



**Chicago Community Health Workers Local Network
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**Executive Director of
HealthConnect One**
Rachel Abramson

September 9, 2010

Dear Community Health Advocate,

Network Advisors
Wandy Hernandez
RoiAnn Phillips

On behalf of the Chicago Community Health Worker (CHW) Local Network and its many City and local partners, we invite you to our meeting on September 27, 2010, at which we will formally introduce the CHW/Promotor Survey & Mapping Project in Rogers Park.

Network Coordinator
Laura Bahena
Network Organizer
Alfredo Lopez

Monday, September 27, 2010
10 a.m. – 12:00 noon
United Church of Rogers Park
1545 W. Morse, 3rd Floor
(Entrance on Morse)

Steering Committee
Duanny Alva
Nancy Álvarez
Leticia Boughton
Lula Gordon
Laura Rodriguez
Gloria Rutues

As you know, community health workers and *promotores de salud* (CHWs) are vital links between communities and the health care system – and supporting CHWs and strengthening and expanding these programs will help improve community health. Several organizations are interested in growing the capacity of Chicago's CHW programs but need baseline information to focus these efforts. As a result, the CHW/Promotor Survey & Mapping Project (Project) was developed through a collaboration of the Chicago CHW Local Network, HealthConnect One, Chicago Department of Public Health, Chicago State University, and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, and many of you. The goals of this Project are to identify and map current CHW/promotor programs and to collect information that can be used to expand CHW/promotor programs and support their sustainability. In 2009, the Rogers Park community was picked as the pilot area for the Project and local organizations helped develop the surveying materials.

We hope you will be able to attend this meeting and become involved in the Project over the coming months. Also, we encourage you to share the enclosed flier and brochure with colleagues and CHWs who may be interested, particularly in Rogers Park.

Please RSVP by September 22 by contacting RoiAnn Phillips at HealthConnect One at rphillips@healthconnectone.org or 312-878-7017. Thank you. We look forward to working together.

Sincerely,

Laura Bahena, Chicago CHW Local Network
Daniel Block, Chicago State University
Sheri Cohen, Chicago Department of Public Health
Judith Weinstein, Heartland Alliance Refugee Health Program