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| Correction Workers Health and Wellness: Engagement of research and professional partners through the National Corrections Collaborative | Concurrent Session 5.4  
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| (a) The Health Improvement Through Training & Employee Control (HITEC) I and HITEC II studies of CPH-NEW have helped to establish national recognition for the urgent need of evidence-based interventions to improve the safety, health and well-being of correctional workers who are both understudied and underserved. The purpose of this presentation is to describe the National Corrections Collaborative (NCC) as a platform for national engagement and collaboration for correctional health, and to connect correctional researchers and practitioners. The engagement of professional organizations and unions for adopting Total Worker Health (TWH) approach for correctional workers health will be highlighted as well.  
(b) In 2014, during HITEC II the CPH-NEW and another TWH Center (Oregon) initiated the NCC, a community of researchers and practitioners focusing on Total Worker Health (TWH) approaches for correctional workers health and wellness. The NCC held its first symposium in 2014. The 2017 Symposium planning involved the combined efforts of CPH-NEW, Saint Louis University, John Jay College of Criminal Justice-Prisoner Re-entry Institute, the Healthier Workforce Center of the Midwest, and the Association of State Correctional Administrators, as well as other collaborating partners/organizers who make up the NCC.  
(c) The NCC met over conference calls and planned the two national symposia (2014 and 2017). Through presentations and themed round tables discussions, the national symposia accomplished the goals of identifying research priorities; identifying the multidisciplinary national constituency as the NCC; | Mazen El Ghaziri, PhD, MPH, RN  
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developing concepts for manuscript(s); and began positioning COs health and safety as a priority on the research agendas of attending national institutes (such as Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), the National Institute of Justice (NIJ)). A central feature of the Symposia in 2014 and 2017 was a series of roundtable/workshops that used the Intervention Design and Analysis Scorecard tool developed by CPH-NEW (a key element of the Healthy Workplace Participatory Program).

(d) The 2014 symposium was attended by more than 60 participants, and 75 participants in 2017 including correctional organization leaders, academic researchers, and key federal agencies including the CDC NIOSH, the NIJ, and the National Institute of Corrections.

(e) The NCC published a symposium report (2014) as well as articles targeted to the correctional workforce. These were disseminated via e-mail to the symposium attendees; posted on the TWH Centers' websites (CPH-NEW and OHWC) and disseminated in newsletters of CPH-NEW, NIOSH TWH, and the Society for Occupational Health Psychology. The live meeting was webcast for national outreach in 2014 and through recorded videos in 2017. The 2014 and 2017 speaker presentations are posted on the conference page.

A general conclusion was the increased practitioners participation and representation, along with their consensus for an identified need for supportive and evaluative research. There was consensus among attendees to schedule the next symposium within 2 years. The NCC team is currently working on a white paper on correctional workers health and wellness, and mechanisms/processes that enables it to serve as a platform from which to disseminate knowledge of effective intervention practices for correctional workers health and wellness.