. *Photo by Spectrum Health.*

WEBINARS, CHW JOB POSTINGS & RESOURCES

The National Academy for State Health Policy is hosting a webinar on the ACA:
"Prohibiting Discrimination under the Affordable Care Act"

April 18, 1pm EST, [register here](#)

CHW JOB POSTINGS

[Western Wayne Family Health Centers](#), Inkster/Taylor

[Hamilton Community Health Network](#), Flint

[CHASS Center, Inc.](#), Detroit

[Southwest Solutions / Partners 4 Health](#), Detroit area

Current job postings are always listed on our [CHW Network Page](#).

NEW REPORTS, NEWS ARTICLES & PRESENTATIONS

Kaiser Health News: "Hospitals Eye Community Health Workers to Cultivate Patients' Successes",
[available here](#)

ASTHO: Webinar, "CHW Certification and Licensure" featuring MiCHWA's Katie Mitchell, [available here](#)

DHHS Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation: "Community Health Workers: Roles and Opportunities in Health Care Delivery System Reform", [available here](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

CDC: [Community Health Worker Toolkit](#)

ASTHO: [Wiki site on State Innovation Models](#) (check out the workforce section!)

ASTHO: [Community Health Workers site](#)

APHA: [Support for Community Health Worker Leadership in Determining Workforce Standards for Training and Credentialing](#)

State Refor(u)m: [Community Health Worker Models \(by state\)](#)

Success with CHWs: [Asthma](#)

Success with CHWs: [Mental Health](#)

National Community Health Worker Advocacy Survey: [Results](#)

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[Access Our Web Resources](#)

MiCHWA's website is updated with new resources including a [CHW 101 toolkit](#), [research & evidence](#), [videos](#) and [national news on CHWs](#). We also have active [CHW job postings](#), including a position in Detroit.

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