



Community Health Worker Advisory Body

December 5, 2024

Agenda

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Approval of Minutes

Review of CHWAB Bylaws & Committees

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Attendance

Interim Chair
Rachel Rusnak
Office of Health Strategy

Laura Morris
Practitioner & Licensing, DPH

Kim Barry
CHW Employing Agency
Thames Valley Council for Community
Action
Appointment: August 1, 2022

Stephen Fran Thung
Healthcare Provider
Bridgeport Hospital
Appointment: August 18, 2023

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

Anabelle Melendez
Community Health Worker
Bridgeport Hospital
Appointment: May, 2024

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

Cynthia Jean-Mary
Community Health Worker
The Health Education Center
Appointment: May, 2024

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

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Community Health Work Advisory Body Meeting

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2024 | 10:00 a.m.

[Meeting Recording](#)

Attendance (Members)					
Rachel Rusnak (Interim Chair)	R	Stevevez	R		
Milagrosa Seguinot	R	Nilda Paris	R		
Erika Lynch	R	Laura Morris, DPH	X		
Mildred Landock	R	Fernando Morales	R		
Adriana Rojas	R	Kim Barry	R		
Derricia Parker	R	Stephen Fran Thung	X		
Supporting Leadership & Other Participants					
Leslie Greer, OHS	R	Alyssa McClain, HES	R	Mary Scully, Khmer	R
Stacy Kamienski, CHCACT	R	Stacey Kamienski, CHCA	R	Dean Jones	R
Lauren Junge-Maughan, Bridgeport Hospital	R	Dianne Jones,	R		
Elizabeth Conklin, DPH	R	Cynthia Jean-Mary, HEC	R		
In accordance with FOIA statutes re: meetings held solely by electronic-means (remotely): R=attended remotely, IP=attended in person, X=did not attend					
Agenda			Presenter		
1) Welcome and Call to Order			Rachel Rusnak,OHS		
The regularly scheduled CHWAB meeting was held virtually on Thursday, March 7, 2024. Rachel Rusnak welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.					
2) Public Comment			Rachel Rusnak, OHS		
There were no public comments made.					

CHWAB Bylaws & Committee Review

Bylaw Review

- **Section I – Mission Statement**
- The mission of the Community Health Worker Advisory Body (CHWAB) is to unify the voices of the community health workers (CHW) and strengthen the capacity of the community health worker profession to promote healthy communities.
- **Section II – Goals and Objectives**
- The goals and objectives of the CHWAB are to:
 - Promote uniform standards and requirements for the training, certification, and continuing education of CHWs and CHW instructors in CT
 - Educate those working in the health and social service sectors about the role, scope of services, evidence of success, and best practices related to CHWs.
 - Develop and enhance opportunities for building the CHW workforce and its capacity to succeed.
- **ARTICLE II – DUTIES OF THE CHWAB**
- **Section I – Duties**
- There shall be established within the Office of Health Strategy (OHS) a Community Health Worker Advisory Body. Said body shall:
 - A. Advise said office and the Department of Public Health on matters relating to the educational and certification requirements for training programs for community health workers, including the minimum number of hours and internship requirements for certification of community health workers; and
 - B. Conduct continuous review of such educational and certification programs; and
 - C. Provide the department with a list of approved educational and certification programs for community health workers; and
 - D. OHS will ensure on-going communication between the CHWAB and OHS; and
 - E. OHS staff assigned to the CHWAB will attend all meetings and inform the CHWAB of timely developments.

Current Subcommittees

Application Review

- Standing committee, ongoing responsibilities
- Meets as needed
- Reviews CHW Training Vendor Applications
- Follows established process



Current Subcommittees

Instructor Curriculum

- Ad-Hoc Committee
- Goal: Establish and pilot a CHW instructor curriculum



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