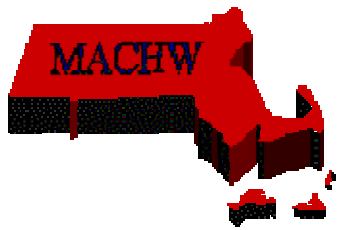


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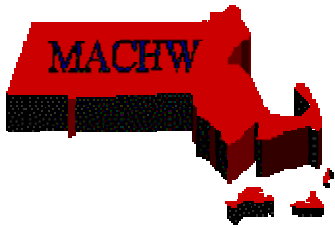


Massachusetts Association of Community Health Workers (MACHW)

- Statewide, professional organization
- Community health workers (CHWs) from all disciplines
- Formed in March of 2000
- CHW led and driven



MACHW Board
2009-2010



MACHW's Mission

- Strengthen the professional identity of;
- Foster leadership among; and
- Promote the integration of community health workers (CHWs) into the health care, public health and human services workforce.



MACHW achieves its mission through education research, policy development and advocacy.



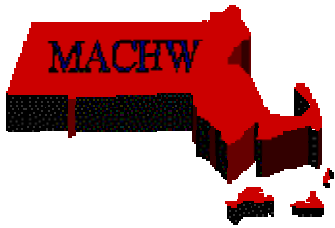
CHWs in MA

- First documented CHW program in country
- Estimated 3,000 CHWs in MA
- 3 CHW core training programs
- CHWs in Health Reform Law (Section 110 of Chapter 58 of the Acts of 2006)
- Bill filed in January 2009 to create Board of Community Health Workers



National CHW Movement

- American Association of Community Health Workers
- CHW Special Primary Interest Group (APHA)
- Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) released the Community Health Workers National Workforce Study in 2007
- CHWs included in SCHIP 2009
- US Department of Labor gave Community Health Workers their own standard occupational classification (SOC) [21–1094] in 2010 revisions



Resources



- Website: www.machw.org
 - Code of Ethics for CHWs
 - Adopted Core Values of CHWs
 - Core Competencies
 - Policy briefs
 - Publications on CHWs



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