

Community Health Worker Advisory Body Meeting Summary October 6, 2022

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
October 6, 2022	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Via Zoom

Member Name and Attendance

Community Health Worker Advisory Body Members					
Kim Barry	R	Milagrosa Seguinot	R	Fernando Morales	R
Mildred Landock	R	Adriana Rojas	X	Melanie Alvarez	
Erika Lynch	R	Nilda Paris	R	Laura Morris	R
Bianca Noronas	R	Chris Andresen	X		
Derricia Parker	X	Liza Estevez	R		
Supporting Leadership & Other Participants					
Leslie Greer, OHS	R	Emily Bohmback, HES	R	Aleman	
Doris Maldonado Mendez, PATH CT	R	Elizabeth Conklin, DPH	R		
Dr. Raja Staggers-Hakim	R	Jennifer Behuniak, DPH	R		
Karen Siegel, HES	R	Evelyn Mantilla, Grossman Solutions	R		
Tara Viens	R	Giselle Tatiana	R		
Christine Caruso	R				
R = Attended Remotely, X= Did Not Attend					

Meeting Information is located at: <https://portal.ct.gov/OHS/Pages/Community-Health-Worker-Advisory-Body/Meeting-Materials>

Agenda	Responsible Person(s)
1. Welcome and Introductions	Laura Morris
Call to Order The meeting of the Community Health Worker Advisory Body (CHWAB) was held on Thursday, October 6, 2022, via zoom. Laura Morris chaired the meeting. The meeting convened at 10:06 a.m.	
2. Public Comment	Laura Morris
There was no public comment	
3. Review and Approve September 1, 2022 Meeting Summary	Laura Morris
There were no changes requested for the September 1, 2022 Meeting Summary. Kim Barry Moved acceptance and Millie Landock seconded. The motion unanimously passed.	

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4.	2023 Meeting Dates Review and approval	Laura Morris
	<p>Laura Morris presented the proposed meeting dates for 2023. Kim Barry moved acceptance of the proposed dates and Fernando Morales seconded. The motion unanimously passed.</p>	
5.	Presentation by Karen Siegel, Health Equity Solutions	Karen Siegel
	<p>Karen Siegel of Health Equity Solutions presented to the CHWAB. The CHW Coalition has been meeting on a monthly basis since January.</p> <p>The CHW Coalition Objectives include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish collaborative space for CHWS and CHW allies 2. Discussion & Dialogue about CHW workforce 3. Co-design principles for sustainable funding in Connecticut <p>Karen Siegel’s presentation also included a timeline of their work thus far</p> <p>The guiding principles of the coalition’s work include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Person Centered 2. Accessible 3. A sustainable reimbursement structures <p>The presentation also included a description of different possibilities for Medicaid pathways for reimbursement.</p> <p>Lastly, Ms. Siegel provided a recap of a Zoom Poll that was conducted in their June meeting. One main result from this poll is that most members of the coalition do not want a physician referral to be required.</p>	
6.	Community Colleges and CHW Training Program	Evelyn Mantilla
	<p>This work group met once, on October 3rd. After some discussion, the participants concluded that each individual community college should be required to submit their separate application, even after they have all consolidated under one community college.</p> <p>Additionally, the participants stressed quality vs quantity – It is important that each entity (Community College) be able to show they have the capacity and resources to provide the training correctly.</p> <p>Millie Seguinot moved acceptance of this recommendation and Millie Landock seconded. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
7.	CHW Instructor Training Requirements Workgroup	Evelyn Mantilla
	<p>This work group met three times on July 18, August 22 and September 19.</p> <p>The group discussed 1) Curriculum Content, 2) Practical experience expected and 3) Eligibility to become a trainer.</p> <p>The group decided on the following recommendations:</p>	

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt the Missouri CHW Train the Trainer model curriculum, with a number of additions as outlined in the presentation. 2. Establish a standard for all trainers of a minimum 3 year’s experience as CHWs – in hours. Can be combined with other experience. 3. Focus on retention of CHWs – Standardize and communicate the same expectations across the board. <p>There was some discussion, particularly on the details of the Missouri curriculum. Laura Morris committed to contacting the owners of this curriculum to inquire about obtaining permission to adapt it. Additionally, the work group will meet one more time to consider the question of whether to grandfather current trainers.</p>	
8.	Review Committee Update	Laura Morris
	<p>Laura Morris announced that Housatonic Community College is now officially a training vendor. She mentioned that during this last review, the committee would like to go back and look at the scoring document for the purpose of making it easier to use in reviewing applications. She proposed having a small work group look at this. Leslie Greer will help us set up a meeting for this purpose. Fernando Morales, Millie Landock and Millie Seguinot volunteered to be part of this conversation.</p>	
9.	Marketing and Outreach Update	Laura Morris
	<p>Jennifer Berhuniak of DPH reported that back in May and June they worked on a CHW campaign highlighting the benefits of becoming a member of the association and being certified. She shared some ad graphics from the campaigns. They also ran some radio ads, in English and Spanish. The campaign reached 3.2Million impressions and about 9,000 website hits.</p>	
10.	DPH Update	Laura Morris
	<p>There was no update on the number of CHW certifications. At our last meeting, it had been reported that we were up to 300.</p>	
11.	General Questions	Laura Morris
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ November 3, 2022 • Next steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Train the Trainer open items ○ Apprenticeship Program ○ Marketing and Outreach 	
13.	Adjourn	
	<p>The meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m. Millie Seguinot moved adjournment and Millie Landock seconded.</p>	