

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

How to Achieve Real Social Change: Opportunities and Challenges for Effective Partnership and Collaboration in Community-based Primary Health Care (CBPHC)

The Community-Based Primary Health Care Working group
of the International Health Section of the American Public Health Association
presents a one day
Pre-Conference to the APHA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA
Saturday November 2, 2019

Summary

The CBPHC Workgroup is excited to announce an opportunity for community health workers (CHWs), health professionals, students, program managers, and others who are interested in CBPHC to submit abstracts for presentation at the CBPHC Working group's Pre-Conference Workshop. The event is sponsored by the International Health Section of the American Public Health Association. Past workshops have focused on the CBPHC Workgroup's goal of increasing knowledge about practices and policies that support primary health care at the community level. The topic this year is [collaboration and effective partnership](#).

Abstract Focus- *CBPHC Pioneer, Dr. Carl Taylor wrote- "Real social change occurs when officials and people with relevant knowledge and resource come together with communities in joint action around mutual priorities."*

What makes it difficult for groups with mutual priorities to come together?
How can we develop effective partnering practices and collaborative processes to create social change that supports high quality health care for all?

This pre-conference workshop will explore the challenges of power imbalances and tensions that exist between community, donors, government, and civil society/NGOs/universities, that make this simple concept of "joint action around mutual priorities" difficult to achieve. It will also present successful approaches to collaboration, and development of effective partnerships in CBPHC.

Last year, the Astana Declaration at the Global Conference on Primary Health Care re-affirmed the critical role of primary health care (PHC) to ensure that everyone everywhere is able to enjoy the highest possible standard of health (WHO, 2018). While the PHC approach is foundational to achieving global goals for Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and the health-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), achieving these goals will require awareness of the above challenges as well as the knowledge of how to create effective partnerships and collaboration.

This participatory and interactive workshop will bring together a diverse group of international and national experts, CHWs and other health providers, program planners, policy-makers, advocates, donors, and others interested in supporting CBPHC to explore how we can share the collective knowledge regarding what constitutes effective partnering practices specifically in CBPHC with the goal of achieving real social change that results in sustained high quality health care for all. *Abstracts that reflect this focus on collaboration are requested. Selected abstracts will be invited to present at the pre-APHA workshop as poster presentations.*

Abstract Composition Guidelines

Abstracts should illustrate efforts to achieve collaboration in a CBPHC setting despite typical or unexpected challenges; or should be examples of effective partnering practices. They may be case studies or research focused. The ideal abstract would include information that others at the conference could use in their own settings. Thus, we are looking for examples of what is involved when intentional collaboration is pursued rather than instances of serendipitous alignment.

Abstracts should include:

The Question or Problem being addressed

Methods

Results

Conclusion and Discussion

Future Considerations

If an **abstract is a case study**, it should still include a **problem or question, how the problem was identified and approached, results** of that action, **evaluation** and **discussion**.

The abstracts will be evaluated and selected based on cohesion with the conference topic of collaboration, proper format, relevancy of the problem being addressed, reasonable methods, appropriate conclusions, discussion of their significance and future considerations. Importance will be given to abstracts that relay the translational aspect of their work.

Word count - 300 words, not including the title.

Submission Details

Please send your abstract to our editorial Team email: cbphcworkgroup@gmail.com with the subject line "CPHC Abstract" and the author(s), presenter(s) (indicate presenter with an asterisk), and the affiliation – organization or school. If you have more than one abstract that fits the criteria, multiple submissions are allowed.

The abstract should be attached, preferably as a word document or as a pdf file, **with only the title for a heading**. Do not include the authors, presenters or affiliations on the title page.

If submitting an abstract, please save the date- Saturday November 2, 2019.

Please keep in mind submitting an abstract does not guarantee inclusion in the workshop. All presenters will need to register for the workshop.

Membership in APHA, and the CBPHC or CHW sections, and attendance at the full APHA conference is encouraged, but not required to participate in the pre-conference workshop.

A few scholarships will be available for presenters whose abstracts are selected. Scholarship recipients must be members of APHA. Please contact us for information on scholarships.

Deadlines

Please **submit** abstracts by **October 15, 2019 (NEW DEADLINE EXTENSION)**

Selected Abstracts will be notified by **September 30, 2019**

Contacts- Please send any questions to cbphcworkgroup@gmail.com

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