

Community Health Workers in the Bureau of HIV/STD/Hepatitis

Community Planning Members (At Large Members, YACs)

All prevention activities are driven by the *Comprehensive Prevention Planning Group* (CPPG) which develops a statewide prevention plan to reduce HIV, STI and Hepatitis infection. To insure the voice and planning skills of the target groups are met, who are concurrently usually community health workers (CHW), there are At Large members. This group is inclusive of Youth Advisory Council members (YACs) who are peer youth community health workers. The CPPG decisively shapes the direction and role of how the various community health workers are utilized.

Prevention Outreach Workers

Deliver an array of individual, group, community and structural level interventions with a focus is on skills building, endorsing prevention messages, giving referrals and distributing risk reduction messages. Most also act as health educators as requested

Medication Adherence Coaches (for both HIV+ and HIV-)

Coach and encourage persons with HIV and those highest risk (PrEP) to take their medications consistently and correctly to lower viral load (+) or drastically reduce chances for getting infected (-)

Patient Navigators

Persons who are peers that help the newly infected navigate the health care system and acting as a mentor managing HIV or assisting those who are returning to care and need support to stay in care

Outreach Testing Workers

Persons who deliver in community settings Rapid HIV and HCV testing and certain STI tests; do risk assessments, assist client in developing risk reduction plans, partner elicitation and targeted referrals

CRCS (Comprehensive Risk Counseling and Services)

A program modeled on case management geared to assisting high risk individuals or HIV infected persons with complicated needs avoid HIV infection/re-infection primarily, but also STIs and Hepatitis. The CHW does this through prevention counseling based on a risk assessment; referral to services to meet the psychosocial needs that drive risk taking; coaching and support for the person to implement the risk reduction plan the client has developed

Support Group Facilitators

Peers who facilitate or co-facilitate support groups for HIV and their partners, those dealing with loss, those living with HCV (2015)