

AGENDA | DAY ONE

9:00am Registration

10:00am Summit Called to Order and Welcome

Presidential Ballroom

Tom Hughes, IPHA | Tracey Smith, IPHA

Keynote Address

Moving Pillsbury Forward: A Community-Centered Effort to Build Trust for a Thriving Neighborhood Part One

Jerry Kruse, SIU School of Medicine | Chris Richmond, Moving Pillsbury Forward

This is a two-part presentation. The former Pillsbury Mills plant in Springfield, Illinois, has been closed for 20 years. This 18-acre property had significant legal entanglements, was known to be contaminated with asbestos and lead paint and is located in one of the most severely impoverished neighborhoods in Springfield. Learn how CHWs served as the hub to build trust in this community and help move it forward.

**11:15am Poster Presentation Viewing | Networking
Education Training Opportunities**

Presidential Ballroom

Sara Rolando, Medics First | Joan Stevens-Thome, Sangamon County
Department of Public Health

Hands-Only CPR – Sara Rolando

Narcan Training – Joan Stevens-Thome

12:00pm Lunch Provided

Presidential Ballroom

12:00pm CHW Meet and Greet

Ottawa Room A/B

1:00pm Poster Presentation Viewing | Networking

Presidential Ballroom

1:30pm Round ONE Breakout Sessions

Launching a CHW Service Line within a Health System; Sounds Easy, or Is It?

Freeport Room A

Gregory Scott, Carle Health | Maria Sermersheim, Carle Health

Hear about Carle Health's journey to launch a new Community Health Worker service focused upon vulnerable populations with chronic health conditions. Learn about the challenges, successes, and opportunities during the first 15-months of collaboration.

HIV and Aging: Providing Culturally Centered Care to a Growing Population

Governor Bond Suite

Melissa Graven, IPHA

Currently, over half of adults living with HIV in the U.S. are over the age of 50. Thanks to advances in HIV treatment, research has shown that people with HIV who are successfully treated with HIV medication can have a lifespan similar to that of their HIV negative peers. This presentation will discuss the importance of recognizing the unique needs of older adults living with HIV and developing positive, respectful, person-centered, professional relationships with older, HIV-positive clients.

A Day in the Life of a CHW at a CBO/ Un día en la vida de promotores de salud o CHWs - trabajando en la comunidad Latino/Hispanico

Governor Altgeld Suite

Angelia Gower, NAACP Madison | Francisco Valenzuela, Hispanic Women of Springfield | Esperanza Gonzalez, Illinois Migrant Council | Cristobal Cavazos, Immigrant Solidarity of Dupage | Gaby Hernandez-Chico, Immigrant Solidarity of DuPage

A panel presentation of experienced CHWs who will share their day-to-day experiences and methods for overcoming common barriers CHWs may experience while working with Spanish-speaking individuals.

An Ounce of Tech: Achieving Health Equity Through Digital Inclusion

Freeport Room B

Lingling Liu, Illinois Office of Broadband | Hillary Rains, Illinois Office of Broadband, DCEO | Aneta T. Lee, University of Illinois System

The COVID-19 pandemic revealed the difficulties encountered by community members in accessing needed healthcare. Learn how you and your community can incorporate digital inclusion strategies for improved health outcomes, wellbeing, and long-term impact.

Integration of CHWs as Leaders and Strategic Partners in Community Engaged Research

Freeport Room C

Kimberly Downing, HAP Foundation | Maureen Burns, HAP Foundation |
Kandis Draw, HAP Foundation

The HAP Foundation focuses on empowering and understanding community needs to improve organizational services and programs. In 2022, a CHW team member collaborated with an academic medical center on a hospice and palliative care project focused on Black Communities in Chicago. This presentation highlights the benefits and lessons learned by CHWs serving as leaders and strategic community partners.

Community Health Worker Certification Program

Governor Yates Suite

Sarahjini Nunn, IDPH | Lori Weiselberg, IDPH

The Community Health Worker Certification and Reimbursement Act (410 ILCS 67) creates a statewide CHW Certification program within the Illinois Department of Public Health to ensure high quality services provided by CHWs can be reimbursed through the Medicaid program. Learn about CHW certification for individuals and community-based and academic training programs.

