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To Individuals Interested in Community Health Worker Issues:

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is accepting applications for membership on the Promotora or Community Health Worker (CHW) Training and Certification Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee). The Advisory Committee, authorized by Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 48, advises DSHS and the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) on the implementation of standards, guidelines, and requirements relating to the training and regulation of persons working as promotores or CHWs.

Members of the Advisory Committee are appointed by the DSHS Commissioner to serve a term of three years. The Advisory Committee includes key stakeholders as determined by agency rule. Required members include four promotores or CHWs currently certified by the department, two public members, which may include consumers of community health work services or individuals with paid or volunteer experience in community health care or social services, one member from the Higher Education Coordinating Board, or a higher education faculty member who has teaching experience in community health, public health or adult education and has trained promotores or community health workers, and two professionals who work with promotores or CHWs in a community setting, including employers and representatives of non-profit community-based organizations or faith-based organizations.

The current vacancies are for two certified promotores or CHWs and one professional working with promotores or community health workers in a community setting.

Membership on the Advisory Committee requires regular participation in meetings which are held six times per year in Austin or via webinar and may entail participation in workgroup meetings.

Individuals appointed as CHW or public members may be reimbursed for their travel to and from meetings if funds are available. Individuals who are appointed as members representing higher education or professionals working with CHWs are responsible for their own expenses.

If you are interested in serving on the Advisory Committee, please complete and return the application available at <http://www.dshs.texas.gov/mch/chw/Advisory-Committee-Vacancies.aspx> and two signed and dated letters of recommendation via e-mail, fax, or surface mail by **November 21, 2016**. Résumés and curriculum vitae will not be considered. Please submit completed applications via:

Email: chw@dshs.state.tx.us

*Mail: Texas Department of State Health Services
P.O. Box 149347, Mail Code 1922
Austin, Texas 78714-9347*

Attn: Promotor(a) or Community Health Worker Training and Certification Program

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Applicants will be notified in January 2017 if they have or have not been selected as a member of the Advisory Committee.

In selecting members to serve on the Promotora or CHW Training and Certification Advisory Committee, DSHS considers the individuals' qualifications, background, and interest in serving on the Advisory Committee. DSHS also attempts to achieve diversity by consideration of ethnicity, gender, and geographic location in order for members to represent the diversity of all Texas citizens.

Current members of the Advisory Committee live in Health Service Regions 1, 4/5 North, 6/5 South, 8 and 9/10. Individuals from Health Service Regions 2/3, 7, and 11 are especially encouraged to consider applying, though interested parties from anywhere in Texas may apply. For a map of the Health Service Regions, see: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/regions/state.shtm>.

For more information, please contact Beverly MacCarty at 512/776-6663 or by email at chw@dshs.state.tx.us.