

Independent Study Title : Expecting and Actual Roles of Health Volunteer
in Community Primary Health Care Center in
Burirum Province Evaluated by Health Volunteer
and Public Health Official

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Abstract

The purposes of this study were to compare the expecting and actual roles of health volunteer in community primary health care center in Burirum province evaluated by health volunteer and public health official ; to study the relationship among personal characteristics and external factors of the volunteer to their actual activities and to study the constraints to their actual activities. The samples of 114 health volunteers from 31 community primary health care centers and 45 public health officials from corresponding health centers were drawn by simple random sampling method. The instrument for collecting data was a structured questionnaire. Statistics used in this study were percentage, mean, standard deviation, paired t-test, unpaired t-test, Chi-square test, and Fisher's exact test.

The results of the study revealed that :

1. There was a statistically significant difference at the .05 level between expecting roles of health volunteer from the viewpoint of health volunteers and those from the viewpoint of health officials.

2. The expecting roles of health volunteers from their own viewpoint differed from their actual roles.

3. Personal characteristics i.e. gender, age, marital status, income per month or economic status, education level and number of visit by health officials had no relationship to health volunteer's actual roles; while the experience of helping the villager's health and access to health information had significant relationship to the their actual roles.

The results of this study suggest that in order to get the actual role to be the same as the expected role, there be adequate and continuous logistic support as well as health information from the government and relevant organizations.