

**COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS: A VALUED HEALTH ACCESS LIAISON  
DIABETES MELLITUS**

<b>Advocacy Organizations</b>	
What are some Local organizations that do advocacy work?	Holyoke Health Center, UMass Memorial, VNA of Greater Lowell
What are some State level organizations that do advocacy work?	DPCP
What are some National level organizations that do advocacy work?	CDC, NDEP
What are some International organizations that do advocacy work?	IDF, WHO
<b>Advocacy Issue</b>	
Looking at the State, National, and/or International level, at the websites or information from the organizations above, what is a major area of advocacy at this time? <i>Try to choose an advocacy issue that will in some way affect the local community.</i> Advocacy specifically refers to promoting legislation, policies or specific budgetary appropriations that positively affect a health issue. This may occur through decreasing barriers to accessing health services, providing an infrastructure conducive to effective health promotion programs, or directly increasing the resources and infrastructure of the public health system.	<p>An increased federal commitment for diabetes research and prevention funding is needed to fight diabetes.</p> <p>\$148.4 million more needed for NIH research</p> <p>\$20.8 million for CDC efforts (one dollar for every American with diabetes)</p> <p>Federal diabetes funding has not increased in four years, while diabetes prevalence has increased by 30%.</p>
What specific law, policy or appropriation is being advocated for?	Increased federal funding for DDT & NIH diabetes research
Who is doing the advocating? (Which organizations?)	American Diabetes Association
Who is being lobbied?	Congress, the Administration, White House
Whom will this issue affect?	Everyone
Were they or will they (in your opinion) be successful?	Any success will be limited due to the war, which has depleted any type of research funding.

Why or why not? What do they need to be more successful?	See above
What are the consequences if they are not successful?	Extra strain on the healthcare system because cost of treating the disease will increase as the number of people affected by the disease increases.
If they are not successful, what other strategies can be used to achieve the same goal?	Education of the client to take on healthier lifestyles to reduce the risk or severity of diabetes.
How can physicians and/or nurses be involved in this advocacy issue?	Lobbying.