The DFW-CHW Association is pleased to announce our newest Board Members. From left to right: Ashley White, CCHW, Lisa Padilla, CCHWI, Cora Giddens, CCHW, & Interim: Teresa Wagner, CCHW (not pictured).

We’re excited to have such valuable CHWs serve our board & our members!
The DFW-CHW Association partnered with the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston to implement the For Our Children Educational Program to educate 2,400 families on the importance of the HPV vaccination and provide them with vaccination resources. With the help of dedicated CHW Members—we exceeded this goal!

Trained DFW-CHW Association members reached a total of:

- 2,443 Families
- 5,271 Children

A big THANK YOU to our dedicated CHW Members for making this outreach & education project a success!

- Laura DeHoyos
- Erica Scott
- Seema Valliani
- Etoria Polk
- Sabria Davis
- Maria Colunga
- Marissa Rodriguez
- Beatriz Hernandez
- Patricia Allison
- Bridget Gamble-Thompson

We appreciate the opportunity & partnership from:

UTHealth
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
The DFW-CHW Association received funding from KDH Research & Communication to host a training program for CHWs to help parents prevent cavities titled: “Dientes Fuertes, Vida Sana”. On May 18-19th, 5 CHWs attended the training instructed by Teresa Wagner, CHW-I during which they learned the importance of dental hygiene and how to talk to parents about the importance of oral health for their children.

The CHWs that attended the training will use their new skills to teach a parent class on June 9th. The CHW participants received compensation for their time on the project.

Dientes Fuertes, Vida Sana (“Strong Teeth, Healthy Life”) is a culturally competent training program that teaches Community Health Workers to build Latino caregivers’ knowledge about how to prevent early childhood tooth decay and obtain dental care for their children.

Dientes Fuertes, Vida Sana Team: Maria Lopez, Bridget Gamble-Thompson, Fatumata Holloway, Sheila Snow, & CHW Instructor Teresa Wagner pose during the first training class.

The CHWs practice their ‘elevator speech’ to caregivers on the importance of dental hygiene. Teresa Wagner (not pictured) taught them to use small yet powerful catch phrases to grab the caregiver’s such as “A healthy smile begins with a child.”
2018 Professional Developmental Funds

The DFW-CHW Association is pleased to announce we have limited funds to allow current active members to attend a professional development event in 2018.

Details:
Limited funds available for members to attend:
- CE opportunities
- Conferences
- Workshops
- Other desired CHW professional developmental opportunity

Requirements:
- Must be a paying current member of the association
- Must send with reasonable amount of time for the Board of Directors to make a decision
- Limited to 1 funding opportunity per member

The application can be submitted at anytime throughout 2018 (as long as funds are available). Please note: These funds only cover registration costs, not hotel accommodations, meals, or travel reimbursement. Members will be notified via email if funds can be awarded.

Apply Here
Each year the CHW section recognizes a CHW and a CHW Group for the remarkable work they do in their communities. Please nominate a deserving CHW or CHW group for one of these awards. We know that CHWs make an enormous contribution to improving the wellbeing of those they serve. Help us honor their work and commitment. The individual who receives the Outstanding CHW of the Year Award will also receive an $800 stipend toward attending the APHA conference. This year’s APHA Annual Conference is being held on November 10-14 in San Diego, CA. Attendance is not required to receive/accept award.

Download your application HERE! The application will be live until June 6, 2018.

For questions, please contact: Rumana Rabbani, Chair, CHW Awards Committee, rumanassr@gmail.com or Christopher Naso, Co-Chair, CHW Awards Committee, cnaso9@gmail.com

Applications for the CHW Section of APHA Sewell CHW Scholarship is now open. With funding from the Harold and Grace Sewell Trust Fund, the Community Health Workers (CHW) Section of the American Public Health Association (APHA) will offer five $800 scholarships for 6 community health workers to attend the 2018 Annual APHA Meeting in San Diego, CA

This scholarship honors the important work of CHWs who promote health in their communities. Scholarship awardees from out of town will receive $800 to help pay for transportation, room and board, meals, and registration fees.

Apply for the scholarship here For questions or details please contact Christopher Naso, Co-Chair, CHW Awards Committee, cnaso9@gmail.com

Board Member Appointed TPHA CHW Section Chair

DFW-ChW Association Board of Directors Vice President, Ashley Rodriguez was appointed chair of the Community Health Worker Section of the Texas Public Health Association at their annual conference this spring. Ashley is a certified CHW and CHW Instructor that has actively served the DFW-ChW Association on the Board of Directors since 2016.

For more information on TPHA, visit https://www.texaspha.org
Jefferson Dental Care is our newest sponsor! They support CHWs in a professional setting & help CHWs to gain valuable insight into what they can expect to experience within the field the oral health care.

Thanks Texas Health Resources for the generous in-kind contribution of meeting space for our 2018 quarterly member meetings!

UnitedHealthcare was generous for their in-kind contribution of drinks & snacks for our May 2018 quarterly member meeting— we thank you again!

2018 Quarterly Member Meeting Dates

8/9/2018*

* please note this date is outside of standard meeting date. Invite will be sent in July!

11/15/2018

Outside of August’s meeting
we’ll continue to meet Quarterly on the 2nd Thursday of the month,
from 6:30—8:30 p.m. at
Texas Health Resources Pavilion @600 E. Lamar, Arlington, TX 76011

**Please note, Eventbrite caps out at 100 free participants, but we never “sell out” for meetings**
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Mission:
To unite CHWs and CHW Instructors for professional Development and community outreach.

Vision:
Our vision is put into action through:
- Advocacy for the CHW profession which is becoming increasingly important in health care
- Education opportunities for both CHWs and instructors in various areas of interest
- Professional development workshops to enhance professionalism in the workplace
- Community Resources to assist CHWs in their outreach and education efforts
- Employment Resources for employment opportunities
- Networking opportunities for CHWs across the DFW Metroplex to connect with each other and learn from each other’s experiences.

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