Community Health Worker Advisory Committee

Meeting Agenda

1. Introductions/Call to Order   5 min

2. Public Comments   5 min

3. Approval of the Minutes   5 min

4. Possible changes to recommendations   5 min

5. Training Vendors   5 min

6. What has Happened to date   20 min

7. Committee Role in Supporting CHW Advocacy and Education   10 min

8. Next Steps

9. Adjourn

Introductions/Call to Order

Public Comments

Approval of the Minutes

Portfolio Update

The Recommendations for CHW Certification reference the use of Rhode Island's Portfolio List

- Recommend the following Modifications:
  - Add titles to Path 1 and Path 2

  - Look at the Number of words to describe "5. Statement of Professional Experience"

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Training Vendors – Other than State Colleges

- The Connecticut Office of Higher Education has regulatory oversight for postsecondary career schools, hospital-based schools, and hairdresser/barber schools in the state.

- Programs that offer vocational training which lead to entry-level employment require approval.

- Regulations of State Agencies § 10a-22k-2(n)

https://eregulations.ct.gov/eRegsPortal/Browse/RCSA/%7B00FA585F-9334-4C83-A460-D36E77D8EDCD%7D

Updates: CHW Advocacy and Education

What has Happened to Date?

February 16, 2019- Hispanic Nurses at Bridgeport Hospital in Bridgeport, CT –
Attendees: 18

February 26, 2019- Primary Care Action Group – St. Vincent's in Bridgeport, CT
–   Attendees: 40

February 27, 2019- WIC Office at Bristol Hospital, CT –

Attendees: 13

February 28, 2019- Health Improvement Collaborative of Southeastern CT –
Attendees: 28

What has Happened to Date?

March 7, 2019- Community Health Center, Inc. - Leadership, Middletown, CT – Attendees: 15

March 12, 2019- Health Care Cabinet – State Capitol, Hartford CT – Attendees: 40

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CHW Certification Legislation

WHO?

- Working with Health Equity Solutions and Hispanic Health Council
  - Identify Champions in Legislature
  - Strategies to market across the state
  - Target audiences
- CHW Association of CT
- CHW Advisory Committee
- Office of Health Strategy

Advocacy Strategies to Support Certification Legislation

<u>Advocacy and Education Fact Sheets</u>: Specifically tailored to groups: i.e., Legislators, CHW/non-CHW Employers, CHWs, etc.

<u>Presentation</u>: Designed a 30 minute concise slide deck that will guide and inform the various groups on the following topics:

    1) About CHW legislation

    2) Why this legislation is needed

    3) The benefits of this CHW Certification to payers, employers of CHWs, CHWs themselves, and the residents of Connecticut.

Advocacy Strategies to Support Certification Legislation (continued)

Educational Campaigns

- Meetings began in December with health care providers, social service and community-based organizations.
- Meetings scheduled throughout the winter.
- Spring spaces still available. Book NOW!

Who can you recommend to present to?

Advocacy Strategies to Support Certification Legislation (continued)

Advocacy and Education Fact Sheets:

- What you need to know about CHWs
- CHW Certification & What does it mean to me?

Presentation content:

- Provides previous efforts of CHW Advisory Committee on CHWs

  (Definition, Scope of Work & Need/Opportunity for Payment)

- Provide recommendations on CHW Certification

  (Progress to Date; Next Steps & Need for Support)

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March 25. 2019! Legislative Public Hearing

- 14 individuals signed up to testify
- 4 CHWs from near (Hartford and Rocky Hill) and far (Bridgeport and Stamford)
- Over 40 individuals provided written testimony.
- Senator Doug McCrory
- Commissioner Pino
- Vicki Veltri Executive Director, OHS
- Dr. Gould and AHEC Staff

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Next Steps

- Public Health Committee has until April 3rd to vote the bill out of committee.
- Vick is working with DPH on substitute language.

What can you do!

- Prepare to speak to your representative and senator on the importance of CHWs and CHW certification.
- Provide testimony on this important bill 859
- Not sure who your Rep or Senator are? Use this tool to find out: https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/cgafindleg.asp

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Adjourn