

# Southeast Community Health Worker Network Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2022

11:00-12:00 pm EST/ 10:00-11:00 am CST

Meeting Recording: [https://youtu.be/wyy-c\\_Jn-mk](https://youtu.be/wyy-c_Jn-mk)

## 1. **Welcome and instructions for chat box introductions (Name, state, CHW or ally)**

Please be sure to share Name, State, CHW or Ally in the chat at the beginning of our meetings. This helps assist in reporting accurate attendance numbers about our network reach. Total meeting attendance was 71.

## 2. **Roshunda Ivory, DrPH, CHES® Regional Minority Health Analyst, Office of Regional Health Operations, Region 4**

- 10 offices across the regions with a great emphasis on stakeholders and partnerships. It is through collaboration with stakeholders and partnerships that priorities are determined. HHS-ORHO Region 4 priorities are outlined in attached PowerPoint presentation provided by Dr. Roshunda Ivory.
- The primary reason Dr. Roshunda Ivory reached out is the health equity issue related to all regions: healthcare access (telehealth services). During the pandemic the significance and impact of CHWs was realized.
- Region 4 – Community Health Workers four point plan
  - **Supporting CHW Identity:** OASH would like to consult CHWs before events to ensure proper resources and connections are being made.
  - **Strategic Partnerships/Intentional Relationships:** OASH wants to build strategic relationships with a variety of partnerships to allow others to be a part of conversation.
  - **Leadership Development:** Focus on core competencies and curriculum development to be able to offer training opportunities.
  - **Region 4 Health Equity Summit:** The region 4 Health Equity Council is hosting the summit on September 13-14, 2022
    1. Theme - While I Have Your Attention: Unmasking and Addressing Health Inequities
    2. Dates: September 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> (virtual)
    3. The goal of the summit is to provide a forum for innovative solutions and best practices for progressing health equity in the region.
    4. Want to promote collaboration and strengthen our relationships at all levels.
    5. **Call for abstracts (1 abstract will be selected):** We would like to open one of the sessions at the Region 4 Health Equity Summit to CHW organizations. Please share your best practices and innovative approaches and submit an abstract. One of the organizations will be selected to present.
- Regional Webinar Event
  - **Call for abstracts (2 abstracts will be selected):** Would like to identify two other organizations to present at the upcoming Regional Webinar event that will be offered after the Health Equity Summit.

- **Round Table:** Would like to give CHWs a seat at the table so they can help shape NOFOs moving forward so that they are inclusive and do help CHWs moving forward.

### 3. Johnson & Johnson Grant Update

- Health and Racial Equity Training (Mike Young)
  - Two in-person sessions: 3 full days of training (20 hours total)
    - One session is confirmed in Mecklenburg County.
    - Still need to confirm the final in-person session. Available dates options: October 19 – 21, October 24 – 26, and November 2 – 4.  
**If you are interested in hosting please reach out. Looking for a host to help with logistics and recruitment.**
  - One virtual session: 10 days - 2 hours a day (20 hours total)
    - Confirmed dates: September 26 – October 7 from 2:30 – 4:30. Additional information on registration to come.
- Learning Collaborative (Rebecca Salter)
  - Third Monday 1 – 2:30 EST; 12 – 1:30 CST. Our Learning Collaborative Meetings are welcome to all those in the SE Network and is place to learn and share together. This meeting will be offered via Zoom Events and pre-registration will be required. You can register by visiting our [Southeast Community Health Worker Learning Collaborative Zoom Events Hub](#).
  - **Upcoming Meeting Topics:**
    - Strategic Plans from Donna Mack at SCCHWA (7/18): Donna will share the process that SCCHWA went through to create their strategic plan and other are invited to share their experiences and/or ask questions
    - Supervision for CHWs from Nikayla Boyd TN (best practices to lead): 8/15
    - Certification Options
    - Storytelling
    - Sustainability and Funding
    - Advocacy Policy
    - Strategic Partnering
- SE CHW Network Strategic Planning (Julie Smithwick)
  - The J&J request included funding to hire a consultant to walk us through strategic planning for the Network. We would like to get started on this process and have a large majority of the plan complete by the 2022 SE CHW Summit in December. Would like to ensure we include all members of the SE CHW Network.
    - Is there anything particularly important that you want to ensure a strategic planning facilitator can offer?
    - Would anyone like to serve on the Strategic Planning Committee? Wilma Moore, Tonya Elkins, Honey Yang Estrada, Tycoma Miller, Brandy Fields, Jaquetta Graham, Donna Mack, Joy Sharp, Julie Smithwick, Mike Young, and Rebecca Salter

