



Community Health Worker Advisory Body (CHWAB)

April 1, 2021

Purpose of Today's Meeting

CHW Advisory Body Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome & introductions
2. Public comment
3. Review of January meeting and approval
4. Chair, Co-Chair and New Membership
5. View Final Continuing Education Units Tracker
6. Training Vendor Application Portal Update
7. CHW Certification Eligibility
8. Agency Updates
9. General Questions
10. Next steps
11. Adjourn

Introductions

CHWAB Membership

CHWAB Chairs

Michele Scott, Chairperson

Vacant (CHW)

CHWAB Support

Vicki Veltri

Laura Morris

Leslie Greer

DPH Appointee

Chris Andreson

Community Health Workers

Mildred Landock

Bianca Noroñas

Jerry Smart

Nilda Paris

Derricia Parker

CHW Association of CT

Milagrosa Seguinot

Community College

Erika Lynch

Community-based CHW training organization

Fernando Morales

Healthcare Employer

Adriana Rojas

Healthcare Provider

Jean K. Jacob, PharmD

CHW Employing Agency

Lee Carena

Public Comment

Meeting Summary Approval

Review of January Meeting Actions

Governing Bylaws Approved by CHWAB

Chair, Co-Chair, Membership

CHWAB Members – Statute Review

- The Executive Director of the Office of Health Strategy, or the Executive Director's designee shall act as the chair of the Community Health Worker Advisory Body and shall appoint the following members to said body:
 1. Six members who are actively practicing as community health workers in the state
 2. A member of the Community Health Worker Association of Connecticut
 3. A representative of a community-based community health worker training organization
 4. A representative of a regional community-technical college
 5. An employer of community health workers
 6. A representative of a health care organization that employs community health workers
 7. A health care provider who works directly with community health workers
 8. The Commissioner of Public Health or the commissioner's designee

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section X – Vacancies: In the event of a vacancy on the CHWAB, the Executive Director of the Office of Health Strategy or the executive director's designee will appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy whose expertise is in the same area as the member whose departure resulted in the vacancy.

ARTICLE IV – Chair and Co-Chair

The Executive Director of the Office of Health Strategy, or designee, shall serve as the Chair of the CHWAB.

Election of Co-Chair: The Co-Chair must be a CHW. The Co-Chair shall be a member of the CHWAB and shall be elected by majority vote of the members of the CHWAB. The Co-Chair shall serve a term of one year from the date of election. After the expiration of the one year term, the members of the CHWAB shall elect a Co-Chair from among the CHWAB's membership. A Co-Chair may serve multiple terms in that capacity.

Continuing Education Credits

Training Vendor Application Portal Update

CHWAB Training Vendor Application Review Committee Composition

Year 1:

- Two certified community health workers
- One employer, clinician or supervisor of community health workers
- Department of Public Health representative

Year 2:

- In addition to above, one CHW Training Vendor

CHWAB Training Vendor Application Review Committee Members

- Chris Andresen or a designee of DPH
- Adriana Rojas, CHW Employer
- Mildred Landock, CHW
- Derricia Parker, CHW

CHW Certification Eligibility

The Community Health Advisory Body (CHWAB), established pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 20-195ttt(b), has reviewed the Health Education Center's Community Health Worker Core Competency curriculum and approved graduates from the program beginning in 2017 to be eligible for certification as a Community Health Worker by the Department of Public Health, consistent with Conn. Gen. Stat. 20 § 195ttt(e).

Update – OHS

Certification Update - DPH

Marketing & Outreach- DPH

General Questions

Looking forward

Next meeting:

May 6, 2021

Upcoming Priorities

Training Vendor Application Portal go Live on May 1st

Other updates:

Marketing & Outreach

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Adjourn