

COMMUNITY HEALTH EXPERTS MEETING
Defining Community Health in the 21st Century
14-16 JUNE 2017
PAHO- HQ

Over the past two decades, countries in the Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) Region have experienced significant demographic and epidemiological changes including those in population age structures spurred on by mortality and fertility levels transitioning from high to low. Furthermore, countries have seen rapid shifts in population settings (rural to urban), migration transitions, and an increase in life expectancy. These demographic and epidemiological changes have resulted in a double burden of disease: first, the emergence of new diseases and health challenges such as the avian flu and Zika, as well as increasing cases of antimicrobial resistance and mental health; and second, an increase of noncommunicable diseases and the persistence of common infectious diseases affecting populations across the life course.

At the same time, region-wide economic growth and technological innovation has resulted in new opportunities for approaching population and individual health. For example, by strategically combining IT tools and effective health communication processes, health care quality and safety has been improved, public health information infrastructure has been strengthened, and individual decision-making and community care practices has been reinforced.

While bio-medical interventions are crucial for fighting some of the existing health challenges, they do not comprehensively address the complex interplay of the different factors that are impacting the health of LAC populations today. Innovative solutions and approaches that look beyond traditional ways of service delivery and involve multidisciplinary stakeholders will be required more than ever to enable people in LAC to achieve optimal health and well-being.

Recognizing that new and innovative community health approaches have shown great potential in terms of responding to both common and new health challenges, the Pan American Health Organization has set out on a mission to re-visit and revitalize its vision and approach to community health. In this context, a *Community Health Experts Meeting* will be held on 14-16 June 2017, in Washington D.C. This meeting is expected to involve 15-20 global and regional experts from various disciplines.

GENERAL OBJECTIVE:

To update the PAHO vision and approach to community health in the region of the Americas

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

1. To review the evolution of community and community health
2. To better understand how community health practices can be used to better respond to the specific health challenges facing communities today

EXPECTED RESULTS:

1. A set of inputs to update PAHO's definition of community and community health in the current context
2. A set of inputs for how community health practices can be use to better respond the specific health challenges facing communities today

Proposed Agenda

Day 1: Wednesday, June 14

Day 1: Wednesday, June 14 Meeting Room C	
8:00-8:30 AM	Check in and registration
Opening Session Chair: Dr. Francisco Becerra <i>Assistant Director, Pan American Health Organization</i>	
8:30-8:40 AM	Welcoming Remarks Dr. Francisco Becerra-Posada <i>Assistant Director, Pan American Health Organization</i>
8:40-9:00 AM	Keynote Presentation: <i>Strengthening Community Health within PAHO. Challenges and Opportunities of Community Work</i> Dr. Carissa F. Etienne <i>Director, Pan American Health Organization</i>
9:00-9:10 AM	Rationale of the Experts Consultation Introduction of the Meeting Agenda Dr. Enrique Vega <i>Unit Chief, Healthy Life Course PAHO</i>
Session 1: To review the evolution of community Dr. Enrique Vega <i>Unit Chief, Healthy Life Course PAHO</i>	
9:10-10 :45 AM	Presentation: <i>Evolution, definition and roles of communities</i> Dr. Eric Sarriot <i>Sr. Health Systems Strengthening Advisor, Save the Children</i> Presentation: <i>Engaging communities today</i> Dr. Claudio Méndez, <i>Associate Professor of Health Policy, Universidad Austral de Chile</i> Presentation of Document- <i>PAHO's current vision of community and community health</i> Ms. Karen LeBan <i>International Consultant</i>
	Questions and Answers
10:45-11:00 AM	Coffee Break
11:00-12:30 PM	Plenary Discussion: <i>Applying multi-sectorial work at the community level</i> Chair: Dr. Sonja Caffé, Advisor, Adolescent Health PAHO