#### 4. Summit Planning Committee Update

##### Save the Date: Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> in Birmingham, AL!

- Potential Themes: Partnerships and Networking, Mental Health and Self-Care, Grant Writing/Sustainability/Leadership, Capacity Building/Creating Initiative, Health Equity/Social Determinates/Cultural Humility, Women's Rights and Advocacy.
- If you know of potential speakers or sponsors please share!
- We are excited to be hosting in Birmingham, AL with the strong ties to Civil Rights movement!
- In-person attendance poll
  - 35% will attend in-person summit / 24% will not attend
  - 33% will need lodging / 26% will not need lodging

#### 5. SE CHW Network Website

- Network logo: visual elements you would like to see? If you have any design suggestions please let us know. We would love to create some options for the Network to vote on.
- Using the feedback collected from previous network meetings we are very close to having a website for the network. We need your help in identifying important resource links and confirming the correct webpage is listed for your association, network, or coalition. Please take a look at the Google Document confirm webpages and suggest other helpful links.
- Google Document:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XOuNHOaSMUvulZXj2dSrjRoo6AuEAN4wkHptm\\_ljEzI/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XOuNHOaSMUvulZXj2dSrjRoo6AuEAN4wkHptm_ljEzI/edit?usp=sharing)

#### 6. This Month's State Updates

\*Please note: we decided to divide the group in two and ask states to give updates every other month because of time and frequency of meetings. Please try to keep updates to 2-3 minutes\*

- **Alabama (Dr. Lucenia Dunn)** – Dr. Dunn is president CEO of Tuskegee Macon County Community Foundation (TMCC). Was given a grant to organize CHWs in Alabama. Cecily Gray and Michael Johnson are working with Dr. Dunn. The first step was to identify who is a CHW in the state of Alabama (different names identify CHWs). They are also in the process of becoming a legal entity and setting up the infrastructure for CHWs by setting up a website. Additionally, they are working with the medical organizations in the state to highlight the critical role CHWs play in healthcare. Additionally, they are in the process of developing a multilevel certification training program that they are very excited about! TMCC is in the process of developing the roadmap for strategic planning and CHWs will lead this once identified. Lastly, they are organizing a first meeting in October! Have visiting students from Harvard that will be learning about what CHWs do.
- **Florida (Romona Jackson)** – They do not have any updates but are excited to be here to relay updates back to the Coalition!
- Louisiana – was unable to attend.

- **South Carolina (Donna Mack)** –
  - SCCHWA 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, Keynote speaker: NACHW Executive Director, Denise Octavia Smith (all are invited!)
  - SE Regional CHW Leaders Meeting – split due to different needs
  - Working with the University on COVID-19 vaccine uptake. This information will be shared in August and they are excited to see CHWs work shared.
  - Strategic Plan was shared and voted on at 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Meeting
  - Triple F Campaign Results were shared
  - Conducted a survey in English and Spanish to better understand CHWs in the state and the work that is being done in the state.
  - Looking forward to the upcoming NACHA Unity Conference. Have CHWI trainings coming up.
  - Welcomed 28 new members in June!
  - The association was funded 1 million dollars by legislation!
- **Arkansas (Anna Huff Davis and Brandy Fields)** – they have been very busy and have held their annual meeting on May 15 & 16 (hybrid event). They had well over 150 people in attendance. The theme was Building Communities One at a Time. Had a variety of people involved and had multiple tracks for everyone. They hope to begin the planning process for a completely in-person Summit next year. They are advertising for an Executive Director, Development Officer, Administrative Assistant, and Accountant – visit our website if you would like to work with us! Actively working on the certification, which is new. The training is open again with two different tracks – please spread the word!
- Kentucky – was unable to attend.

#### 7. **Next SE CHW Network Meetings**

- August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 from 11:00 – 12:00 pm EST / 10:00 – 11:00 am CST
- September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 11:00 – 12:00 pm EST / 10:00 – 11:00 am CST

#### 8. **Final Discussion** (5 minutes)

- Q&A and Open Updates
- The Center for Community Health Alignment is launching a webinar series about Meaningful Community Engagement, free to attend, [pre-registration required](#). Please join and share! This will be a four-part series with different featured speakers each time. The first event in the series was on July 18<sup>th</sup>, but more information on upcoming webinars in the series can be found on the [EMCE Trainings page](#).