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The roles of community primary health care centers are important for the national and public development. Effectiveness of community primary health care center in Kamphaengphet province has not yet been evaluated. This cross-sectional research evaluated the effectiveness of a community primary health care center in Kamphaengphet province. The sample consisted of 277 heads of village health volunteers in Kamphaengphet province. Data were collected (86.29 %) by using questionnaires and interviews between 1 February and 29 February 2000.

Research findings showed that most of samples were female (52.7 %) between 30-39 years of age, married (68.2 %), and had completed primary school education with an average duration of working as village health volunteers of 7.47 years. The overall knowledge, attitude, and management were at a good level (51.6, 95.3 and 73.3 percent respectively). The society support was at a moderate level (52.7 %). Effectiveness of the community primary health care center in Kamphaengphet province was not at a good level (76.5 %). In terms of stepwise multiple regression analysis, the findings showed that the attitude of community primary health care center performance, planning of management, organizing of management, sub-district administration organization support and health center personnel support as a whole, significantly determined the variation of the effectiveness at a prediction level of 34.4 %. Therefore, village health volunteers should enhance their knowledge on planning strategy by using a participatory approach. Meetings should be set up between village health volunteers, village committee and people from the village to discuss the services and management of community primary health care center. Village health volunteers should co-ordinate with sub-district administration personnel of the village for providing support. Furthermore, health center personnel should provide knowledge of health services and encouragement to the village health volunteers.