



# Community Health Worker Advisory Board

February 2023 Meeting

# Welcome!

Please drop introductions  
in the chat!

- Name/ pronouns
- "CHW" if you are a CHW
- Organization



# Connecticut's CHW Coalition Objectives



Establish a collaborative space for CHWs and CHW allies



Discussion and Dialogue about the CHW workforce



Co-design principles for sustainable funding in CT & advocate for implementation

# Legislative Language

To require DSS to create a comprehensive community health worker reimbursement plan that meets all of the criteria laid out by the CHW coalition about the scope of work and reimbursement.



## Draft Outline Takeaways:

### Overarching principles:

- Program design, implementation, and evaluation must include engagement of community health workers and Medicaid enrollees
- DSS should consult with other stakeholders, including physicians, health systems, and CHW employers
- The program must regularly evaluate equity in health outcomes

### CHW services to include, at minimum:

- Navigation support for primary and secondary prevention (enrollment, making appointments, engaging in cancer screening and vaccination, etc)
- Care-coordination for people with complex social and medical needs (including oral and behavioral health),
- Chronic disease management supports,
- Pregnancy, birth, lactation, and postpartum supports

### Funding:

- Reimbursement should not require a physician referral, but MAY require diagnosis for chronic diseases
- Reimbursement must include community-based CHWs



# How You Can Act

Joining a subcommittee:

## Policy Subcommittee:



Responsibilities:

- Reviewing testimony update
- Meetings with legislators
- Preparing coalition members for advocacy
- Lobby Day
- District Events

## Communications Subcommittee:



Responsibilities:

- Op-Eds
- Social Media
- Reviewing talking points, testimonies, factsheets, etc
- Collecting stories

## Stakeholder Engagement Subcommittee:



Responsibilities:

- Bringing other allies into this space
- Mobilizing clients and allies for testimony and Health Equity Week
- Other engagement efforts

# How You Can Act



- Testify and show up for public hearings in early March
- CHW Lobby Day: April 6th

**HEALTH**  
**EQUITY**  
**SOLUTIONS**

# Thank you!

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