Unity 2015 Conference
The Center for Sustainable Health Outreach

- The University of Southern Mississippi through its Center for Sustainable Health Outreach was funded in 1999 to help support the role of community health workers (CHWs) as an essential component of sustainable community wellness.
- CSHO envisions CHWs who are valued as essential, integral, powerful promoters of health, disease prevention, and wellness in their communities.
- As a part of CSHO’s efforts, a national CHW conference was designed to bring together CHWs and CHW supporters from across the country to share CHW best practices, get additional leadership development training, learn from national experts on topics that affected CHWs, and showcase CHWs programs, skills, and leadership.
- CSHO initiated this national annual CHW conference, and it was known as the Unity conference.
- CSHO’s 1st Unity Conference was held in 1999, in Long Beach, Mississippi.
Previous Unity Conferences

• 1999 – 2005: Mississippi Gulf Coast
• 2006: (Post-Katrina) New Orleans to support an economy that needed to stimulate tourism and to celebrate the tremendous work of our local CHWs partners in outreach and recovery to devastated communities along the Louisiana/Mississippi/Alabama coastline.
• 2007: Tampa, Florida
• 2008: Albuquerque, New Mexico
• 2009: St. Louis, Missouri
• 2010: Columbus, Ohio
• 2011: New Orleans, Louisiana
• 2012 & 2013: No national conference
• 2014: Baltimore, Maryland.
Welcome to Unity 2015

Community Health Workers: Transforming Communities through Trust, Compassion, and Commitment