

# Community Health Worker Advisory Committee – Meeting

July 7, 2021 via Google Meeting

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

*Daft Minutes*

## **CHW Advisory Committee Members**

Fay Alexander	Rosario Campos	LaKerry Dawson	Griselda Funn
Rebecca Jones	Ryan Moran	Bettye Muwwakkil	Tiffanie Scott
Rachel Parran	Samantha Sailsman	Kim Hiner	

## **MDH Staff:**

Alphius Sesay      Tina Backe      Deborah Donohue

## **Welcome & Introductions**

Tina Backe opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and welcomed the Committee members and members of the public.

## **Opening Remarks**

### **Kim Hiner, Chair**

Kim Hiner thanked the Advisory Committee for joining this meeting to review and discuss the draft potential amendments and draft potential regulations.

The Advisory Committee will vote on the recommendation for the draft potential amendments to COMAR 10.68.01-.02 and draft potential regulations for COMAR 10.68.03 to the Maryland Department of Health Secretary for consideration.

## **General Discussion**

Committee members discussed the importance of communicating any amendments made to these regulations to CHWs, CHW training programs, and CHW employers.

## **Discussion on draft potential amendments to COMAR 10.68.02**

No concerns were communicated about the specific amendments presented.

MDH and Maryland Department of Labor representatives clarified that all requirements will need to be met as set forth in the Department of Labor regulations and the MDH draft proposed amended regulations to include apprenticeship programs as an eligible accredited CHW certification training program.

## **Discussion on draft potential regulations for COMAR 10.68.03; Maryland Department of Health, Community Health Workers, Community Health Worker Specialty Certification and Training**

- Changes have been made to the draft proposed regulations since last presented at the previous CHW Advisory Committee meeting.

- Draft proposed regulations permit any entity to apply to offer the specialty training module. The entity would be required to meet minimum requirements.
- The Committee:
  - Suggested that the 6 hours of professional development for the specialty certification count towards the 20 hours of professional development required for renewal of the general CHW certification.
  - Discussed the clinical tone of the Domains and how they could be integrated with current health issues including social determinants of health and COVID-19.
  - Asked where CHWs acquire the practicum/experience component of the specialty certification requirement.
  - Asked if the Department would still provide technical assistance to training program applicants to assist in successful accreditation or approval. T
    - Yes, the Department will continue to provide technical assistance.
- Public comment:
  - While the Chronic Disease Management: Diabetes domains sound clinical, they are within the scope of CHWs work and are important for ensuring continuity of care.

### **Closing Remarks**

The Advisory Committee Chair thanked everyone for their time and closed the meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.