

Southeast Community Health Worker Network Agenda

May 16th, 2023

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

Meeting Recording: [https://youtu.be/ 523BpN_ReI](https://youtu.be/523BpN_ReI)

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 to assist in reporting accurate attendance numbers about our network reach. Total meeting attendance was **82**.
 - 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. **Medicaid Unwinding**
 - **Luis Lagos**, CHW, Certified Enrollment Counselor – Community Outreach Program Director for Full Circle Health
 - **Diane McKinnis**, CHW, Certified Enrollment Counselor – Full Circle Health
 - **Rhonda Hunter** – Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Atlanta Regional Office
 - Today we wanted to focus on Medicaid unwinding – this important topic was brought up at a previous meeting. We know this will be affecting the communities that everyone works with, and we want to highlight ways to help with this transition.
 - Presentation Slides for each group are attached.

3. **Committee Updates**
 - 2023 J&J Grantee Update (Sarah Covington-Kolb)
 - This cycle we had 9 competitive applicants for the \$90,000 SE CHW Network grantee cycle.
 - The review process was equitable with the creation of a ranking sheet for each applicant. Our committee did an excellent job in thoroughly reviewing each of the submitted applications.
 - The review/award process is still underway, but we expect to announce the awardees at our next network meeting. We also plan to send letters to each applicant with feedback on how to strengthen future applications.
 - We appreciate the dedication and hard work put into these applications and hope to expand this program in the future!

 - SE CHW Network Strategic Planning Committee (Rebecca Salter)
 - At our last meeting we focused on setting a goal for our workforce development priority. We had an engaging discussion about reciprocity and exploring a regional blanket certification (similar to the nurse licensure compact). While this was a priority for our strategic planning committee we want to explore if this aligns with the network as a whole and partner CHW associations. More to come on this in the future.

- o A goal set earlier in the year was to set up a FB & LinkedIn account for the network. If social media is your passion and you would be interested in serving as a moderator or helping with the creation of guidelines for these pages, please drop your information in the chat. We have guidelines in the draft phase, but we want to ensure we have the support to have an active and engaged page!
- SE CHW Network Summit Planning Update (Betsy Rodriguez)
 - o 2023 Summit location has been selected – Charlotte, NC!
 - o We will be reviewing submitted summit themes at our upcoming meeting on Thursday. We had 9 applicants – the submissions are wonderful and we appreciate the creativity!
 - o Speaker registration will open in early June. Info will be sent over the listserv and will be similar to the Unity format.
 - o Working on selecting hotel site – have received 3 bids so far. Prices are high in the Charlotte area so we are also looking about how to accommodate the budget change.
 - o Next planning meeting is: **May 18th** from 11:30 – 12:30 pm EST / 10:30 – 11:30 am CST if you would like to join drop your information in the chat or reach out to rsolon@mailbox.sc.edu to be added to the calendar invite.
 - o **Update:** speaker registration is live! The deadline for submissions is June 25th (information is attached).

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

- [Arkansas](#) (Judy Pile) – The summit was a great success with 207 people attending the summit in Little Rock at the end of April. They had a sizable grant from the Arkansas Department of Public Health and were able to cover the cost for CHWs and lodging for 90 CHWs from out of the central region. We are happy to share the resources we used in the planning of the event. Of the 207 attendees 66% were CHWs, 34% stakeholders (speakers & exhibitors). 66 employers were represented at the summit. We have 5 regions in Arkansas, and they are all very different – we had three out of the 5 with good attendance, but two areas that need some work. New things we are working on: We are working on a Sustainability Committee to work on Medicaid reimbursement for policy advancement and how to build the task force. Also, looking at recertification processes in our state – we just started certification last year, but we are working on our wording (if you have any language please share). Talking through how to handle out of state experience.
- [Florida](#) – unable to attend
- Mississippi (Kizmet Cleveland) – Some of our CHWs were affected by the tornados that hit the area and we were not able to have regular attendance recently. We are entering year two (still grassroots) and we are moving to quarterly meetings – asking regional representatives to recruit and advertise. We have two contracts – 1. MS Public Health Institute with maternal health and opioids; 2. KDH Company out of

Atlanta – NIH funding and have contracted with us to do some assessments and surveys within their communities. MS was awarded the TA CHW state policy development – yay! Had their first meeting yesterday and it was a great success with 10 stakeholders present ranging from the public health department, university, and Medicaid departments. We have been invited to many conferences and the visibility and awareness is increasing across the state!

- [South Carolina](#) (Nicole Moran) – CHWs/Promotor(a) in Puerto Rico – yay! These CHWs from Puerto Rico (9 CHWs) have been completing the training program from CCHA/PASOs and will be taking the SCCHWA certification exam. It has been an amazing experience as trainers to offer the training in Spanish and outside the state. Confirmation that we have received funding for learning collaboratives in both English and Spanish and give us the opportunity to connect further with the communities we serve and their unique needs. We are currently updating our website and hope to have the updates complete by September 1st. We are also updating our member portal so that users can go in and add their CEUs and keep track of their progress. And working to translate the website to not just Spanish, but other languages – more to come! Expanding partnerships and looking to grow in the low country region. We do have an Instagram and Facebook page now: SCCHWA. We will be working to share updated save the dates on these pages.
- [Virginia](#) (Rebecca Salter for Shanteny Jackson) - The Virginia Community Health Worker Association is diligently working to elevate the CHW Workforce and mobilize our CHWs to grow personally and professionally. We achieve these goals through strategic planning focused on:
 - Personal & Professional Growth of CHWs
 - Member Engagement & Organizational Visibility
 - Balance of Power and Autonomy
 - Investing in Communities and Workforce Development
 - Membership: Recruited 20 members (15 Active Members/6 Listserv)
 - Programs: Ambassador Program – recruited 2 new Ambassadors/CHW Toolkit – oriented 2 new participants
 - 1st Post Pandemic In-Person Meeting – April 18th, 2023
 - VACHWA: Approved Training Provider for Virginia CHW Certification- English & Spanish
 - Traveling Abroad to South Africa: William and Mary Collaboration; Training rural community members in health literacy topics. Location: Nthatha, South Africa will Providing practical tools to manage health such as: period products, first aid, glucose meters and blood pressure equipment. Follow along with the travels by visiting their [website](#).

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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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● June 20th: CHW professionalization as a double-edged sword ● July 18th: Reciprocity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● August 15th ● October 17th: The C3 Project ● November 21st |
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6. Final Discussion

- Q&A and Open Updates
 - For Georgia CHWs, allies and advocates: Please join us for the 2023 GA CHW Statewide Summit, June 15, 2023, at Callaway Resort and Gardens. We are excited to celebrate the accomplishments and future of Community Health Workers across Georgia.
 - For more information or to register click here:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-ga-community-health-worker-summit-tickets-611251147637>