



*Massachusetts Association of Community Health Workers*

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35 Harvard Street, Worcester, MA 01609*

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Dear Colleague,

The Massachusetts Association of Community Health Workers (MACHW) is pleased to invite you to attend the New England Regional Community Health Worker Summit. The Summit will be hosted by MACHW and is supported by HHS Region 1, Office of Minority Health. This is the first regional CHW Summit and we hope additional Summits will take place in the future.

The one and one half day summit will bring together community health workers (CHWs), CHW supporters and other stakeholders from the New England states to enhance the understanding of the CHW role and vital integration into regional, state and local efforts to promote and improve community health and promote health equity. This is an opportunity to share your state's efforts, learn valuable information and promote regional collaboration. You have been identified as a key stakeholder in your state or the New England region and we hope you will be able to participate.

We are honored that US Health and Human Services Region I Director Christie Hager will deliver the keynote address after dinner on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Director Hager will share updates on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act including regional implications and the effect on community health and the CHW workforce.

The Summit will begin at 2:00 on Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup> and end at 4:00 on Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup>. The summit will be held at the [West Western Executive Court](#), 1199 South Mammoth Rd. in Manchester, New Hampshire. We have negotiated a special rate of \$79.00 for the night of April 30<sup>th</sup> which includes a continental breakfast. MACHW will reimburse participants or your organization the cost of one night's stay at the hotel, including taxes. Please contact the hotel directly at (603) 627-2525 to book your room. Please let them know you are with the Massachusetts Association of Community Health Workers to receive the negotiated rate. You will also need a credit card for incidentals. Please retain your receipt for reimbursement. MACHW will not be able to reimburse for accommodations without the appropriate documentation. Dinner on April 30<sup>th</sup> and lunch on May first will be supplied to all participants. Unfortunately, we are unable to reimburse for your mileage at this time.

I have attached an overview of the Summit for your review. To register for the event please RSVP to [events@machw.org](mailto:events@machw.org). Please include all of your contact information in your RSVP. This invitation is non-transferable due to limited funding. If you are unable to attend and would like to suggest another stakeholder to participate please contact me at (508)756-6676 x23 or [lrfx@machw.org](mailto:lrfx@machw.org).

Sincerely,

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