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ABSTRACT

The community primary health care center is one major strategy in promoting the primary health care activities. The main objective of this survey research was to study the role performance of subdistrict health workers responsible for supporting the community primary health care center activities in Ayutthaya province. The role performance of the health workers about planning, utilizing of health information, community preparation, primary health care promotion and supervision were investigated and compared with the four major categories of the independent factors which were demographic characteristics, working experience, administrative resources, and implementation due to their role performance. A total of 223 samples comprised of chief of subdistrict health centers and chief of health promotion section in various hospitals, and municipal health workers

in Ayutthaya province. Data were collected through mail questionnaire. Eighty seven percent of completed questionnaires were returned and were used for statistical analysis.

It was found that the majority of the health workers responsible for supporting community primary health care center (CPHC) activities rated themselves to have the role performance with the median level. Attitudes toward the CPHC activities; a number of the CPHC; the health workers' age, tenure, and their training opportunity; a number of health workers; and supporting materials were significantly related to the health workers' role performance.

Factors that had strong influences on the role performance of health workers were their attitudes toward the CPHC, a number of CPHC, the age, tenure, and the training opportunity. The data indicated that the main problems and obstacles of the health workers in performing their works were insufficient of personnel, lack of good cooperation among the concerned agencies, having limited resources, and poor community participation. Consequently, public health administrators at all levels should pay more attention to the provision for personnel, materials and budget for implementing the primary health care activities in order to achieve the goals of the community primary health care centers.