

THE CHAMPION



Texas Association of
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Community Health
Workers

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TAPCHW: WHO WE ARE

The Texas Association of Promotores & Community Health Workers (TAPCHW) is a non-profit member-oriented organization for Promotores and Community Health Workers (CHWs).

2020 GOALS

This year we aim to: offer our annual conference; establish an online presence; engage in advocacy; and increase membership opportunities.

FUTURE TRAININGS

TAPCHW aims to host free online Promotor/CHW CEU trainings to members in 2020. The topics will be related to diverse topics, and hosted in real-time via Zoom! We will email more information to members, and hope to see you there!

Cheers to a new year... and cheers to the opportunities of 2020!

TAPCHW MISSION

Launched in 2019, TAPCHW strives to serve you. See "WHO WE ARE" on page 1, and our mission statement on page 3.

MENTAL HEALTH

Is mental health a topic of interest for Texas CHWs?

See page 3 to read dialogue.

STAY CONNECTED

TAPCHW is excited to issue our first newsletter this year!

See pages 3 - 5 for steps you can take to stay connected with us and NACHW!

FREE CE: Page 4!

TAPCHW TIMELINE

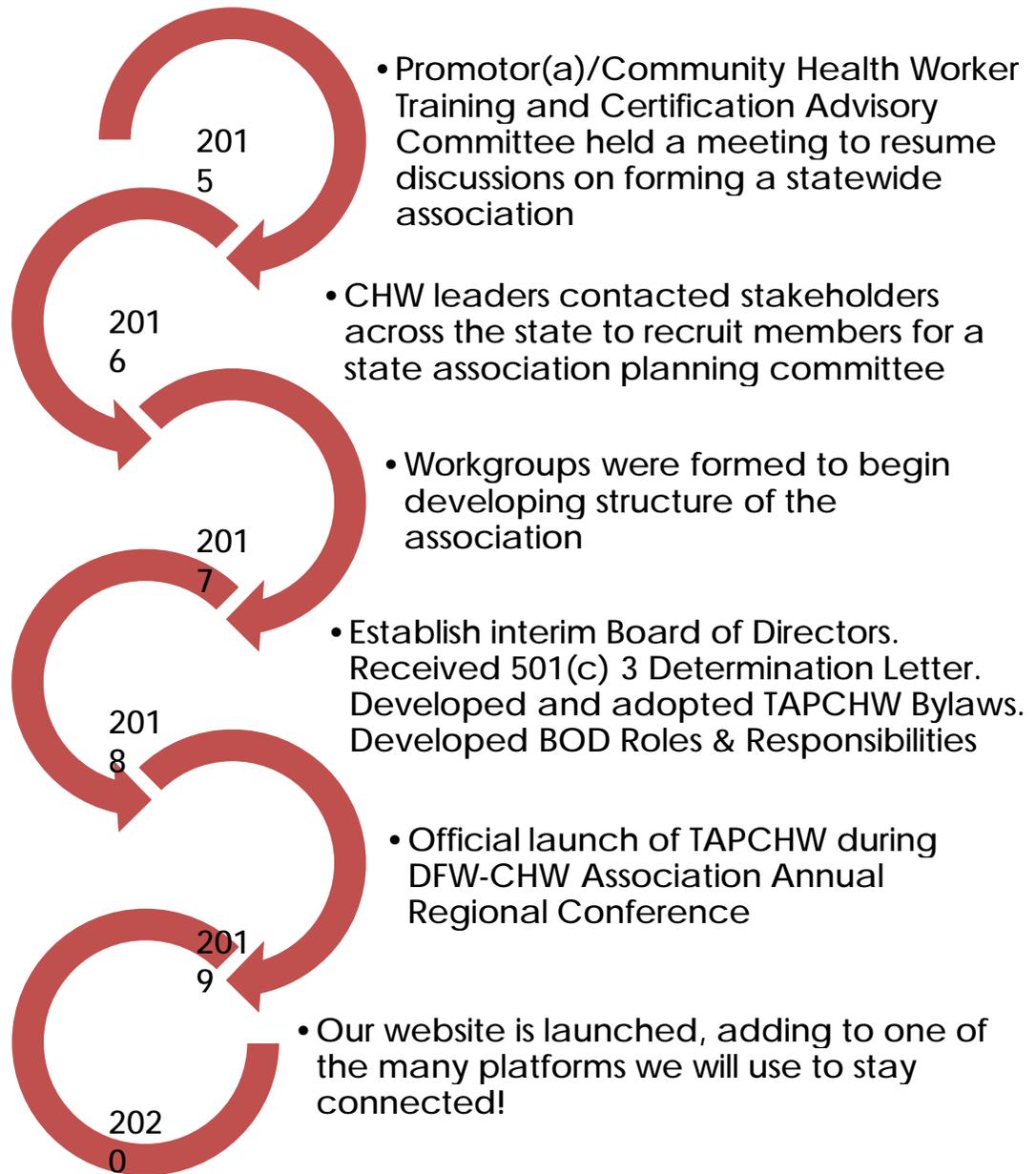
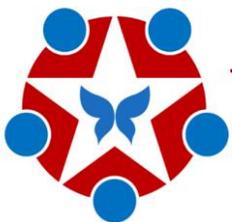
Over the past several years representatives from CHW training programs, regional CHW organizations, and the DSHS CHW Advisory Committee have been in conversations about establishing a statewide CHW association.

