



NATIONAL CHW UPDATE

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AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION
For science. For action. For health.

Mission:

Improve the health of public and achieve equity in health status

Vision:

Create the healthiest nation in one generation,

Values:

Our values reflect the beliefs of our members from all disciplines of public health and over 40 countries.

Executive Office

- Member Section
- Student Assembly
- Special Primary Interest Groups
- Forums
- Caucuses

- State & Regional
- Affiliates

31 Primary Sections

- CHW
 - Chair/ Chair Elect
 - Secretary/Treasurer
- Policy & Advocacy
- Nomination
- Media & News
- Ed. & Cap
- Program Plan
- Membership
- Awards
- Actions Board & Governing Council – Report to APAHA

Membership

- Fee

- National Association of CHW

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE

Mission

- To represent the issues and concerns of the CHR to the Indian Health Services and to advocate for professional development of the individual CHR to elevate their skills and education in the provision of health services.

Objectives

- Promote better understanding in the health field between American Indians and Alaska Native (AI/AN) people and other Americans.
- Provide a focal point for input into national issues and concerns affecting CHRs and the AI/AN communities.
- Promote AI/AN leadership in the health profession.
- Advocate for more effective local, state, and federal resources in the field.
- Provide a focal point for the exchange of ideas, knowledge and information through a nationally coordinated communication system.
- Provide a mechanism for input into national issues and concerns affecting CHRs and the American Indian/Alaska Native communities.

NACHR

- 262 Community Health Representatives Programs with over 1,700 CHRs from all over the United States
- 12 area work with NACHR
- Navajo area is one of the 12 areas represented.



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2008 – Dissolving
of NACHW due
to decrease in
funds & mgn.

2015 – NACHR
reactivated
501C-3

2015 – NACHR
conference
attempted

NEW MEXICO DEPT. OF HEALTH COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER

- 2016 – CHW certification began
 - 67 certified (NM wide)
 - Train the Trainers Certification
 - 10 lead Navajo trainers
 - Pending Certification
 - Navajo Nation CHR (54-19) pending
 - Certification Fee