

State Community Health Worker Advisory Committee Meeting

February 13, 2023 • 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Draft Meeting Minutes

Advisory Committee Members Present

Fay Alexander	Jennifer Martinez
Rosario Campos	Bettye Muwwakkil
La Kerry Dawson	Yana Rachinskaya
Griselda Funn	Tiffany Scott
Kimberly Hiner	Lashelle Stewart
Robin Hollar	Kelly Umana
Jude James	

Maryland Department of Health Staff Present

Tina Backe	Miranda Ouellette
Rhonda Edwards	Alphius Sesay
Gabrielle Nichols	Adrienne Taylor

Welcome & Roll Call/Introductions

Tina Backe called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm and shared the information for the simultaneous Spanish interpretation.

Kim Hiner, Chair, provided opening remarks:

- Welcomed the Committee members
- Welcomed new member Kelly Umana filling Public Member Familiar with Services of Community Health Workers seat
- Shared the new MDH Acting Secretary is Laura Herrera Scott, M.P.H., M.D.

Nominations for Vice Chair and Secretary

- Tiffany Scott self nominated herself for Vice Chair
- Griselda Funn seconded
- The Committee voted unanimously for Tiffany Scott to be the Vice Chair
- No nominations for the Secretary position at this time

November 14, 2022 Meeting Minute Approval

- Rosario Campos motioned to approve; Fay Alexander seconded the motion
- November 14, 2022 meeting minutes approved by general consensus

CHW Certification and CHW Certification Training Program Accreditation Updates

Sept. 1, 2019 – February 13, 2023

- 1184 certifications, 289 certifications based on training, 402 certifications renewed
- 1586 total CHW certificates issued
- 17 CHW certification training programs accredited

CHW Training Program Accreditation Renewal

- The accreditation renewal process will not use the Maryland OneStop portal
- In person assistance will be provided to training programs
- Accreditation renewal notifications will be sent to training programs six months prior to the expiration date
- Request that applications and documentation be submitted at least eight (8) weeks prior to expiration.

Accredited CHW Certification Training Programs: News from the Field

- Three accredited CHW certification training programs shared program highlights
 - Howard County General Hospital (HCGH) Community Health Worker (CHW) Training Program: Presenter - Esther Tenaglio
 - Heritage Care Inc.: Presenter - Aaron Sydor
 - Maryland AHEC: Presenters - Melissa Clark, Paula Blackwell, Ashley Clark, Shalynn Cline
- See slides for presentation content

CHW Grant Opportunities and Contract Update

2109 CHWs for COVID Response and Resilient Communities (CCR) Grant Update: Miranda Ouellete, MPH, CHES Inclusion Coordinator, Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Control

- Year 2 Implementation
- Health Equity and Resilience Ad Hoc work group has met regularly since February 2022
- Seeking additional CHWs to participate in the group
- Allegany, Dorchester and Somerset counties have onboarded CHWs
- LHDs utilize the tracking system to monitor engagement and client referrals

CDC-RFA-OT21-2103, National Initiative to Address COVID-19 Public Health Disparities among Populations at High-Risk and Underserved, Including Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations and Rural Communities: Gabrielle Nichols, Program Manager, OPHI

- MDH received a 1 year no cost extension
- 5 awardees for new CHW certification training programs
- 4 COVID modules added to existing accredited curricula
- CHW specialty certification materials in development

New Funding Opportunity: Accredited CHW Certification Training Programs

- Goal: Support the capacity of the CHW workforce and expand access to accredited CHW certification training programs in languages other than English
- Materials translation, video production, audio recording
- Proposals due February 17, 2023

Upcoming Meetings

- May 15, 2023
- August 21, 2023
- November 13, 2023

Adjournment

- Rosario Campos motioned to adjourn
- Jude James seconded the motion
- By General Consensus the meeting was adjourned at 2:59 pm