

Southeast Community Health Worker Network Meeting Minutes

February 20th, 2024

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

Video Recording: <https://youtu.be/WwddZPIpNyU>

1. Welcome and instructions for chat box introductions (Name, state, CHW or ally) – Rebecca Salter

- Be sure to connect to the listserv!
 - <https://communityhealthalignment.org/se-chw/get-connected/>
- Review of the agenda

2. CHW Center for Research and Evaluation (CHW-CRE) – Pennie Jewell, CHW and Victoria Adewumi, CHW

- Presentation can be viewed [here](#) or attached to the email.
- CHW Common Indicators can be found [here](#).
- If you are interested in being a part of the advisory board for CHW-CRE, reach out to Pennie (pjewell@chwcre.org) or Victoria Adewumi, or go to their website, <https://www.chwcre.org/>.

3. Committee Updates

- Grantee Review Committee – Rebecca Salter
 - This is our 3rd year having this program in partnership with Johnson and Johnson for more grant funding.
 - We are having a meeting next Tuesday (February 27th) from 10:00 am – 11:00 am EST (9:00 am – 10:00 am CST) to review the request for proposal (RFP) documents from last year.
 - Planning to release the RFP for submissions soon; we want to make sure the process is ready to go.
 - If you are interested in joining the grantee review committee, please reach out to Rebecca Salter directly at rsolon@mailbox.sc.edu.
- Strategic Direction Committee – Soledad Bolden
 - We met with our marketing team (John and Rich).
 - Out of the five priorities, working on Priority 1 – Getting LinkedIn and other social media up and running.
 - The Strategic Direction Committee will come up with feedback. If you want to join the committee, email Soledad – sbodlen@mailbox.sc.edu.
 - Next Meeting: Friday, February 23rd from 11:00 am – 11:45 am EST (10:00 am – 10:45 am CST)
- Summit Planning Committee – Erin Caple

- We are looking at three different cities for the Summit based off Network voting results.
 - Charleston, Atlanta, and Memphis
- We are looking at September 2024 dates, also based off Network voting results.
- We are looking at “unconventional” places to host, not just hotels.
- This committee meets every fourth Tuesday from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm EST (12:00 pm – 1:00 pm CST). Next meeting is February 27th.
- Let Rebecca know (rsolon@mailbox.sc.edu) if you want to be a part of it.

4. This Month’s State Updates

States slated to give updates for this meeting: Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, and North Carolina.

- Arkansas - Judy Pile, ARCHWA - judypilear@gmail.com
 - 2024 Annual Summit – last Thursday and Friday in April
 - Wednesday has a pre-conference session for community health workers and research.
 - Confirmed key-note speaker - Denise Octavia Smith, ED for NACHW
 - 209 registered, last year had 207.
 - Certs (active) – 40, started cert in 2022, first re-certs happening soon.
 - Commission (volunteer) – Commission approved exploring specialty designations.
- Georgia – Amber Mullen
 - State Advocacy Day - IG - [@georgiachw](#), LinkedIn - Georgia Community Health Worker Network
 - Book is in the works.
 - SE CHW Network working on an advocacy tool kit.
 - Legislation to support CHW.
 - Recertification
 - Legislators to have CHWs.
- Florida – Given by Rebecca Salter
 - Florida CHW Summit
 - Currently accepting presenter proposals - info@fl-chwsummit.org
 - The 2024 Community Health Worker Summit - Enriching Lives & Building a Lasting CHW Workforce. This year's Summit will be held in Jacksonville, Florida on July 11-12, 2024.
 - Graduated the first cohort of 20 CHW navigators
- Kentucky – Kasey Rhodes
 - 35 certified Community Health Workers
 - Sustainability forum March 20th
 - Leadership Academy this summer
 - Community Health Worker Conference – September 19th and 20th
- Louisiana – Nanette Bester
 - Still waiting on governor to sign CHW state board bill.
 - New governor – not as supportive, doing the work.