So, before we move onto a new year, we want to highlight some of our milestones. These milestones represent the invested efforts we have made in the last few years to best to support Texas Promotores and CHWs.

Through advocacy, education, employment, empowerment, and policy...

Advocate with us!

www.tapchw.org



TAPCHW Interim Board of Directors
(from left to right, top row): Kim Bush, Christie Cofer, Ashley Rodriguez, Denise Martinez, Julie St. John, Denise Hernandez.
(from left to right, bottom row): Katy Nimmons, Debra Flores, Roxana Lopez, and intern Callie King. Photo taken November 2019

TEXAS MENTAL HEALTH

During her practicum with the National CHW Training Center, Texas A&M student Megan Lafleur noted the need for CHW mental health training. In 2019, 228 out of Texas' 254 counties were designated as full or partial mental health professional shortage areas (HPSA, 2019). Nationally, only a handful of states in the U.S. include mental health as a CHW core competency: Alaska, Michigan, New Hampshire, Ohio, and South Carolina. How can Texas CHWs address mental health? Should Texas embed mental health themes in CEUs/certification?

Health Professional Shortage Areas: Mental Health, by County, 2019 - Texas



None of county is shortage area Part of county is shortage area Whole county is shortage area

Source: data.HRSA.gov, October 2019.

We want to hear from you!
To submit a response or
dialogue, email
info@tapchw.com

“ Our mission is to support and expand opportunities for the CHW profession at the state and local level through advocacy, education, employment, empowerment, and policy. ”

- Texas Association of Promotores & Community Health Workers, 2019

Formally launched in 2019, our organization's mission is to support and expand opportunities that aid the CHW profession.

Stay connected with us to learn more about our upcoming events in 2020!

STEPS: HOW TO STAY CONNECTED WITH TAPCHW!

01

Become a member!
Email us to join:
info@tapchw.org

02

Visit and like our
Facebook page:
facebook.com/tapchw

03

Attend our annual
conference!
Date: TBA, Aug. 2020

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Be proactive! Join
our trainings or our
advisory council.



TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

As part of your member benefits – this virtual 1 hour, DSHS approved CE is free to all TAPCHW Members! This Virtual 1 hour, DSHS approved CE covers the Organizational Skills competency.

Please note, if you are not a current member, you will not receive a certificate.

TRAINING TITLE: CRITICAL KEYS TO SUCCESS



Feb. 21st, 2020

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

ONLINE VIA ZOOM

Instructors: Dr. Debra Flores & Roxana Lopez

RSPV TODAY ON OUR WEBSITE!

www.tapchw.org

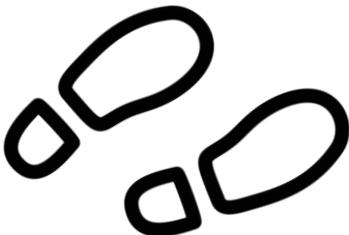
FUTURE TRAININGS

TAPCHW will also offer more trainings in 2020.

Topics and dates are still to-be-announced (TBA). Make sure to check our website, Facebook, and future newsletters for updates – **stay connected!**

2020 SCHEDULE

- May, 2020 – TBA
- August, 2020 – TBA
- Nov., 2020 – TBA



TEXAS - TAKE STEP 5!

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You can join as a member online, and be informed of the most current event updates!

Make sure to visit our website:

www.tapchw.org

LETTER FROM OUR NACHW TEXAS AMBASSADOR

Serving on our interim board, and as our state ambassador for NACHW, we humbly share a letter on behalf of Dolontria Bryant-Williams:

“I am Dolontria Bryant-Williams and I am honored to serve as your representative, Texas Ambassador of NACHW.”

In April 2019, the National Association of Community Health Workers (NACHW) was officially launched!

NACHW members represent one of the most diverse, trusted and committed workforces in the US! They encompass community health workers, health connectors, peer outreach specialists, community advocates and many more from a variety of communities and cultures - united to achieve health equity and social justice!

With growing momentum to unite and mobilize community health workers across the country, NACHW is excited to invite members to participate in the first Annual Meeting in August 2020! During this Annual Meeting, members will nominate NACHW board members and join board committees, plan strategic initiatives and member benefits, and caucus in their CHW Associations/Networks and state level leadership. Members will also meet with NACHW Ambassadors and leadership to discuss state and national policy issues and engage with our national sponsors in workshops, networking events and focus groups. The date of the Annual Meeting will be announced soon.

In 2021, NACHW will host the 21st Unity Conference! This multi-day conference will feature workshops, presentations of research by CHWs, and more. The Unity Conference and NACHW Annual Meeting are separate events. If you have not already become a member of this movement that has potential to change the CHW workforce as we know it, now is the time!

GO BEYOND TEXAS, VOICE NATIONALLY- TAKE STEP 6!

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Simply log on to [NACHW.org](https://www.nachw.org) and become a member. We welcome your voice because all CHWs are needed to make effective change.

There is strength in numbers!