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ABSTRACT

The main purpose of this survey research was to study and compare the opinions of the district officers toward actual and expected roles of District Health Coordinating Committee (DHCC) in the Central Region. The samples consisted of 73 district officers, 73 community hospital directors and 73 district health officers. A self-administered questionnaire was developed and mailed to all district officers in provinces of the Public Health Region 1 and 2 with Community Hospitals. Of 219 questionnaires, 142 were completed and returned for analysis (64.8%).

It was found that all of the district officers had low scores of awareness on the actual roles but high scores on the expected roles of District Health Coordinating Committee. The mean scores on actual roles/expected roles of the Committee were 2.83/3.13, 2.39/3.07 and

2.72/3.12 for district officers, community hospital directors and district health officers respectively.

The analysis of variance revealed that the opinions expressed by all district administrators toward actual roles of the Committee were significantly different at 0.001 level. However, no significant difference was found regarding the expected roles of the Committee.

When taking experiences of all district officers into consideration, there was no significant difference found on the actual roles and expected roles of the committee. The same pattern was also present with different levels of education of district officers.

In Summary the roles and functions of DHCC were quite well known among officers at the district level. However, all district officers agreed that DHCC should increase and expand the scope of its actual roles for the betterment of health care system.