



# UPLIFTING THE VOICES OF COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS!

## *Invitation to Serve on Community Advisory Board*

The COVID-19 emergency, particularly the disease's impact on low-income working class communities, has drawn attention to the unequal healthcare experiences that Community Health Workers (CHWs) encounter in their daily work. While the importance of CHWs in healthcare settings has gained more recognition, their on-the-ground advocacy and organizing efforts remain under the radar. As part of Community Voices for Health—Georgia (CVHG), we are launching a Community Advisory Board to support CHWs' efforts to make a difference in their communities.

### WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD?

The Board will advise CVHG to ensure that the group's activities meet the needs of CHWs and the communities they serve. The specific goals of the Board include but are not limited to the following:

- Assist with research to identify community strengths and needs;
- Assist with creating a training for CHWs who do grassroots organizing; and
- Assist with other research activities, including sharing findings.

The Board will ground the work of the CVHG and provide an opportunity for CHWs to spearhead statewide efforts to improve their communities!

Community Voices for Health (CVH) provides support to organizations in six states to help them strengthen engagement between state policymakers and community members. In partnership with CVH, Community Voices for Health—Georgia (CVHG) (led by Georgia Watch, Georgians for a Healthy Future, Morehouse School of Medicine, and Georgia Advancing Communities Together, Inc.) seeks to promote stronger community engagement in policy decisions affecting the health of Georgians.

### BENEFITS OF SERVING ON THE BOARD:

Serving on the Board will provide CHWs the opportunity to:

- Lead and shape the statewide conversation around community health;
- Build relationships with other CHWs, public health advocates, policy experts, and community leaders around the state;
- Develop and access helpful tools (such as data and research) to use in their own community organizing;
- Learn more about the political process and how to create lasting change;
- and more!

## WHO SHOULD APPLY TO JOIN THE BOARD?

We are seeking five interested CHWs to join the Board. We are interested in CHWs from all regions of the state, including but not limited to Atlanta, Columbus, Albany, Augusta, Rome, Dalton, Gainesville, and Savannah. Board members will be expected to serve for a term of three years. In addition to monthly calls, board members will commit a total of three days per year in year one and year two, and one and half days in year three. Board members will receive a stipend for their services and participation.

### ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY:

- 1– Must be a Community Health Worker serving in the state of Georgia;
- 2– Must be willing to serve on the Board for three years;
- 3– Must be willing to actively participate in calls and meetings;

DEADLINE TO APPLY: May 29, 2020

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