



Healthy Living Collaborative  
A **SWACH** Program

*Let's hear it! Stories of the  
Impact of Community Health  
Workers*

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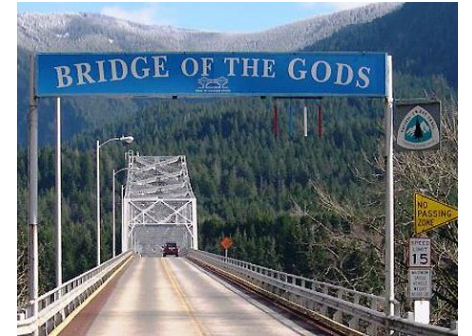
# Objectives

- Share Healthy Living Collaborative's scope of work and brief history
- Hear from partners from healthcare, housing and public health and how their work and perspective has changed after working with CHWs.
- Learn how CHWs are having impact on multiple levels.

# Healthy Living Collaborative of SW Washington



- Community-driven coalition working on upstream initiatives that promote health equity and strengthen communities
- Led by Policy and HLC Committees
- 5 counties and over 60 organizational partners
- A program of Southwest Washington Accountable Community of Health (SWACH)



# Building Power: The HLC Model

## Focal Points

- **Communities:** Needs, ideas and responses define the work
- **HLC:** A platform for effective community responses
- **Community Health Workers:** The gear that turns to connect it all.



# HLC Goals & Focus Areas

- **Shape policy**
- **Improve health**
- **Elevate Community Voice**
- **Lasting change**
- **Equity and Social Justice**



# HLC Milestones

- April 2012 - First regional coalition meeting
- October 2013 - Collaborative turned over to the community
- November 2014 - CHWs recruited and started CHW training
- December 2014 Set first policy agenda
- March 2015 - CHWs begin working as a team in their communities
- May 2016 – CHW work expanding – building capacity and programs
- October 2017 – HLC fully merges with SWACH
- June 2018 – Strengthen community and equity work at SWACH
- January 2019 – Brandi and Dominique become full time SWACH employees





# Policy Change

- Organizational Policy
- Local Policy
- State Policy
- Federal



# Elevating Community Voice & Engagement

- Community Health Worker  
Neighborhood Teams
- Education focused Community  
Health Advocates
- Community Health Advocates  
and Peer Supports





# Elevating Community Voice & Engagement

## Process for Developing our CHW/CHA Teams

- Identified three high need communities
- Recruited natural helpers
- Trained as CHWs
- Work as a team to support community health







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# Influencing Change at Multiple Levels





# Community Health Advocate Peer Support Network (CHAPS)

A network of community-based community health advocates and peers serving the communities across the SW region who will come together to learn, support one another, and share ideas and best practices:

- Networking
- Professional Development and Training
- Advocating for Policy and Systems Change
- Community Advisory
- Advocating for CHW and Peer Workforce



## Panelists:

Molly Haynes, Kaiser Permanente

Roxanne Wolfe, Clark County Public Health

Kachina Inman, Southwest Washington  
Accountable Community Health

Andy Silver, Housing and Health Innovation  
Partnership





# Questions?



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