Ethical Challenges of Conducting Research on Community Health Worker Programs

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Last summer...
Publish or perish!

- Data already collected for 3 years
- Literature is lacking
- Interesting
- Meaningful
- Help get more funding to sustain CHW programs across the state
Community Health Workers (CHWs)

Trusted members of the community

Authentic, two-way communication
Setting Goals

1. ______________
2. ______________
3. ______________
Salishan Housing Community
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CHW Activities

http://www.healthygen.org/
Armed with my clipboard and book or regulations....
“Human Subject”-benefits and risks
Community Approval and Benefit
Results of my Roadblock
THE FUTURE IS OURS TO CREATE.
Local Researchers to Watch

• Foundation for Healthy Generations
  – Kathy Burgoyne

• School of Social Work
  – Bonnie Duran
  – Cynthia Pearson
  – Norma Timbang
Fork in the Road
What do we do in the mean time?
What I Learned From...
• Funding is essential, which requires “proof”
• How important are our values when we review research?
Time’s Up!

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