

Community Health Worker Advisory Body

Meeting Summary

January 5, 2023

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
January 5, 2023	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Via Zoom

Member Name and Attendance

Community Health Worker Advisory Body Members					
Kimberly Barry	X	Milagrosa Seguinot	R	Fernando Morales	R
Mildred Landock	R	Adriana Rojas	R	Melanie Alvarez	X
Erika Lynch	R	Nilda Paris	R	Laura Morris	R
Bianca Noronas	X	Chris Andresen	X		
Derricia Parker	R	Liza Estevez	R		
Supporting Leadership & Other Participants					
Leslie Greer, OHS	R	Elizabeth Conklin, DPH	R	Carmina Cirioli	R
Adry Sotolongo, Grossman Solutions	R	Jonique Foreman	R	Randi Matz, Health Education Center	R
Evelyn Mantilla, Grossman Solutions	R	Christine Caruso, Hispanic Health Council	R	Maria Hernandez	R
Jennifer Behuniak, DPH	R	Tara Viens, UCEDD	R	Elsa Ward, DMHAS	R
Libby Makela Johnson, The WorkPlace	R	Maggie Goodwin, SWA, NOW & NASW	R	Meghan Tastensen	R
Keturah Kinch, Wheeler Health & Wellness	R	Sam Haun, CT Health	R	Christina Del Vecchio	R
Doris Maldonado, PATH	R		R		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, January 5, 2023, via zoom. Laura Morris chaired the meeting. The meeting convened at 10:05 a.m.	
2. Public Comment	Laura Morris
Maggie Goodwin announced that Representative Cristin McCarthy-Vahey has been named the chair of the Public Health Committee. Maggie recommended we set up an introductory meeting with her.	
3. Review and Approve December 1, 2022 Meeting Summary	Laura Morris
There were no changes requested for the December 1, 2022 Meeting Summary. Millie Seguinot Moved acceptance and Millie Landock seconded. The motion passed unanimously	

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4.	Update from the CHW Association	Milagrosa Seguinot
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A training on Motivational Interviewing is scheduled for January 14th. Participants do not have to be CHWs • The association is welcoming 2 new interns • April 7th is the official day for Community Health Workers in Connecticut. The association will be having a special event, hopefully in person. The association is working with Health Equity Solutions, as part of Health Equity Week. Millie Landock indicated that April 7 is Good Friday. Kim Barry indicated that her agency will be closed as part of the State of Connecticut holidays. Millie Seguinot will let the CHWAB know if the date is changed. 	
5.	Training Vendor Application and Score Sheet Workgroup Update	Evelyn Mantilla
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This workgroup has made a lot of progress in its first two meetings. We are hoping to complete the process of this review in our next meeting • Laura Morris asked that this group add a review of the new requirements for CHW trainers. These requirements should be reflected correctly in the application. Evelyn Mantilla affirmed that this will be added to the review. 	
6.	CHW Registered Apprenticeship Workgroup Update	Evelyn Mantilla
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This group is still trying to meet, and Leslie Greer reported that the group is now scheduled to meet on January 17th. 	
7.	Review Committee Update	Leslie Greer
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no new applications pending • The four approved vendors are Housatonic Community College, Gateway Community College, Health Education Center and Southwestern AHEC • Laura Morris and Leslie Greer have received some inquiries of groups that would like to become training vendors, some from out of state. They have forwarded the appropriate information in response to each inquiry. 	
8.	Marketing and Outreach Update	Elizabeth Conklin
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Marketing and Outreach group will be meeting next week to review the results of the survey that the Consultation Center conducted. • The group has also been working on expanding the Community Health Worker campaign that was conducted last year. 	
9.	DPH Update	Laura Morris
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right now, there are 310 certifications of Community Health Workers and a new batch has come in through the holidays. 	
10.	General Questions	Laura Morris
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Millie Seguinot indicated that as soon as she has confirmation from the site for the April 7th event, she will share the information with us. She also announced that it was clear that they will need to change the date. A Save-the-Date flyer will be distributed. Other service providers will also be invited to participate. • Laura Morris announced the virtual CHW Forum that is schedule for January 30th, hosted by 	

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	<p>the association, Health Equity Solutions, the CT Health Foundation and OHS. The event will be held from 10am to 11:30am.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fernando Morales announced their partnership with DPH on the Healthy Homes curriculum which will be open to CHWs and others. He will forward the details as they are scheduled. • Fernando Morales also announced that Southwestern AHEC received from the Connecticut Health Foundation to address any barriers to CHWs becoming certified. • Laura Morris announced a pilot project of the Universal Nurse Home Visiting with the inclusion of CHWs. This is a multi-agency initiative with the Office of Early Childhood, DPH, DSS, DCF and OHS. Bridgeport Hospital has been awarded this contract, with Southwestern AHEC acting as a subcontractor, providing the Community Health Worker piece. • Maggie Goodwin inquired about state funding for CHWs. Laura Morris responded that there is a coalition, headed by Health Equity Solutions that is working on this issue. Karen Siegel, at HES is the contact person. • The next meeting of the CHWAB will be held on February 2nd, from 10:00am to 12:00pm 		
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	<p>The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. Milagrosa Seguinot moved adjournment and Fernando Morales seconded.</p>		

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