

State Community Health Worker Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, May 16, 2022, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Draft Meeting Minutes

In Attendance

Advisory Committee Members

Fay Alexander, Rosario Campos, La Kerry Dawson, Kimberly Hiner, Kevin Jordan, Rachael Parran, Samantha Sailsman, Tiffany Scott

MDH:

Alphus Sesay, Tina Backe, Brett E. Felter

Welcome and Roll Call

Tina Backe welcomed the Committee and introduced the requested Spanish interpretation line service.

Opening Remarks

Kimberly Hiner thanked everyone for joining and summarized topics for discussion.

April 4, 2022 Interim Meeting Minutes

Note: A quorum was not present. Minutes will be voted on at the next meeting.

Interview Request from George Washington University (GWU), School of Public Health

Noam Seiler, Associate Professor of Public Health, requested an interview with a member of the CHW Advisory Committee to provide input on the roles of CHWs in reducing the prevalence of and increasing education on Sexually Transmitted Infections for a CDC report.

CHW Certification Update

A total of CHW 1209 certifications have been issued. Of those, 160 CHWs are certified based on the completion of an accredited CHW training program and 330 CHWs have renewed their certificate.

Certification Training Program Accreditation Update

- Fifteen (15) accreditation applications have been received and 12 training programs have been accredited. Three applications are in the review process.
- The two most recent accredited CHW certification training programs are: Montgomery College and Prince George's County Community College.
- Current members of the CHW Training Program Application Review Committee are:

Natasha Few, CCHW, Community Health Worker; La Kerry Dawson, CCHW, CHW Advisory Committee member; Lisa Widmaier, M.Ed., Health Professions Educator; Tina Backe, MDH CHW Staff.

- MDH Continues to host webinars to provide information on the CHW Certification Training Programs Accreditation Application and the CHW Certificate Renewal Application processes.

Discussion points:

- Identify opportunities for CHW leaders to be trained and have more leadership roles.
- Future CHW employer survey topics: recruitment and retention of bilingual employees; key metrics.
- Importance of translation of training materials to languages other than English.

CHW Professional Development Opportunities

- A webpage is in development with staff support from the CDC Foundation on free to low cost CHW professional development activities that could meet the requirements for certificate renewal.
- Engagement with conferences to promote CHW professional development opportunities.

CHW Grant Opportunities and Contract Update

- Final draft of the curricula on Chronic Disease Management: Diabetes and Cardiovascular Diseases curricula have been submitted.
- Current CDC Grants opportunities: CHW Training Program Development, Accreditation, and Implementation; and Accredited Community Health Worker Certification Training Programs-COVID-19 Module Development, Implementation, and Training.
 - Both grants include funds to train under resourced candidates at no cost to the student.
- Notice of funding opportunity from HRSA #22-124 to increase the number of CHWs and reduce health disparities.

Meeting Adjourned

Rosario Campos motioned to Adjourn;

Tiffany Scott seconded;

By General Consensus the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.