

Community Health Worker Advisory Body

Meeting Summary

January 4, 2024

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
January 4, 2024	10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Via Zoom

Member Name and Attendance

Community Health Worker Advisory Body Members					
Rachel Rusnak	R	Erika Lynch	R	Liza Estevez	R
Laura Morris	X	Nilda Paris	R	Fernando Morales	X
Kim Barry	X	Derrickia Parker	R	Milagrosa Seguinot	R
Stephen Fran Thung	R	Adriana Rojas	X	Mildred Landock	R
Supporting Leadership & Other Participants					
Leslie Greer, OHS	R	Terry Dunn, TVCCA	R	Mary Scully, Khmer Advocates	R
Jeannina Thompson, OHS	R	Luz Rivera, OEC	R	Lionel Thomas, CHCACT	R
Elizabeth Conklin, DPH	R	Bethanne Vergean, UCONNEDD	R	Rakiya Bello-Green	R
Selma Alves, DPH	R	Eve Berry, SWAHEC	R		
Shanica Laronde, Family Bridge	R	Shanika Larant, SWAHEC	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	Rachel Rusnak
	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting of the Community Health Worker Advisory Body (CHWAB) was held on Thursday, January 4, 2023, via Zoom. Rachel Rusnak chaired the meeting. The meeting convened at 10:05 a.m. Rachel Rusnak took a roll call and welcomed Leslie Greer back. 	
2.	Public Comment	Rachel Rusnak
	There was no public comment.	
3.	Review and Approve November Meeting Summary	Rachel Rusnak
	Milagrosa Seguinot Moved acceptance and Mildred Landock seconded. The motion passed unanimously.	
4.	Help Me Grow CT & Sparkler Presentation	Luis Rivera & Bethanne Vergean
	Luis Rivera, Office of Early Childhood (OEC), and Bethanne Vergean, UCONN Health, provided a brief presentation on Sparkler and Help Me Grow CT. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help Me Grow is a system model that utilizes and builds on existing resources to develop and enhance a comprehensive approach to early childhood system-building. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designed to increase awareness of the need for a universal approach by promoting 	

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	<p>developmental monitoring and screenings of children who may face challenges and link them to local supports and services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Connects providers and families to community-based resources. ● OEC launched the statewide effort in 2021 to offer the Sparkler mobile app across the state to all families with children 0-5 and to all providers serving children in that age range. Currently has over 20,000 families enrolled. 	
5.	Community Health Worker Association of CT Update	Milagrosa Seguinot
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Live Well Program training will start on January 25, 2024. It will be intense training and if anyone else is interested, please email to see if there are any spaces available. ● The CHW Association has partnered with the CT Paid Leave Program which is a great opportunity for CHWs working on their own to get information and benefit from it. ● Thinking about providing different training courses in January and February. The tentative dates will be sent out and will offer as many as necessary to accommodate schedules. ● The information Leslie Greer emailed to the group regarding Access Health CT's Community Partner Zoom, Chat & Learn has been canceled. The enrollment period will be on January 15th. Milagrosa Seguinot encouraged the group to send the information to their clients to use for resources. 	
6.	Review Committee Update	Rachel Rusnak/Leslie Greer
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rachel Rusnak provided an update on the Train the Trainer. The subcommittee has been dormant but reopening. She has met with Erika Lynch and Fernando Morales. The Plan is to draft an outline for developing the Train the Trainer curriculum and re-share some materials that had been shared previously, to refresh everyone's memory. They will bring it back to the full Advisory Body once it is drafted for feedback and input. If anyone's interested in joining the group, please reach out to Rachel Rusnak, or Leslie Greer or drop your name in the chat. The meetings have not been set up yet but are expecting to get rolling in January and February to have something to bring back to the group for a discussion in March. ● Erika Lynch raised a question for Leslie Greer. When the colleges become listed as one entity if they were to provide their own instructors? Leslie Greer will research the information and email the group. 	
7.	Marketing and Outreach Update	Elizabeth Conklin
	No update provided	
8.	DPH Update	Laura Morris
	No update provided	
9.	General Questions/Announcements	Rachel Rusnak
	None	
10.	Next Steps	Rachel Rusnak

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	March 7, 2024	
11.	Adjourn	Rachel Rusnak
The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.		