	Questions and Answers
12:30-1:30 PM	Lunch
Session 2: Understanding “health” in community health Dr. Luis Andres De Francisco Serpa <i>Director, Family, Gender and Life Course PAHO</i>	
1:30-3:00 PM	Presentation: <i>What do we mean by “community health in the 21st century?</i> Dr. Hector Carrasco, <i>D.Ph. Candidate at Harvard T.H Chan School of Public Health</i> Presentation: <i>Using health data and tools to support community actions</i> Dr. Tom Prohaska <i>CHHS Dean's Office, George Mason University</i> Presentation: <i>New approaches in community health for the next decade</i> Dr. Bhupendra Sheoran, <i>Executive Director, YTH</i>
	Questions and Answers
3:00-3:15 PM	Coffee Break
3:15-4:30 PM	Plenary Discussion: <i>Use of technology in strengthening the community health work</i> Chair: Dr. David Novillo, <i>Advisor, Knowledge Management PAHO</i>
4:30- 4:45 PM	Questions and Answers
5:00-5:10 PM	Wrap Up of Day 1 Dr. Marcelo Korc <i>Advisor, Sustainable Development & Human Security PAHO</i>

Day 2: Thursday, June 15 Meeting Room C	
8:30-9:00AM	Introduction of Day 2 Agenda Results of Day 1 Ms. Sandra Del Pino, <i>Advisor, Cultural Diversity PAHO</i>
Session 3: Understanding community health practices to better respond to current challenges facing communities today Dr. Ricardo Fabrega <i>Advisor, Integrated Health Services Delivery PAHO</i>	
9:00-9:30 AM	Presentation: <i>Role of community health in a Post-Conflict Colombia</i> Dr. Gina Watson, <i>PAHO Representative in Colombia</i>

9:30-10:15AM	<p>Plenary Discussion: <i>Role of community health in a Post-Conflict Colombia</i> Panelists: Colombia Representatives Chair: Dr. Gina Watson</p>
	Questions and Answers
10:15-10:45 AM	<p>Presentation: <i>Empowering Individuals and Communities</i> Dr. Katie Lorig <i>Director, Patient Education Research Center at Stanford School of Medicine</i></p>
10:45-11:00 AM	Coffee Break
11:00 -12:40 PM	<p>Working Groups Session : <i>Case Studies</i></p> <p>Group 1: <i>Leaving No One Behind- case of adolescent's pregnancy in minority groups</i> Led by Dr. Adrian Diaz, Advisor, Family and Community Health PAHO</p> <p>Group 2: <i>Self-Care</i> Led by Dr. Cristina Alonso, Advisor, Healthy Aging PAHO</p> <p>Group 3: <i>Long-Term Care</i> Led by Dr. Devora Kestel, Unit Chief, Mental Health and Substance Use PAHO</p> <p>Group 4: <i>The Human factor in moving forward community work- Brazil example</i> Led by Dr. Renato Tasca, Advisor, Project Management PAHO & Coordination-Mais Médicos</p>
12:40-2:00 PM	Lunch
2:00-3:30 PM	<p>Plenary Discussion: <i>Working group presentation on case studies</i> Chair: Dr. Socorro Gross, PAHO/WHO Representative in Nicaragua</p>
3:30-3:45 PM	Coffee Break
3:45-4:00 PM	<p>Wrap up of Day 2 Dr. Armando Vasquez, Advisor, Disabilities & Rehabilitation PAHO</p>

Day 3: Friday, June 16 Meeting Room C	
8:20-8:45 AM	Check in and registration
8:45-9:00 AM	<p>Introduction Day 3 Agenda Results of Day 2 Lic. Catharina Cuellar, Advisor, Gender and Health PAHO</p>

Session 4: New Challenges, settings and way of thinking Dr. Devora Kestel <i>Unit Chief, Mental Health and Substance Use PAHO</i>	
9:00-10:00 AM	Presentation: <i>Next steps in community health</i> Dr. Mario Reali <i>Specialist in Neurology and Psychiatry</i> Presentation: <i>Improving community health work in the next decade</i> Dr. Martha Pelaez <i>International Consultant and Advisor on Aging</i> Presentation: <i>Community health workforce within health systems</i> Dr. Yves Bergevin <i>Director of Global Health Program, Department of Family Medicine, McGill University</i>
10:00-10:15 AM	Coffee Break
10:15-12:15 PM	Plenary Discussion: <i>Reaching Consensus</i> Chair: Dr. Amalia Del Riego, Unit Chief, Health Services and Access
12:15-12:30 PM	Meeting Adjournment
12:30-1:30 PM	Lunch

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