

State Community Health Worker Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, February 24, 2025, 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm

Draft Meeting Minutes

Advisory Committee Members Present

Fay Alexander	Jude James
Rosario Campos	Betty Muwwakkil
LaKerry Dawson	Rachal Parran
Griselda Funn	Tiffany Scott
Kathleen Gilligan	Lashelle Stewart
Kimberly Hiner	Samantha Sailsman
Robin Hollar	Kelly Umaña

Maryland Department of Health Staff

Tina Backe	Alphius Sesay
Rhonda Edwards	Adrienne Taylor
Latiqua Holley	

Welcome & Roll Call

- Tina Backe opened the meeting.

Opening Remarks

Kimberly Hiner, MPH, Chair

- Provided legislative updates.
- Noted CMS approval of reentry services that allows Maryland to provide targeted Medicaid services.
- Introduced the presentation on the Public Health – Dental Services – Access statute related to reimbursement for services provided to a Maryland Medical Assistance Program participant by a community health worker.

November 18, 2024, Meeting Minute Approval

- Motion to approve: LaKerry Dawson
- Motion seconded: Tiffany Scott
- The minutes were approved.

Community Health Worker (CHW) Certification Update: Sept. 1, 2019 - Feb. 24, 2025

- # certifications: 1382
- # certifications renewed: 948
- # total CHW certificates issued: 3026

Accreditation Update: Jan. 1, 2020 - Feb. 24, 2025

- # active applications in the review process: 5
- # accreditations issued: 25
- # accreditation renewals: 10

Accreditation Application Forms - Revisions

- CHW Accreditation Application Materials Workgroup completed updates to the Curriculum Framework and Objective Knowledge Assessment Forms.

CHW Grants

CDC 2103 Disparities Grant

Gabrielle Nichols, MSPH, Disparities Grant

- See meeting materials for details.

Expanding Access to Community Health Worker Certification Training Programs Across Maryland: Assessment and Development

Mosaic Group Foundation, Executive Managing Director

Krystal Billups

- Goal: By March 1, 2025, expand the number of accredited CHW training programs in six high-need jurisdictions to increase access and support within these areas.
- **Panel Presentation: Recently Accredited CHW Certification Training Programs**
Holy Cross Health, Kimberley McBride, Vice President, Community Health
The Healthy Church, Kirk Rookwood, Executive Director

Study on Providing Reimbursement for Services Provided by a Certified Community Health Worker

Alyssa Brown, JD, Deputy Director, Innovation, Research, and Development, Office of Health Care Financing

- HB 290, Public Health – Dental Services – Access (Chapter 377 of the Acts of 2023): Required a Medicaid study related to providing reimbursement for services provided to Medicaid participants by a community health worker.
- See meeting materials for details.

CHW Workforce Profile

Jenae Logan, John Hopkins PHASE Intern

- Draft Preliminary CHW Workforce Profile Data
- See meeting materials for details.

Upcoming CHW Advisory Committee Meetings

Quarterly meetings, 1 PM – 3 PM, held virtually or at MDH:

- May 19, August 18, November 17

Closing Remarks and Discussion

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn: Tiffany Scott
- Motion seconded: Fay Alexander
- The meeting adjourned at 2:38 PM