

State Community Health Worker Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes

11/14/2022 1:00 pm

Attendance

Advisory Committee Members: Fay Alexander, Rosario Campos, Kevin Contreras, LaKerry Dawson, Griselda Funn, Katie Gilligan, Kimberly Hiner, Robin Hollar, Jude James, Rebecca Jones, Elizabeth Kromm, Jennifer Martinez, Samantha Sailsman, Tiffany Scott, Lashelle Stewart

MDH: Tina Backe, Adrienne Taylor, Miranda Ouellette, Sarah Wagner, Gabrielle Nichols, Rhonda Edwards

Maryland Legislature: Senator Clarence Lam

Welcome and Roll Call

Tina Backe did the welcome, roll call, and advised a Spanish interpretation line is available.

Opening Remarks

Kimberly Hiner, MPH, Acting Director, Office of Population Health Improvement (OPHI) provided opening remarks.

Farewells and Welcomes

Kimberly Hiner bid farewell to Lilian Amaya, CCHW, CHW seat and Brett Felter, Assistant Attorney General; and welcomed Jennifer Martinez, CCHW, CHW seat, and Rhonda Edwards, Deputy Counsel for Boards and Commissions. Congratulations were shared with reappointed members: Rosario Campos, CHW seat; Jude James, CCHW, CHW seat; and Rachael Parran, MS, RN, Registered nurse with experience in community health seat.

August 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes

LaKerry Dawson motioned to approve. Griselda Funn seconded. Minutes approved by general consensus.

Community Health Worker Certification Update

Tina Backe provided an update on CHW certification from Sept. 1, 2019- Nov. 14, 2022.
Initial certifications - 1133, Certificates renewed - 390; Total Certifications - 1523

CHW Certification Training Program Accreditation Update

Tina Backe provided an update on CHW training program accreditation from Sept. 1, 2019- Nov. 14, 2022.
Applications - 21, Applications in review process - 6, Accreditations - 15

Most recently accredited training programs: Montgomery County DHHS is the first accredited fully Spanish training curriculum; Voice of Hope, Inc. has a focus on Peer Recovery.

Advisory Committee Review and Feedback Session: CHW Certification Training Program Reaccreditation

Kim Hiner shared current progress on the CHW Certification Training Program reaccreditation process and requested feedback from the Advisory Committee.

HRSA 22-124: Community Health Worker Training Program Awardees

See Meeting Materials (PPT) for detailed information.

Johns Hopkins University and Howard County General Hospital: Esther Tenaglio and Tracy Novak

Aims: Expand the public health workforce by training new and existing CHWs; increase access to services with community partners for field placements; measure the HEAL (Health Educators, Advocates, and Leaders) program outcomes.

Access to Wholistic and Productive Living, Inc.: Ralph Williams

Aims: Expand and extend the public health workforce through training new CHWs; extend the knowledge and skills of current CHWs; target six (6) Maryland jurisdictions.

Life and Discovery, Inc. (Asian American Center of Frederick): Elizabeth Chung

Aims: Expand the public health workforce by training new and existing CHWs; develop new or enhancing existing curricula to extend and upskill the workforce, increase CHW employment readiness through field placements and apprenticeships.

Institute for Public Health Innovation: Michael Rhein

Aims: Expansion of CHW 101 Core Training program includes financial support for training and apprenticeships; CHW 201 to advance skill development; employment support, placement, and coaching

CHW Grant Opportunities

2109 COVID Response and Resilient Communities - Evaluation and Tracking Tool Result: Miranda Ouellette and Sarah Wagner, Prevention and Health Promotion, MDH.

Updates: Developing a plan for community resilience assessments in three target jurisdictions; finalized training topics for Year 2; tracking system to monitor engagement developed and released June 2022.

2103 CDC 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

Updates: Three (3) of five (5) awardees received their CHW certification training program accreditation. Three (3) of four (4) awardees successfully added a COVID module to their currently accredited CHW certification training program.

Upcoming Meetings

February 13, 2023; May 15, 2023; August 21, 2023; November 13, 2023

Meeting Adjourned

Tiffany Scott motioned to adjourn; Jennifer Martin seconded.

By general consensus the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.