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## **MWPHA Annual Conference**

Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 8am-4pm  
Georgetown University Medical Center

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## **CONFERENCE PURPOSE AND GOALS**

The purpose of the 2007 MWPHA conference was to better understand the infrastructure for how community health workers address health care access issues in the metropolitan Washington, DC area. Health care workforce development, especially those of community health workers, is a growing concern because many 'traditional' health professionals may not understand the role or functions of a community health worker. This may cause community health workers to feel underused and/or undervalued in the health care system. The conference program provided attendees with the opportunity to learn how community health workers have been, or can be, fully

integrated into hospitals, community health centers, emergency departments, government sponsored programs and other community-based projects.

The conference evaluation demonstrated that by the end of the conference, attendees were able to:

- (1) Define community health workers and the different types for different settings;
- (2) Define medical homes and be able to articulate the role community health workers play within the medical homes model;
- (3) Define and elucidate the role of the community health worker as part of the interdisciplinary team in the medical home model; and
- (4) Identify specific outcomes that are associated with the inclusion of community health workers.

## **CONFERENCE CALL TO ACTION**

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We hope that you left the conference re-energized about the work ahead. On this website you will find a series of presentations to be used as a resource to carry forth the important work ahead, such as:

- Describing the competencies, credentialing and training needed for community health workers to provide important safety net resources;
- Recognizing and support training needs of community health workers as non-traditional adult learners;
- Involving community health workers in all aspects of program development, implementation, training, and evaluation;
- Identifying the best practices of community health worker model programs at the clinical and grassroots levels;
- Recognizing, valuing, and respecting community health workers' roles and position – especially their responsibility to the community.

## **Exhibitors**

Access Carroll [www.accesscarroll.org](http://www.accesscarroll.org)

APHA Maternal and Child Health Institute [www.apha.org](http://www.apha.org)

BioScrip Pharmacy [www.bioscrip.com](http://www.bioscrip.com)

Consumer Health Foundation [www.consumerhealthfdn.org](http://www.consumerhealthfdn.org)

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DC Area Health Education Center (DC AHEC) [www.dcahec.org](http://www.dcahec.org)

DC Jobs with Justice [www.jwj.org](http://www.jwj.org)

Georgetown University Medical Center/Family Medicine [www.georgetown.edu](http://www.georgetown.edu)

Health Information Partners [www.connectforhealth.gwu.edu](http://www.connectforhealth.gwu.edu)

Howard University MPH Program [www.med.howard.edu/mph](http://www.med.howard.edu/mph)

Metropolitan Washington Public Health Association (MWPHA) [www.mwpha.org](http://www.mwpha.org)

National Capital Area Society for Public Health Education [www.ncasophe.org](http://www.ncasophe.org)

National Library of Medicine [www.nlm.nih.gov/index.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/index.html)

## **Presentations**

### *Community Health Workers: The Bridge to Complete Care*

Judith Levy, MHSA, BSN, RN

Program Manager

Medical Homes DC Area Health Education Center (MHDC AHEC)

District of Columbia Primary Care Association (DCPCA)

### *Breaking Down Barriers to Care: The Role of Patient/Health Navigation*

Mary Ann S. Van Duyn, PhD, MPH, RD

Public Health Advisor, Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities

National Cancer Institute

Diana Garcia

*Patient Navigator/Case Manager*

Washington Hospital Center

### *Academic-Community Partnerships*

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