

Community Health Worker State Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, February 12th, 2024, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Draft Meeting Minutes

Advisory Committee Members Present

Fay Alexander	Jude James
Rosario Campos	Rebecca Jones
Kevin J. Contreras	Jennifer Martinez
La Kerry Dawson	Samantha Sailsman
Griselda Funn	Tiffany Scott
Kimberly Hiner	Lashelle Stewart
Robin Hollar	Kelly Umana

Maryland Department of Health Staff

Tina Backe
Rhonda Edwards
Adrienne Taylor

Welcome & Roll Call/Introductions

Tina Backe opened the meeting.

Opening Remarks

Kim Hiner, Chair presented opening remarks.

November 13, 2023 Meeting Minute Approval

Motion to approve: Tiffany Scott. Motion seconded: Rosario Campos.

Meeting minutes were approved without objection.

CHW Certification Update: Sept. 1, 2019 – Feb. 12, 2024

- # certifications: 1537
- # certifications renewed: 624
- # total CHW certificates issued: 2161

Outreach efforts to those with expired certificates were described including post cards, phone calls, and letters at prescribed intervals.

CHW Certification Training Program Accreditation Update

- # applications submitted: 24
- # active applications in review (applicant receiving assistance): 2
- # accreditations issued: 20
- # accreditation renewals: 5

Maryland CHW Workforce Profile Survey

- A CHW Workforce Profile Survey to better understand the Maryland CHW workforce will be available by March via SurveyMonkey in English and Spanish for all CHWs in Maryland aged 18 years and older. Paper applications available on request in English and other languages.

Discussion and Feedback:

- Engaging Youth
 - Investigate opportunities to partner with community colleges where high school students may be taking courses
 - Consider opportunities for high school students to engage in Student Service Learning hours or shadowing opportunities
 - Have discussions with employers to ensure they are able to hire younger individuals as CHWs

“Vías de la Salud” Community Health Worker Certification Training Program, Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services

- David Del Pozo, Program Manager, and Gianina Hasbun, Program Specialist, Latino Health Initiative
- See meeting PowerPoint for details.

CHW Grant Activities

- HealthHIV’s TEACH CHW Trainings, Melissa Kelley, Program Director
- CHW grant awards, Gabrielle Nichols, MSPH, Program Manager, Disparities Grant
 - Update of CHW grant awards
- See meeting PowerPoint for details.

Closing Remarks and Discussion

- Upcoming CHW Advisory Committee Meetings in 2024
 - May 6 (1st Monday)
 - August 19
 - November 18

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Motion to adjourn: Jennifer Martinez. Motion seconded: Griselda C. Funn

Meeting adjourned without objection.