



Community Health Worker Advisory Body (CHWAB)

July 1, 2021

Purpose of Today's Meeting

CHW Advisory Body Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome & introductions
2. Public comment
3. Review of June meeting summary and approval
4. Presentation by Andrea Reeves, CEO of CT Paid Leave
5. Membership Vacancy
6. Tracking Sheet Update
7. CDC Health Disparities Grant for CHWACT
8. Certification and Training Programs Messaging
9. CHWAB Training Vendor Update
10. Marketing and Outreach Update
11. General Questions
12. Next steps
13. 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 Carenza

Public Comment

Meeting Summary Approval

Presentation by Andrea Reeves, CEO of CT Paid Leave

Membership Vacancy

Public Act 19-117 CHW

(c) 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 Workers 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; and
- (8) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's designee.

Tracking Sheet Update

Connecticut Continuing Education Requirement (CER) Tracker Tool

Continuing Education Requirements – Public Act 19-117

Each certified Community Health Worker seeking certification renewal must complete a minimum of **30 hours** of continuing education requirements, including:

- Two hours focused on cultural competency, systemic racism or systemic oppression
- and
- Two hours focused on social determinants of health

Training Date	Training Topic	Brief Description of Course Taken	Provider/Agency Name	Training Title	Instructor/Presenter	Training Platform (webinar, in-person, hybrid)	Agency contact	CER Hours (1 training hour = 1 CER hour)
Required CERs								
	Cultural Competency, Systemic Racism or Systemic Oppression							
	Social Determinants of Health							
Additional CERs								

CDC Health Disparities Grant for CHWACT

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Collaboration with DPH and OHS, secured \$250,000 grant for the Community Health Worker Association of CT

Two Year Grant (\$125,000 per year for 2 years)

Budget Includes

- Rental of office space
- Purchase of equipment
- Salary for President, Administrative Support, Two CHWs
- Stipend for 3 CHW interns
- Mileage reimbursement
- Annual CHW Networking Event
- Annual CHW Celebration Event

Certification and Training Programs Messaging

CHWAB Training Vendor Application Update

Update – OHS

Certification Update - DPH

Marketing & Outreach- DPH

General Questions

Looking forward

Next meeting:

August 5, 2021

Upcoming Priorities

Membership Vacancy

Presentation by Office of Early Childhood on Universal Home Visiting and
CHW pilot project

Other updates:

Review Committee

Marketing & Outreach

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Adjourn