

# Community Health Worker Advisory Committee Meeting

October 22, 2018

# Overview

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# CHW Legislative Overview and Background

## 2014 - House Bill 856/Senate Bill 592 - *Workgroup on Workforce Development for Community Health Workers*

- Workgroup was asked to make recommendations on training, credentialing, reimbursement and payment policies.
- Report submitted to Maryland General Assembly by the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) and Maryland Insurance Administration in June 2015

## 2016 - MDH CHW Advisory Committee

- Organized by the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities
- Focus on providing an opportunity for more CHWs to participate

# CHW Legislative Overview and Background

## 2017 - HB1113 / SB988 - *Health Occupations – Maryland Community Health Worker Act*

- Did not pass

## 2017 Community Health Workers Workgroup meeting

- Organized by Senator Shirley Nathan-Pulliam and Delegate Clarence Lam
- Discussed concerns with previous bills, areas of consensus and areas of further consideration

# CHW Legislative Overview and Background

- **2018** - House Bill 0490 / Senate Bill 0163 (Chapter 441) - *Public Health – Community Health Workers – Advisory Committee and Certification*
  - The Act took effect on October 1, 2018

# **Statutory Mandate and Timeline**

## Primary mandates:

- The establishment, operation and functioning of the State Community Health Worker Advisory Committee
- The setup and implementation of a certification and training process for CHWs in the state
- The establishment of the State Community Health Workers Fund

## **Statutory Mandate and Timeline**

The Advisory Committee is to meet at regular intervals to provide recommendation on the:

- Process of certification and training of CHW – these includes:
  - Accreditation of training programs for CHWs
  - Certification of apprenticeship programs

# **Statutory Mandate and Timeline**

Areas of focus for recommendation include:

- Training and tiers of training
- Fees for certification
- Grandfathering
- Disciplinary and monitoring systems
- The appropriate term of a certificate and renewal procedures



# **Statutory Mandate and Timeline**

Over the next year, establish:

- Certification criteria, standards and tiers
- Accreditation criteria, standards and processes for training institutions of CHW
- Facilitating the set up of a database by MDH
- Facilitating the setup of the CHW fund

# Proposed Meeting Schedule

<b>Tentative Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Monday, October 22, 2018</b>	1:00-3:00pm	MDH, 201 W Preston St Baltimore MD 21201 ( RM L-1)
<b>Monday, December 17, 2018</b>	1:00-3:00pm	MDH, 201 W Preston St Baltimore MD 21201 ( RM L-1)
<b>Monday, February 18, 2019</b>	1:00-3:00pm	MDH, 201 W Preston St Baltimore MD 21201 ( RM L-1)
<b>Monday, April 22, 2019</b>	1:00-3:00pm	MDH, 201 W Preston St Baltimore MD 21201 ( RM L-1)
<b>Monday June 17, 2019</b>	1:00-3:00pm	MDH, 201 W Preston St Baltimore MD 21201 ( RM L-1)

# States with CHW Advisory Boards

- Texas
- Massachusetts
- Illinois
- Connecticut

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