3:00pm Round TWO Breakout Sessions

Findings from the 2023-2024 Illinois Environmental Scan of Community Health Worker Assets

Governor Altgeld Suite

Leslie Carnahan, University of Illinois Cancer Center

Critical to the success of the statewide CHW Certification Program is the availability of comprehensive, high quality, and accessible training opportunities. Learn about the findings from the 2023-2024 ENvironmental scAn of Community health worker asseTs (ENACT) project; including results from the CHW Common Indicators (CI) and Training Experiences survey and an assessment of CHW 101/Core and upskilling opportunities in Illinois.

CHW Introduction to Oral Health

Freeport Room A

Monica Dunn, IDPH Office of Health Promotion, Oral Health Section.

This practical and applicable presentation will highlight the link between oral health and overall health, common oral diseases, and barriers to accessing oral health care. It also introduces the difficulties of navigating the oral health system and provides resources to assist clients.

CHW Efforts to Combat Colon Cancer

Freeport Room C

Angela O'Bryant, UIC College of Medicine | Emily Inman, IPHA | Tracey Smith, IPHA

Learn about the disparities in Colorectal Cancer (CRC) incidence and outcomes including differences in exposure to risk factors such as unhealthy diet, sedentary lifestyle, proper screening, follow-up of abnormal test results, and lack of access to high-quality treatment resources which perpetuate CRC disparities. This session will also share information on the new CRC screening guidelines, and help attendees understand clinical-community linkages that can help to combat CRC in Illinois.

Addressing Environmental Health Hazards Affecting Low-Income Populations

Governor Bond Suite

Patrick Daniels, IL Emergency Management Association | Nicholas Banning, IL Emergency Management Association

IEMA-OHS and SIU-MED developed an Environmental Justice Demonstration Project to address health and environmental hazards in homes. The "Whole House Health" approach combines efforts to reduce lead, radon asthma triggers, weatherization, and other indoor hazards. The presentation will provide insight on the challenges encountered during implementation of the project and how it can be replicated in other localities.

Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer's

Governor Yates Suite

Tina Montgomery, Alzheimer's Association

This presentation will help attendees recognize common signs of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders, and how to talk to your doctor about the necessary next steps.

4:30pm Poster Presentation Viewing Networking | Exhibitors

Presidential Ballroom

6:30pm Evening Activities

6:30pm Karaoke

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Karaoke is a catalyst for laughter, camaraderie, and unforgettable moments. Join fellow Summit attendees for two hours of musical revelry.

6:30pm Pillsbury Plant Tour (one hour)

Must meet in the hotel lobby no later than 6:00 PM

1525 E. Phillips Ave., Springfield, IL 62702

Visit here for more information: [The Pillsbury Project](#)

7:30pm Lincoln's Ghost Walk Tour (one hour)

Must arrive at #1 Old State Capitol Plaza South Corner of 6th and Adams St. at 7:20 PM

Price: \$10-\$15

Visit here for more info: [Lincolns Ghost Walk - Springfield Walks and Tours \(springfieldwalkstours.com\)](#)



For over **50 YEARS**,
Community Health
Workers have been
the frontline workers
for public health.

AGENDA | DAY TWO

6:30am **“Let’s Get Physical”—Trauma-Informed Yoga (one hour)**

Ottawa Room A/B

Andrea Burns, SIU School of Medicine

7:30am **“Let’s Get Physical”—Zumba (one hour)**

Ottawa Room A/B

Tameka Booker, DuPage County NAACP Health Committee

8:00am **Breakfast and Registration**

Presidential Ballroom

Joan Stevens-Thome, Sangamon County Department of Public Health

Education Training Opportunities

Narcan Training - Joan Stevens-Thome

NOTE: Last time to vote for the top 3 posters!

9:00am **Welcome to Day Two**

Presidential Ballroom

Tracey Smith, IPHA

Keynote Address

Moving Pillsbury Forward: A Community-Centered Effort to Build Trust for a Thriving Neighborhood Part Two

Vidya Prakash, SIU School of Medicine | Tonya Bakamba, SIU School of Medicine | Kaye Barnes, SIU School of Medicine | Monica Dorsey, Springfield Police Department | Chris Richmond, Moving Pillsbury Forward

During Part Two of this presentation about the Pillsbury Project, attendees will hear from the boots-on-the-ground team in the Pillsbury Neighborhood. Details about programming in the neighborhood will be shared along with insights about successes, barriers, and next steps.

10:30am Round THREE Breakout Sessions

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The Vital Role of Community Health Workers in Supporting Reproductive Well Being Across the Lifespan

Freeport Room A

Kai Tao, Alliance Chicago (ICAN!) | Jordan Hatcher, Alliance Chicago (ICAN!)

