EMPOWERING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS IN PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

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Presentation Objectives:

- Identify and discuss Models to empower community partnerships and lead innovations in public health services.
- Discuss recommendations for building and sustaining community partnerships.
- Participants will leave with at least one new strategy to engage in community partnership building to advocate for systemic change.
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Just because you are right does not mean that the other person is wrong... as in this case, it only means that you are looking at it from two totally different views...
A Community Partnership is a collaborative relationship between willing entities formed to address shared objectives.
Empowering Community Partnerships in Public Health Service

Empowerment is a process by which people are empowered to affect the course of social and economic change, following priorities that they set according to community, democratic, and other values.
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Building Effective Community Partnerships in Public Health Service
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Sustaining Community Partnerships in Public Health Service
The Community Based Organization Partners’ (CBOP) purpose is to provide a structure and forum through which community-based organizations can exchange ideas, offer services, and develop programs in the interest of the African American Community and the Community-at-large.
Empowered Community Partnerships: A Grassroots Model

CBOP works in cooperation and collaboration with, to support, develop, and sponsor community-based welfare projects and programs, that will serve the interest of “The Community” and the Community.
Empowered Community Partnerships in Public Health Service

Transformation that occurs at multiple levels, including

- Personal transformation (e.g., self reflection and heightened political consciousness)
- Institutional transformation (e.g., changing policies and systems)
- Community transformation (e.g., community capacity building)
- Transformation of science and knowledge (e.g., how knowledge is generated, used and valued and what constitutes “evidence” and “ethical practice”)
- Political Transformational (e.g., social justice)
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2023 APHA Advocacy Priorities

• Increase and protect funding for vital public health agencies and programs and strengthen the nation’s public health infrastructure
• Uphold the Affordable Care Act and expand access to health coverage and services
• Address the health impacts of climate change
2023 APHA Advocacy Priorities (continued)

- Uphold critical public health laws and regulations
- Address the nation’s gun violence epidemic
- Reauthorize child nutrition and farm bill with strong nutrition/PH provisions
- Support access to all reproductive health services
- Prioritize racial and health equity through each priority area
References:

- Community Based Organization Partners (CBOP)
  - [www.flintcbop.com](http://www.flintcbop.com)
- Michigan Public Health Association (MiPHA)
  - [http://mipha.org/](http://mipha.org/)
- Great Lakes Public Health Coalition (GLPHC)
  - [Great Lakes Coalition - WPHA](http://www.greatlakescoalition.org)
- Community Based Public Health Caucus (CBPHC)
  - [www.cbphcaucus.org](http://www.cbphcaucus.org)
- American Public Health Association
  - [https://www.apha.org/](https://www.apha.org/)
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