WHAT is MiCHWA?
MiCHWA is a group composed of community health workers (CHWs), organizational partners, and other CHW supporters. MiCHWA’s governance structure includes a management team, a steering committee, four working groups, and an evaluation advisory board.

Mission: To promote and sustain the integration of community health workers (CHWs) into health and human services organizations throughout Michigan through coordinated changes in policy and workforce development.

WHAT does MiCHWA do?
MiCHWA works with CHWs and other stakeholders on issues related to CHW sustainability. MiCHWA is working on the following goals:

GOALS
1) Strengthen and maintain the infrastructure of MiCHWA
2) Strengthen and support CHW workforce development and education in Michigan
3) Identify and develop sustainable policies and financing mechanisms for CHWs in Michigan
4) Develop and sustain effective communication mechanisms for MiCHWA and CHWs in Michigan
5) Grow and strengthen a vibrant network of diverse CHWs and CHW supporters throughout Michigan
6) Develop and implement a process, context, and outcome evaluation of MiCHWA and support CHW evaluation in Michigan

HOW is MiCHWA funded?
MiCHWA is funded by grants and contracts to the University of Michigan School of Social Work. MiCHWA’s initial funding was granted by the Nokomis Foundation of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

WHO supports MiCHWA?

Left: CHWs from Detroit and Grand Rapids enjoy the 2014 Unity Conference, a national gathering of CHWs from across the US. (Photo by MiCHWA) Right: CHW Felicia Lane shares her perspective during MiCHWA’s Spring 2015 Stakeholder Forums (Photo by Marc-Grégor Photography)
Michigan Community Health Worker Alliance (MiCHWA)

MiCHWA relies on the participatory support of many stakeholders, including the following:

**WHY CHWs? Why now?**

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (PPACA) cites the use of community health workers as an effective way of improving health outcomes and names CHWs as an integral part of the health care team. Stakeholders across Michigan are exploring a variety of CHW sustainability options, and MiCHWA is uniting partners and collaborating with CHWs to ensure the CHW voice is present.