In Illinois, equitable access to high-quality contraceptive care remains out of reach for many people of color, people living in rural communities, and low-income populations. Given the profound reproductive and maternal health outcome disparities that result from limited access to birth control and related family planning services (i.e., STI testing and treatment, HIV prevention, and annual physicals), CHWs can play a critical role to connect underserved communities to both care and coverage. This session will empower CHWs with the resources they need to improve the reproductive well-being of their communities.

Bi-Directional Referrals—The Future of CHW Work

Freeport Room B

Emily Inman, IPHA | Lily Ren, Aetna Better Health of Illinois | Melissa Kosanovic, Aetna Better Health of Illinois

This session will share information about how Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) can partner with CHWs at community-based organizations and working in Health Systems to develop a bidirectional approach for client management to improve health outcomes.

LGBT Connections

Freeport Room C

Jonna Cooley, Phoenix Center

This presentation is designed to help anyone working with the public to better connect with their LGBTQ+ clients, patients, customers, or family members. Topics covered include LGBT-specific concepts and terminology, transgender-specific information including social and medical transitioning, medical disparities in the LGBTQ+ community, ways to better engage with the LGBTQ+ community, and how you can make a difference.

Local Health Departments and Health Systems: Experiences with CHW Integration Readiness Tool— A Lightning Round

Governor Altgeld Suite

Emily Won, Madison County Health Department | Ron Sprong, Greene County Health Department | Amanda Minor, Douglas County Health Department | Tonya Potts, Egyptian Health Department | John Ridley, Sangamon County Health Department | Carla Ewing, Henderson County Health Department | Monico Nunez, BPM County Health Department | Joyce Barajas, BPM Health Department | Sara Miller, Shawnee Health | Jennifer Schindl, Shawnee Health

During this session, attendees will rotate between five themed tables focused on CHW Integration. At each table, local health department and health systems leaders who are implementing or are expanding their CHW programming will share insights into the integration process for CHWs.

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1:00pm **Award Ceremony**

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1:30pm Round FOUR Breakout Sessions

Understanding Health Insurance

Freeport Room A

Joanna Doran, Triage Cancer

The presentation will include an overview of a variety of legal topics and areas that we may navigate when dealing with our health. These topics include health insurance, appeals, employment rights, disability insurance, and estate planning. The presentation will include information about places that you can go for more information on these topics.

Best Practices for Outreach and Advocacy

Governor Yates Suite

Angelia Gower, NAACP Madison | Gloria Queriapa-Valdes, Shawnee Health | Julee Bishop, Egyptian Health Department | Alexandria Mack, Egyptian Health Department | Katreena Black, Egyptian Health Department

Five experienced CHWs will share their personal experience and best practices for outreach and advocacy. These presenters represent diverse employment spaces including a FQHC, CBO, and LHD.

Synergizing Healthcare Systems: Integrating Community Health Workers in the Workplace

Freeport Room C

Michelle Sanders, IPHCA | Desarie Holmes, SIHF

This session gives insight into how to integrate CHW programs in health systems, community-based organizations, and local health departments – building the needed bridges to cover gaps in services.

Connecting CHWs With Their Neighbors: Refugees, Immigrants, and Migrant Populations

Governor Bond Suite

Emily Inman, IPHA | Lily Ren, Aetna Better Health of Illinois | Melissa Kosanovic, Aetna Better Health of Illinois

This session shares information on the IPHA RIM CHW specialized training program and how Aetna, an MCO in Illinois, is utilizing a current intervention model for RIM families focusing on family-centered care. Discussion will center on how other providers can implement this model of care for RIM families to address the complexity of services.

Grassroots Power: Community Health Workers as Catalysts for DEI Change

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Becky Gabany, ChangeBridge Consulting

This engaging and interactive session is designed to empower CHWs to be proactive leaders in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). Topics will include understanding circles of control and influence and encouraging organizational leaders to engage directly with marginalized communities. Participants will also learn about identifying key levers within their organizations, the ethics of storytelling in advocacy, the importance of CHWs as connectors, and effective techniques for managing up and making a lasting impact in communities.

3:00pm Closing Session

Presidential Ballroom

Claire Hughes, IPHA

4:00pm Adjourn

Thank you!

Thank you for joining us at the 4th Annual
Community Health Worker Summit
in Springfield, IL.

Special thanks to IPHA and IDPH for their support
in Community Health Work programming.