

Southeast Community Health Worker Network Agenda

March 21st, 2023

10:30-12:00 pm EST/ 9:30-11:00 am CST

Meeting Recording: <https://youtu.be/8RIA-NMNHWM>

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 **80**.
 - Many of you are a part of our listserv, but if you are not please visit our [website](#) for instructions on signing up. This is the best way to stay connected with upcoming events and opportunities. If you have any issues signing up, please reach out to Rebecca Salter at rsolon@mailbox.sc.edu.

2. **Community Pharmacy Enhanced Services Network (CPESN) Health Equity** (Tripp Logan, PharmD, Lead Luminary of CPESN Health Equity)
 - Today, Tripp Logan, from Community Pharmacy Enhanced Services Network (CPESN) Health Equity is here to discuss the impacts CHWs are having in community pharmacies across the country. CPESN is the first clinically integrated network of community-based pharmacies. Tripp is a Community Pharmacist and Lead Luminary at CPESN Health Equity.
 - Our mission is to empower, educate, and sustain Social Determinates of Health (SDoH) solution experts within community pharmacies across the country, with a goal of creating locally accessible and locally collaborative partners to augment care and support currently provided in these geographies.
 - By the end of 2023 we'll have trained or facilitated the training of hundreds of Community Health Workers and SDoH specialists.
 - Focus on screenings, referrals, gap closures, care coordination, medication optimization, education, outreach, and improving access.
 - **For more information on this presentation and CHW stories, please review the attached slides & meeting recording.**

3. **Committee Updates**
 - J&J Grantee RFP Announcement & Questions
 - Launching our grantee program that we started last year – Yay!
 - The Center for Community Health Alignment has received funding from J&J Our Race to Health Equity and plans to offer \$90,000.00 in funding to 3-8 awardees.
 - We are focusing on developing the CHW workforce within the SE and within a network/association vs. individual CHW projects.
 - Past recipients are welcome to apply.
 - **Timeline: Deadline for applications is April 21st, funding notification will be May 19th, funding will be distributed in July 2023, and funds must be spent by June 2024.**
 - Requirements if selected: participate in quarterly learning collaborative events and smaller working meetings with leadership.

- o Past Funded Projects: Start-up state CHW association, NCCHWA strategic plan, TNCHWA supervisor toolkit & competency development, professional, development for MSCHWA board members.
 - o Proposal formatting is outlined in the RFP (attached). If you have any questions, please reach out to rsolon@mailbox.sc.edu.
 - o If you are interested in serving on the review committee, please drop your information in the chat!
- SE CHW Network Promotional Flyer – English/Spanish
 - o We are excited to announce we have created a new SE CHW Network flyer to invite others to participate in our monthly meetings.
 - o The flyer highlights a bit about who we are, network highlights, time of meeting, and links to our event calendar.
 - o We are excited to have a translated version of the flyer in Spanish – while we currently do not have interpretation services if the need and interest arises, we will look into offering this. A statement is included in the Spanish version that meetings are currently offered in English, but to reach out if interested in interpretation.
 - o Please share widely with your networks and invite others!
 - o Flyers are attached and linked on our [website](#): [English](#) and [Spanish](#).
 - SE CHW Network Summit Planning & Update
 - o During the first planning meeting the committee reviewed the 2022 Summit feedback and discussed potential dates, times, and locations.
 - o The committee determined that December can be a hard time of year for travel and is considering late August, September, or October
 - o We are taking into consideration other important conferences and state association events taking place during this time to avoid conflicts.
 - o Please complete the quick poll with questions focused on preferred time of the week, venue location, and potential conflicting events. We greatly appreciate your feedback!
 - o Our next meeting is this Thursday, March 23rd from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm EST – if you would like to join drop your info in the chat!
 - Durrell would like to join the committee.
 - o We hope to have dates and location finalized in the coming month so be on the lookout for a Save the Date!
 - o **Update: Dates have been confirmed – September 14th & 15th Save the Date & location to follow!**

4. 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 the time and frequency of meetings. Please try to keep updates to 5 minutes

- [Arkansas](#) (Judy Pile) – Annual Summit will be held on Thursday, April 27 (10 a.m. – 5 p.m.) and Friday, April 28 (9 a.m. – 3 p.m.) with professional development and hot topics including mental health, COVID-19, CHW workforce updates, self-care, HIV,

CHW certification, regional networking and more! We will be offering scholarships for in-state CHWs. ARCHWA is continuing their certification program in their state and has 21 certified CHWs now and 3-4 applicants under review – going well and starting to prepare for re-certification. Have also launched a CHW registry in the state where we are asking certified and non-certified CHWs to provide some data regarding the workforce. At this time, we have around 70 CHWs that have completed the form so far but expect there to be 400-500 CHWs in the state. Have also launched an employer survey to collect data and have received around 50 responses so far – the information has been extremely helpful!

- [Florida](#) (Romona Jackson) - Celebrating 12 years of operation – Yay! Over that time outreach has expanded as well as stakeholder collaboration. Moved from 50 members to 1,200 members in 7 years! Have been able create a network that supports continuous training, professional development, and provide our CHWs with the tools they need to be effective in their roles and communities. Have created a state certification program that has trained over 1,750 CHWs in 2022. We have our monthly calls and regional meetings. Have held 10 annual summits and we are excited to announce that our next summit will be held in Orlando from June 22nd & 23rd!
- Mississippi – unable to attend
- Louisiana – unable to attend
- [South Carolina](#) (Rashad Paige) – SC is coming together and getting connected with our various regional meetings. Trying to work towards building an interconnected directory. On the association side they have Wellness Wednesdays that have been very successful! They have launched women in COVID project and are exploring the experience of women during this time and what strategies they used to cop (healthy & unhealthy).
- [Virginia](#) (Shanteny Jackson) - Training & Advocacy for our CHW through one platform – one location for all information. Recently applied to be an authorized training center for CHWs. As of March 2023 we had 223 certified CHWs, but that does not count that the first cohort has recertified three times. Advocacy day in January when they met with legislators – connected, educated, and expanded their reach. Expanding their ambassador program that has diverse expertise. They have two types of ambassadors – Cancer Prevention and Traditional. Very excited to launch this program soon! In collaboration with the NCCHWA to support equity and see how we can support CHWs to attend Unity.

5. 2023 SE CHW Network Meetings - Third Tuesday of the Month from 10:30-12:00 pm EST/ 9:30-11:00 am CST

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| ● April 18 th : CHW Advocacy | ● July 18 th : Reciprocity |
| ● May 16 th : Medicaid Unwinding | ● August 15 th |
| ● June 20 th : CHW professionalization as a double-edged sword | ● October 17 th |
| | ● November 21 st |

6. Final Discussion

- Q&A and Open Updates