The Alliance for CHW Employers
Consultant Bios

Dannie Ritchie, MD, MPH
Founder, Community Health Innovations of Rhode Island

Dianne (Dannie) Catherine Ritchie, MD, MPH, a Family Physician, is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Family Medicine at Brown. She completed her Medical Degree at the University of Chicago, Pritzker School of Medicine. She completed her training in Family Medicine at the Residency Program of Social Medicine at Montefiore Medical Center and Albert Einstein’s College of Medicine. She came to Brown to pursue Health Service Research and completed her Master’s in Public Health at Brown in 2003.

Dr. Ritchie’s interest is in policies and social conditions affecting our health, healthcare system, and well-being. Her work now involves working with Brown students, faculty, and the diverse communities of Rhode Island at large to establish collaboration for greater community activity in health promotion. Through her work on the Transcultural Community Health Initiative (TCHI), initiated in 2003, she has created a Community Health Worker (CHW) program based on nationally recognized core competencies. This program is designed to stand alone or comprise part of an entry-level career path for diverse, underrepresented communities. She spearheaded the passing of RIGL- 23-64.1, forming the Commission on Health Advocacy and Equity of 2011. It requires health disparities reporting and diversification of the health workforce such as community health workers (CHW). She is also on the American Public Health Association CHW Section Policy Committee and Education Committee as well as the Community Health Planning and Policy Development Section. In addition, she is on the National CHW Common Indicators Project and the Region I Health Equity Council.

Brady Dunklee, MPH
Independent Community Health Consultant

Is a public health professional with 20 years of experience in community work, including nonprofit management, adult education, and workforce development. Brady has worked to support the Community Health Worker (CHW) workforce in a number of capacities, first by helping to start a neighborhood CHW program in Managua, Nicaragua, in his role as co-executive director of a small organization there. Inspired by the impact of CHWs, he returned for a mid-career public health degree at Boston University in 2018, and has focused on supporting community health and health equity initiatives in Rhode Island since then. Consulting for the RI Department of Health, he authored Community Health Workers in Rhode Island: Sustaining a growing public health workforce in the Pandemic and beyond several and co-authored Community Health Workers in Rhode Island: A Study of a Growing Public Health Workforce. He has been one of the instructors for the CHW Core Competency training at Rhode Island College since 2017, when helped to design the training curriculum. Since 2019, he has served as the Manager of Community Health Strategy at Integra Community Care Network, where he has helped to lead the ACO’s approach to social determinants of health, health equity and community engagement. He acts as the "mascot" for Integra’s team of CHWs. Brady is passionate about immigrant/refugee and LGBTQ health, and enjoys working in his backyard garden in Providence.