



Community Health Worker Advisory Body (CHWAB)

May 4, 2023

Purpose of Today's Meeting

CHW Advisory Body Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome & introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Meeting Summary review and approval for March 2023 meeting
4. Community Health Worker Association of CT Update
5. Update on CHW Instructor Training Curriculum
6. Review Committee Update
7. Marketing and Outreach Update
8. DPH Update
9. General Questions
10. Next Steps
11. Adjourn

Introductions

Chair

Laura J. Morris, MPH
Office of Health Strategy

Chris Andresen

Practitioner & Licensing, DPH

Kim Barry

CHW Employing Agency

Thames Valley Council for Community
Action
Appointment:

Vacant

Healthcare Provider

Mildred Landock

Community Health Worker

Lead CHW

YNHH-Project Access
Appointment: October 17, 2019

Erika Lynch

Rep of Regional Community College

Workforce Development
Gateway Community College

Bianca Noroñas

Community Health Worker

Hispanic Health Council
Appointment: October 17, 2019

Nilda Paris

Community Health Worker

Director, CT Center for Patient Safety
Appointment: October 17, 2019

Derricia Parker

Community Health Worker

Outreach and Enrollment Manager
StayWell Health Center
Appointment: October 17, 2019

Vacant

Community Health Worker

Adriana Rojas

Healthcare Employer

Project Manager for CHW Pilot Program
Community Health Center, Inc.
Appointment; October 25, 2019

Milagrosa Seguinot

Executive Director

CHW Association of Connecticut
Appointment: October 17, 2019

Liza Estevez

Community Health Worker

Manager, Patient Navigation
Yale New Haven Health
Appointment: November 11, 2021

Fernando Morales

Community Based CHW Training

Southwest AHEC
Appointment: April 1, 2021

Public Comment

Review and Approve March 2023 Meeting Summary

Community Health Worker Association of CT Update

Update on CHW Instructor Training Curriculum

Recap

1. Working group last met on Monday, April 24th to continue discussions on potential apprenticeship program.
2. Following extensive research on best practices from other states, working group has focused discussion on key issues:
 - Overall apprenticeship program structure and funding
 - Ideal host and candidate for apprenticeship program

Agreements | Structure

Given CT CHW training format, any apprenticeship would need to adopt **an intermediary model**

Primary

- Org responsible to DoL directly offers and manages both training and apprenticeship

Intermediary

- Org responsible to DoL subcontracts or connects to others for training and apprenticeship

Agreements | Employers

The Working Group identified these **minimum requirements** for apprenticeship **host** organizations:

- Capacity to apply for DOL apprenticeship program
- Capacity to apply for federal funding to cover apprenticeship positions and administrative/mentorship costs
- Recommend 1 mentor for every 2 apprentices (with the ability to allocate a % of their work to mentorship)
- Assignment mentor should understand core competencies and sufficient experience to support that education
- Additional considerations: capacity to offer pathway to employment past apprenticeship

Pending Questions for CHWAB

- What is the role of the apprenticeship program given 90-hour requirement?
- What level are we recruiting from?

Review Committee Update

Marketing and Outreach Update

DPH Update

General Questions

Looking forward – Next Steps

Next meeting June 1, 2023

No CHWAB meeting in July

No CHWAB meeting in August

Adjourn