- Louisiana was one of the states that didn't sign the summer food program.
 - Training continues – 6-hour lupus training coming up.
 - Summit scheduled for September – was the week before the SE CHW Summit so hopefully it will stay that way.
- North Carolina – Honey Yang Estrada
 - **As of January – OVER 1000 CHWS CERTIFIED!!!!!! (1040)**
 - Thursday 10:30 – CHW Roundtable - [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJIsdOqqqzMiHtBM9V2Q5wlQkwqBMNGdDW95?_x_zm_rtaid=v1ryA2SBRMqRZ8lR3MEhA.1708443110507.43d5289d8dbb423ec38a3d83543324bf&_x_zm_rhtaid=14#/registration](https://zoom.us/join?url=https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJIsdOqqqzMiHtBM9V2Q5wlQkwqBMNGdDW95?_x_zm_rtaid=v1ryA2SBRMqRZ8lR3MEhA.1708443110507.43d5289d8dbb423ec38a3d83543324bf&_x_zm_rhtaid=14#/registration)
 - Space for CHWs only, supervisors in a separate breakout room
 - Launched organizational members working across communities - <https://ncchwa.memberclicks.net/orgmember>
 - Got their first org membership
 - Advocacy Day – May 14th
- Other Updates
 - South Carolina – Terri Jowers
 - Acting Secretary of Labor Julie Shu visited South Carolina, met with CHWs to hear about labor and wages, and was very supportive.
 - Made relationships with labor and wage groups at the local level, create opportunities to share information back and forth.
 - Co-Lab
 - March will be about Labor and Rights – Luciana Roden
 - Would love to have a CHW that may have experience in labor and wage cases – Email Rebekah - Rebekah@scchwa.org
 - This month's is today (February 20th) - <https://www.scchwa.org/events/se-chw-colab>
 - Recommendations for topics or lessons, volunteers to lead and such are always appreciated.
 - Alabama – Ada Webb
 - Moving forward with their coalition.

5. Final Discussion

Arriyanna Brooks, student at University of Alabama, Dept. of Anthropology – Research Project

- Focusing on CHW role in the local healthcare infrastructure and how it's been effected/changed by COVID-19
 - Proposal is attached to the email.
- Research Plan
 - Phase 1 – Reaching out to key informants – admins and orgs, veteran CHWs
 - Phase 2 – Survey to disseminate to as many CHWS in the Southeast as possible
 - Phase 3 – Focus groups
- If interested in participating - albrooks6@crimson.ua.edu.

Other Discussion Points

- RIP to Brandy Mayfield-Hicks
 - Our fellow Spartanburg SC CHW, Brandy Mayfield-Hicks, passed away on Saturday February 17th. Please keep her family in your hearts during this time.
[Brandy Mayfield-Hicks Obituary 2024 - Harris Nadeau Mortuary](#)
- Families USA will be conducting listening sessions with Community Health Workers at the end of February. These sessions are focused on learning more about how existing payment structures work for CHWs and promoters. What we learn will help inform policy recommendations for improving payment and delivery of CHW services and other health care supports. Participants will be compensated \$100 for the listening session. If you are interested in participating, complete a presurvey [HERE](#).
 - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7C6MNT5?emci=974a72cf-96c6-ee11-85f9-002248223794&emdi=a1e25664-58cb-ee11-85f9-002248223794&ceid=9697618>
- Rebecca shared a list of who is signed up to speak for the next several meetings:
 - March 19th: CHWs in Hospice & Palliative Care - The HAP Foundation
 - July 16th: FL CHW Training and Registered Apprenticeship Program - MPH Salud
 - October 15th: CHW Burnout
 - If interested in speaking, email rsolon@mailbox.sc.edu. If there is something you want to learn more about, same email.

Thank you so much for attending our monthly network meeting! We could not do this without you!
Be sure to attend our next meeting:

Tuesday, March 19th, 2024 (third Thursday in March) from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm EST (9:30 am – 11:00 am CST) - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89000951281>



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