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ABSTRACT

A cross-sectional descriptive study was conducted in Suphanburi province to assess the performance of health center personnel (HCP) on health promotion in primary school, and to identify the socio-demographic factors, knowledge, and perception of health promotion in school (HPS) that affects the performance of health center personnel.

The data was collected from 142 HCP who had been responsible for HPS by a self-administered questionnaire. Statistical analyses were performed by determining means, medians, standard deviations, percentages and Chi-square tests.

The results revealed that almost all HCP were female, 70.42% were married, and more than half of them were within the age group of 30-39 years. Nearly two-thirds of respondents had Bachelors degrees. Moreover, the results indicated that the time frequency per year of the supervision of health officers from Tambon Administrative Office (TAO) was higher than Provincial Health Office (PHO).

More than half of the HCP had moderate knowledge and high perception of HPS. There were no significant relationships between knowledge, perception and their performance. Only a few variables such as having participated in an HPS program during the last fiscal year, supervision, monitoring, evaluation and budget were significantly related with the performance of health center personnel.

It is recommended that the support and supervision from the TAO/PHO should be performed regularly throughout the province. The knowledge of health center personnel in this study was not so high therefore, the Provincial Health Office's policy should encourage HCP to provide continuous training on HPS in order to improve their performance.

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