



Fall Workshop For FQHCs' Community Health Workers

Speakers In Agenda Order



Scott Carlson, Community Health Worker Training Program, Prevention and Community Health, Washington State Department of Health / Scott serves as the Community Health Training System Program Manager for the Washington State Department of Health. He is responsible for program-level strategic planning, oversight for training activities including the development and maintenance of the training curriculum, supervision of staff providing training, and management of contracts and special projects relating to CHW workforce development activities.



Shantel Davis, Co-Chair, CHW Collaborative of Pierce County & Director of Development, People's Harm Reduction Alliance / Shantel is a Community Health Worker who has worked with the CHW Collaborative of Pierce County as a member since 2011, and an elected co-chair for more than 2.5 years. She currently acts as the Director of Development with the People's Harm Reduction Alliance. PHRA is a Seattle based non-profit that provides community integrated harm reduction services and an opportunity for drug user, sex worker, transgender and gender nonconforming residents in five PNW counties.



Gretchen Hansen, Health Advocate Coordinator, Foundation for Healthy Generations / Gretchen has been working and living in Pierce County for over 25 years. Her experience includes refugees and immigrants, homelessness, domestic violence, employment and Head Start. In the last seven years, she has been developing neighborhood based community health worker programs, including the Salishan Community Health Advocate Program and the CHW Collaborative of Pierce County. Her work now has expanded to helping organizations around the state develop their CHW programs and networks.



Kelsey Stefanik-Guizlo, MPH, Northwest Region Director, Community Health Strategies, American Diabetes Association / Kelsey is the Northwest Region Director of Community Health Strategies at the American Diabetes Association, where she manages public health partnerships and strategic mission activities. Kelsey leads the ADA Ambassadors program and is active in projects related to community health workers.



Chris Pelto RN, CDE / Chris has many years of experience in Diabetes Education and Management and worked extensively with patients with Type 1, Type 2, and Diabetes In Pregnancy in both the inpatient and outpatient settings. Currently she is working at Swedish Medical Center. She is Certified in Insulin Pumps.



Sara Eve Sarliker, MPH, Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Lead, Prevention and Community Health, Washington State Department of Health /For the past 15 years, Sara Eve has been working in diabetes and cardiovascular disease public health for California and Washington Departments of Health, and in employee wellness for the Washington State Health Care Authority. She currently addresses Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-funded work as the Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Lead on the amazing Heart Disease, Stroke, and Diabetes Prevention Program team at the Washington State Department of Health.



Kristen VanWart, Senior Director, Community Impact, American Heart Association / Kristen has been with the American Heart Association for over 10 years and has held

various roles within the organization. In her current role, she works closely with the American Heart Association's division board of directors, community organizations and community leaders to help drive the AHA's Puget Sound Division health priorities.



Tim Warden-Hertz, J.D., Directing Attorney, Northwest Immigrant Rights Project / Tim is the Directing Attorney for the Tacoma office of the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project. Prior to joining NWIRP in 2013, Tim was the Legal Director of the Immigration Law Programs at Catholic Social Services in Fall River, Massachusetts, a Staff Attorney with the Farmworker Division at Georgia Legal Services, and a Fellow/Attorney in the Immigration Unit at Greater Boston Legal Services.



Chris Kaasa, Senior Policy Analyst, Washington Association of Community & Migrant Health Centers / Chris manages the Association's public policy development and outreach to legislators and agencies and serves as the key policy advocacy liaison to stakeholders and coalition partners. Chris also provides staff support and policy development to the community health center Joint Legislative Committee, providing information on bills, budget and legislative hearings. He is a former campaign staffer, lobbyist and policy analyst for the ACLU of Washington.