

State Community Health Worker Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, August 18, 2025, 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm

Draft Meeting Minutes

Advisory Committee Members Present

Rosario Campos	Griselda Funn	Kathleen Gilligan
Kimberly Hiner	Jude James	Rebecca Jones
Jennifer Martinez	Stephanie Ransom	Tiffany Scott
Lashelle Stewart	Kelly Umana	

Maryland Department of Health Staff

Tina Backe Rhonda Edwards Latiqua Holley Adrienne Taylor

Welcome & Roll Call/Introductions

Tina Backe opened the meeting.

Opening Remarks

Kimberly Hiner, Chair

May 19, 2025, Meeting Minute Approval

Motion to approve: Griselda Funn

Motion seconded: Jude James. The minutes were approved without objection.

CHW Certification Update: Sept. 1, 2019- Aug. 18, 2025

certifications: 1524

certifications renewed: 1087

total CHWs ever certified: 2285

Accreditation Update: Jan. 1, 2020- Aug. 18, 2025

active applications in the review process: 3

accreditations issued: 30

accreditation renewals: 14

Accreditation of CHW Training Programs Webinar

- Effort to support the CHW workforce
- Outreach: CHW employers

CHW Specialty Training Modules

- [CHW Specialty Training Modules Webpage](#)
- Funded by the 2103 CDC Disparities Grant
- Developed by the Maryland Area Health Education Center
 - Informed by subject matter experts, including CHWs

- The purpose is to provide professional development opportunities to increase knowledge of CHWs in specialty areas to better serve their communities.
- Offered to CHW training entities at no cost in English and Spanish.
- CHWs trained with the materials in these modules may use those training hours towards the 20 hours of professional development required to renew a CHW certificate.

2103 Disparities Grant and Community Health Worker Projects

Gabrielle Nichols, MSPH, Program Manager, CDC Disparities Grant and Public Health Infrastructure Grant, Public Health Services

- Included a strategy to increase the capacity of the CHW Workforce in Maryland
- Supported 19 organizations in the accreditation process or to update existing programs
- Reduced barriers for 133 students attending accredited CHW training programs
- Development of five (5) CHW specialty training modules

Congenital Syphilis in Maryland

Dana Wachter, Community Mobilization Specialist, Infectious Disease Prevention and Health Services Bureau

- Trends in congenital syphilis in Maryland have drastically increased over the last few years
- Recommendations to encourage routine testing in individuals ages 13 and above
- Ensure access to care and supportive services

Upcoming CHW Advisory Committee Meetings

Next meeting: November 17, 2025

Proposed 2026 meeting dates:

- February 9 or February 23 (The 3rd Monday is a holiday.)
- May 18
- August 17
- November 16

Adjournment

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

The Advisory Committee adjourned without objection.

The meeting adjourned at 1:53 PM