



Community Health Worker Advisory Board

February 2023 Meeting

Welcome!





Please drop introductions in the chat!

- Name/pronouns
- "CHW" if you are a CHW
- Organization



Connecticut's CHW Coalition Objectives





Establish a collaborative space for CHWs and CHW allies



Discussion and
Dialogue about the
CHW workforce



Co-design principles for sustainable funding in CT&advocate for implementation

Legislative Language





To require DSS to create a comprehensive community health worker reimbursement plan that meets all of the criteria laid out by the CHW coalition about the scope of work and reimbursement.



Draft Outline Takeaways:

Overarching principles:

- Program design, implementation, and evaluation must include engagement of community health workers and Medicaid enrollees
- DSS should consult with other stakeholders, including physicians, health systems, and CHW employers
- The program must regularly evaluate equity in health outcomes

CHW services to include, at minimum:

- Navigation support for primary and secondary prevention (enrollment, making appointments, engaging in cancer screening and vaccination, etc)
- Care-coordination for people with complex social and medical needs (including oral and behavioral health),
- Chronic disease management supports,
- Pregnancy, birth, lactation, and postpartum supports

Funding:

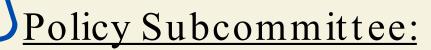
- Reimbursement should not require a physician referral, but MAY require diagnosis for chronic diseases
- Reimbursement must include community-based CHWs



How You Can Act



Joining a subcommittee:





Responsibilities:

- Reviewing testimony update
- Meetings with legislators
- Preparing coalition members for advocacy
- Lobby Day
- District Events



Communications

Subcommittee:



Responsibilities:

- Op-Eds
- Social Media
- Reviewing talking points, testimonies, factsheets, etc
- Collecting stories

Stakeholder Engagement Subcommittee:



Responsibilities:

- Bringing other allies into this space
- Mobilizing clients and allies for testimony and Health Equity
 Week
- Other engagement efforts

How You Can Act





- Testify and show up for public hearings in early March
- CHW Lobby Day: April6th





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