

# Community Health Representative Policy Summit: Certification, Reimbursement and Sustainability for Healthy Communities

Tuesday, September 1, 2015

12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Little America Hotel | 2515 E Butler Ave., Flagstaff, AZ 86004

Emcee: Mr. Michael Allison, Native American Liaison, Arizona Department of Health Services

AGENDA		Learning Objectives
11:00 a.m.	<b>Registration Opens</b>	
12:00 p.m.	<b>Welcome and Overview of Meeting Objectives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Kim Russell</b>, Executive Director, Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care</li> </ul>	This session introduces ourselves and lays out the objectives for the meeting which include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Explore national, state and tribal issues regarding CHWs/CHR reimbursement through Medicaid.</li> <li>2. Increase awareness of Arizona and New Mexico CHW certification processes and legislation.</li> <li>3. Explore benefits and costs to CHW/CHR certification in Arizona.</li> </ol>
12:15 p.m.	<b>Introductions and Blessing of Food</b>	Lunch is served
1:00 p.m.	<b>National CHW/CHR Sustainability Initiatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Samantha Sabo</b>, Arizona Prevention Research Center, Zuckerman College of Public Health, University of Arizona</li> </ul>	This session focuses on the state of CHW certification, reimbursement and sustainability in the context of U.S. health reform.
1:20 p.m.	<b>CHW Sustainability, Reimbursement, Certification in New Mexico</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mae-Gilene Begay</b>, Director, Navajo Community Health Representative Program and Chair, Community Health Worker Section, American Public Health Association (APHA)</li> <li>- <b>Diana Abeyta</b>, Tribal and Northern Coordinator, Office of Community health Workers, New Mexico Department of Health</li> </ul>	This session focuses on the certification process including the board of certification, what they have accomplished so far, and why it is important.
2:00 p.m.	<b>Arizona CHW Workforce Coalition Efforts Toward Statewide CHW Certification</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Floribella Redondo</b>, President Arizona Community Health Worker Outreach Network (AzCHOW)</li> <li>- <b>Yanitza Soto</b>, Community Health Worker Manager, Arizona Department of Health</li> <li>- <b>Andy Logue</b>, MPH/JD Intern, Zuckerman College of Public Health, University of Arizona</li> </ul>	This session describes the efforts of the Arizona Community Health Worker Outreach Network (AzCHOW) and the Arizona CHW Workforce Coalition to bring about consensus on CHW certification legislation and the required sunrise application process for Arizona health professionals.
2:30 p.m.	<b>Coffee and Snack Break</b>	
2:45 p.m.	<b>Summary and Implications for Tribal CHR Programs and Beyond</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Alida Montiel</b>, Director of Health Systems, Inter Tribal of Council of Arizona, Inc.</li> </ul>	This session focuses on the role of CHR's in the Indian health system and mechanisms by which preventative services deemed mandatory or optional services may be incorporated in the Section 1115 Demonstration in order to institute 100% Federal pass-through reimbursement to Tribes.

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3:15 p.m.	<b>CHR Workforce Sustainability Roundtables</b> - Mae-Gilene Begay, Samantha Sabo, Kim Russell - Topic 1: Certification - Topic 2: Financing and Reimbursement	This session is small group discussions on the benefits and costs to CHR certification and reimbursement.
4:15 p.m.	<b>Roundtable Report Outs</b>	Each session leader will summarize main points made by participants.
4:30 p.m.	<b>Summary of Meeting and Next Steps</b> - Kim Russell, Executive Director, Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care	Identifies next steps and action items
4:50 p.m.	<b>Thank you, Evaluation and Raffle!</b> - Kim Russell, Samantha Sabo, Mae-Gilene Begay and Tara Chico, UA Center for American Indian Resilience	Win BIG Prizes for completing your CHR Workforce Assessment! <i>(Place your evaluation in the box and raffle ticket anytime during the event)</i>

### Event Collaborators

Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care, University of Arizona, Zuckerman College of Public Health - Arizona Prevention Research Center and the Center for American Indian Resilience, Arizona Department of Health Services, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc., Navajo Nation CHR Program, the Arizona Community Health Worker Outreach Worker Association.

### Event Sponsors

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### Information Tables – be sure to check them out!

- **University of Arizona, Zuckerman College of Public Health** – information on undergraduate, graduate, online and doctoral programs in public health (<https://publichealth.arizona.edu/prospective-students>)
- **University of Arizona, Center for American Indian Resilience** <http://cair.arizona.edu/>
- **Arizona Community Health Worker Outreach Network** <https://www.facebook.com/arizonachw>
- **Southeast Area Health Education Program** – Native American Health Workforce efforts <http://www.seahec.org/>
- **Family Spirit Program** <http://www.jhsph.edu/research/affiliated-programs/family-spirit/>
- **Summer Health Research enhancement Program (SREP)** (open to all tribes) <http://www.dinecollege.edu/institutes/SREP/srep.php>