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Community Health Workers (CHWs) are frontline public health workers who are trusted members of and/or have an unusually close understanding of the community served. They have major untapped potential in helping interdisciplinary teams in areas of urgent current public health need, such as health disparities, health literacy, improving overall health behaviors and community preparedness for bioterrorism and other health crises.

In this free, 60-minute webinar, the presenter will:

- Define role and scope of work of CHWs;
- Discuss how CHWs can be allies to reaching marginalized communities;
- Describe how do CHWs fit into the mental health system; and
- Define the roles of CHWs in supporting individuals during the pandemic.

For those who are unable to attend, the webinar recording and slides will be available on Mental Health America's (MHA's) <u>Webinar page</u>.

#### **Presenter:**

**Dwyan Monroe:** As Program Coordinator of CHW Initiatives with the Institute for Public Health Innovation (IPHI), Dwyan is part of a team that designs, plans, and delivers training and technical assistance for programs, institutions and health systems incorporating CHWs and outreach initiatives in the DC, MD and VA region.

A former Community Health Worker and current CHW Master Trainer, Dwyan has nearly 26 years of experience as an advocate for the community health worker profession. Dwyan is a graduate of Hampton University with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. She has completed numerous certificate programs in public health leadership, community and clinical health outreach and community-based program development.

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