



State Community Health Worker Advisory Committee Meeting

September 24, 2020



Welcome and Roll Call

Opening Remarks – Cheryl De Pinto

CHW Certification Training Program Accreditation - Practicum Consideration during COVID-19

CHW Advisory Committee and CHW Training Program Review Committee

CHW Advisory Committee - advises / makes recommendations to the Department on standards for accreditation and changes / amendments to standards.

CHW Training Program Application Review Committee - reviews applications / proposed changes and makes recommendations to the Department as to whether applications / proposed changes meet established standards.

CHW Certification Training Program Requirements

[COMAR 10.68.02.03](#) - Training Program Requirements

A CHW certification training program shall:

- Provide a minimum of 100 hours of instruction
- **Verify successful completion of an additional supervised 40-hour practicum by a student**
- Employ a curriculum framework that incorporates, at a minimum, the Maryland CHW nine core competencies
- Include an objective knowledge assessment

CHW Accredited Training Program – Proposed COVID-19 Accommodation to Practicum - DRAFT

During the COVID-19 state of emergency is there a recommendation that an accredited CHW certification training program may accept 40 hours of employment as a CHW / another similar position by a currently enrolled student in place of the 40-hour supervised Practicum, if:

- There is a documented good-faith attempt by the student to secure an unpaid Practicum position/internship that was unsuccessful;
- The employment is supervised;
- The employment position requires proficiency in the nine Maryland CHW core competencies;
- The accredited CHW training program provides to the Department a statement ensuring the employment is in alignment with all Practicum requirements of the accredited CHW certification training program as detailed in their application;
- The employer notifies the accredited CHW certification training program that all components of the Practicum as described by the training program in their accreditation application have been completed; and
- The conditions listed above are satisfied before the student receives a document of successful completion from the accredited CHW certification training program.

CHW Certification Training Program Accreditation

Application

The application for CHW certification training programs seeking accreditation requires the submission of two forms:

1. [Curriculum Framework Form](#)
2. [Objective Knowledge Assessment Form](#)

CHW Certification Training Program Accreditation Application – Curriculum Framework Form

Section 1: Curriculum Overview

Training Program Name

Type of Training Program Application

New training program.

Existing training program *with no changes* made to training curriculum since October 1, 2018.

Existing training program *with changes* made to training curriculum after October 1, 2018.

Actual or Anticipated Training Start Date

Location(s) of Training
(e.g., city, county, state)

Total Hours of Instruction

Total Hours of Practicum

CHW Certification Training Program Accreditation Application – Objective Knowledge Assessment Form

Section 1: Training Program Objective Knowledge Assessment Formats and Criteria

List and describe the knowledge assessment formats used to determine a student’s successful completion of the training program. Identify the pass or fail criteria for the assessment.

Assessment Format(s) and Description	Pass or Fail Criteria for the Assessment
Instructional assessment - list and describe	
Practicum assessment - list and describe	
Other - specify and describe	

Open Discussion – DRAFT Accommodation

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Adjournment

Thank you for joining us today!

We wish you well!

The CHW Team