

# Community Health Worker Advisory Body

## Meeting Summary

### February 2, 2023

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
February 2, 2023	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Via Zoom

#### Member Name and Attendance

Community Health Worker Advisory Body Members					
Kimberly Barry	R	Milagrosa Seguinot	R	Fernando Morales	R
Mildred Landock	X	Adriana Rojas	R	Melanie Alvarez	X
Erika Lynch	R	Nilda Paris	R	Laura Morris	R
Bianca Noronas	R	Chris Andresen	X		
Derricia Parker	R	Liza Estevez	X		
Supporting Leadership & Other Participants					
Leslie Greer, OHS	R	Randi Matz, Health Education Center	R	Sam Haun, CT Health	R
Adry Sotolongo, Grossman Solutions	R	Maria Hernandez	R	Libby Makela Johnson, The WorkPlace	R
Evelyn Mantilla, Grossman Solutions	R	Meghan Tastensen	R	Samantha Lew, HES	R
Jennifer Behuniak, DPH	R	Christina Del Vecchio	R	Tara Viens	R
Leigh Roberts, The Workplace	R	Ichchha Pradhan, HES	R	Ortizle	R
Dr. Raja Staggers-Hakim					
<b>R = Attended Remotely, X= Did Not Attend</b>					

Meeting Information is located at: <https://portal.ct.gov/OHS/Pages/Community-Health-Worker-Advisory-Body/Meeting-Materials>

#	Agenda	Responsible Person(s)
1.	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	<b>Laura Morris</b>
	<b>Call to Order</b> The meeting of the Community Health Worker Advisory Body (CHWAB) was held on Thursday, February 2, 2023, via zoom. Laura Morris chaired the meeting. The meeting convened at 10:03 a.m.	
2.	<b>Public Comment</b>	<b>Laura Morris</b>
	There was no public comment	
3.	<b>Review and Approve January 5, 2023 Meeting Summary</b>	<b>Laura Morris</b>
	There were no changes requested for the January 5, 2023 Meeting Summary. Milagrosa Seguinot Moved acceptance and Fernando Morales seconded. The motion passed unanimously	
4.	<b>Update from the CHW Association</b>	<b>Milagrosa Seguinot</b>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated on the Motivational Interviewing training. There are 7 Community Health Workers attending</li> <li>• Continue to work on the event for April to celebrate and recognize Community Health Workers. It is scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup> at the LOB and it will be a full day event</li> <li>• Those who are not members of the association yet can become members on their website</li> <li>• Kim Barry indicated that they've had a preliminary meeting with the United Way to establish monthly meetings for the CHW's in New London County. She asked whether the association has an evaluation tool available that could get them the type of information that would be beneficial for them and the client. Milagrosa Seguinot indicated that there is no standard tool right now. However, many groups prepare their own assessment based on their needs. Ms. Seguinot offered to share a sample tool to be customized.</li> </ul>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Presentation on CHW Coalition Update</b>	<b>Samantha Lew, HES</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Milagrosa Seguinot thanked the members of the coalition for their hard work. The Coalition was established last year. The coalition has CHW's, allies and employers.</li> <li>• The objectives of the coalition include: 1) establish a collaborative space for CHWs and CHW allies, 2) discussion and dialogue about the CHW workforce and 3) Co-design principles for sustainable funding in CT and advocate for implementation</li> <li>• The legislative language proposed includes "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.</li> <li>• Ms. Lew shared draft outline takeaways that include minimum overarching principles and CHW services to be included, as well as funding requirements.</li> <li>• The coalition has established 3 sub-committees: 1) Policy, 2) Communications and 3) Stakeholder Engagement. Interested individuals are welcome to join any of these sub-committees.</li> <li>• Milagrosa Seguinot also invited anyone interested in testifying at public hearings. It is expected the hearings will begin in early March. Also, there is a CHW Lobby Day planned for April 6.</li> </ul>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>CHW Survey Results Presentation</b>	<b>Milagrosa Seguinot</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Milagrosa Seguinot presented the results of the 2022 Connecticut Community Health Worker Survey.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The survey goals included 1) CHW Association of CT membership awareness and interest, 2) CHW Certification awareness and perceived value, 3) Assess CHW Certification media campaign exposure, 4) Assess skills and training and 5) Perceptions of support from their organization.</li> <li>○ The survey was anonymous, and it was provided in English and Spanish</li> <li>○ It was completed by 213 respondents</li> <li>○ The demographics breakdown included: 1) 85% identify as Female, 2) 44% identify as Hispanic or Latino, 3) 49% identify as White or Caucasian and 4) 27% identify as Black or African American. Other demographic questions included level of education, age, earnings and fluency in at least two languages.</li> <li>○ The survey helped the sponsoring partners to look into many aspects of the work of</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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	<p>CHWs, including their roles, skills and training and preferences for learning about training opportunities. Participants were able to share many of the challenges that they face.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Other subjects included CHW certification, and the CHWACT media campaign.</li> <li>● The members had a discussion about ways to continue to promote this work.</li> </ul>	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Training Vendor Application and Score Sheet Workgroup Update</b>	<b>Adry Sotolongo</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The workgroup met on January 18 and February 1.</li> <li>● The group has completed a full review of the application and is now reviewing the scoresheet</li> <li>● Grossman Solutions will be editing both files, in cooperation with Leslie Greer</li> </ul>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>CHW Registered Apprenticeship Workgroup Update</b>	<b>Adry Sotolongo</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This workgroup met on January 17 and has a meeting scheduled for February 22</li> <li>● The group is researching and reviewing models from other states</li> </ul>	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Review Committee Update</b>	<b>Laura Morris</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There are no pending or new applications</li> </ul>	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Marketing and Outreach Update</b>	<b>Laura Morris</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There are no further updates</li> </ul>	
<b>11.</b>	<b>DPH Update</b>	<b>Laura Morris</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We have now 327 Certified CHWs</li> <li>● Detail information is available on the DPH website</li> </ul>	
<b>12.</b>	<b>General Questions</b>	<b>Laura Morris</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The next meeting is scheduled for March 30, 2023</li> </ul>	
<b>13.</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>	<b>Laura Morris</b>
	<p>The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.          Kimberly Barry_moved adjournment and Milagrosa Seguinot seconded.</p>	