

State Community Health Worker Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, November 18, 2024, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Draft Meeting Minutes

Advisory Committee Members Present

Fay Alexander	Jude James
Rosario Campos	Rebecca Jones
Kevin Jordan Contreras	Jennifer Martinez
La Kerry Dawson	Rachael Parran
Griselda Funn	Samantha Sailsman
Katie Gilligan	Tiffany Scott
Kimberly Hiner	Lashelle Stewart

Maryland Department of Health Staff

Tina Backe	Gabrielle Nichols
Rhonda Edwards	Elizabeth Vaidya
Latiqua Holley	

Welcome & Roll Call/Introductions

Tina Backe opened the meeting.

Opening Remarks

Kim Hiner, MPH, Chair

- Under the 2023 Senate Bill 283, Maryland Health Care Commission released a needs assessment on the Behavioral Health Workforce with data on the CHW workforce specific to behavioral health.
- Looking ahead to a busy 2025 as many grant activities come to a close including the provision of support to up to 10 institutions seeking accreditation.

August 19, 2024, Meeting Minute Approval

Motion to approve: Rosario Campos

Motion seconded: Griselda Funn

The minutes were approved without objection.

CHW Certification Update: Sept. 1, 2019 – Nov. 18, 2024

- # certifications: 1315
- # certifications renewed: 906
- # total CHW certificates issued: 1935

Professional Development - Information and Discussion

- The Maryland OneStop application allows applicants to document professional development through direct input into an online form or by the upload of a Professional Development Tracking Sheet.
- Documents other than Tracking Sheets are uploaded to the application which lead to delays in certificate renewal.
 - Suggested revision accepted: Remove the upload option. Submission of information directly into the online application with required fields.
- Professional Development Requirements:
 - OPHI proposes researching the approaches in other states, and of considerations around availability and cost, for review by the Advisory Committee.

Accreditation Update: Jan. 1, 2020- Nov. 18, 2024

- # applications submitted: 27
- # active applications in the review process: 4
- # accreditations issued: 22
- # accreditation renewals: 9

Accreditation Application Forms - Proposed Revisions

- Requested Advisory Committee members to participate in a workgroup to revise the Curriculum Framework and Objective Knowledge Assessment Forms required for CHW Training Program Accreditation Applications.

CHW Workforce Profile

- Johns Hopkins PHASE Intern Jenae Logan with MDH through May 2025
- Will analyze survey data from 2024 CHW Workforce Survey and create Maryland's first CHW Workforce Profile
- Will share updates at upcoming CHW State CHW Advisory Committee meetings

CHW Grants

- CDC 2103 Disparities Grant - Gabrielle Nichols, MSPH, Program Manager
 - Update on completed and ongoing CHW grant awards
 - Update on upcoming grants for existing and new CHW Training Programs

Baltimore Museum of Art

- LaToya Ruby Frazier: More Than Conquerors: A Monument for Community Health Workers of Baltimore, 2021-2022
 - November 3, 2024 - March 23, 2025
 - Captures and celebrates the essential work of CHWs in Baltimore during the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine
 - Highlights Tiffany Scott, LaKerry Dawson, and Griselda Funn!

Upcoming CHW Advisory Committee Meetings

- 2025: February 24 (4th Monday), May 19, August 18; November 17

Closing Remarks and Discussion

- Kim Hiner, MPH, Chair
 - Members of the public shared commendations for the work of the Advisory Committee, voiced gratitude for the opportunity to join.
 - A representative of Public Justice Center shared an invitation for CHWs interested in getting involved in advocacy efforts to join the coalition.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Tiffany Scott

Motion seconded: Lashelle Stewart

The Advisory Committee adjourned without objection.

The meeting adjourned at 2:18pm.