

Florida CHW Coalition Monthly Meeting
July 11, 2013

Attending: Denise Kerwin, Melissa Thibodeau, Cheryl Graham, Sornia Joseph, Ann Gentile, Maria Cabrera, Katie Ragan, Maria-Teresa de Cespedes, Ken Peach, Kristal Hall, Marion Banzhaf

(if you didn't sign in, but were on the call, please let Marion know)

Marion started the meeting, and announced that the meeting was being recorded. Sean e-mailed that he was in a budget meeting and would call in when possible.

The June meeting notes were reviewed. The June meeting was not recorded, so Marion asks for any additions that people remember. Denise moved to accept the summary notes.

Policy Subgroup –

We are trying to make contact with our legislative representatives over the summer to educate them about the role of CHWs. The City of Pinellas Park is interested in doing a proclamation in September. Sornia Joseph secured a Proclamation from the City of Miami and the aide for Audrey Edmondson, Misty Brown, came to present the Proclamation. She is the vice-chair of the County Commission, chair of Infrastructure and Land Use Committee, and is the County Commission's representative to the Children's Trust. About a week later, the Health Council had a luncheon, and some of the Commissioners came, so Sornia and others were able to meet them.

Denise asked if Patria and Josephine had made any progress on getting another Orlando Proclamation for the Summit. Not yet, we need to identify the location first. Sornia suggested we might want to check because in Miami, it wound up not having to be the city of Doral where the hotel was. Patria will follow up.

Denise added that the bill went further this year than previously and she thanked everyone who reached out to their policy makers to educate them about the role of CHWs. The next Policy meeting is July 12, at 1 pm (usually the first Friday of the month).

Networking –

We expected Coni, but something must have come up. Natali is traveling. We are still working on collecting stories from members. Especially organizations who are part of the Coalition, please send us your logo and what you do with CHWs, please put that on your To Do list to send to Natali or Marion so we can re-populate the web site and make it more up to date. The next meeting will be July 17 at 3 pm.

Melissa from Heartland Rural Health Network asked whether Natoy had sent in those materials, and she has not, so we look forward to receiving them from Heartland Rural Health.

We also welcome another new member, Ann Gentile, from the Volusia County Health Department.

Curriculum/Practice –

Cheryl is on vacation. At the last meeting, we decided to review the process of the Florida Board of Certification. Patria will share the results of the call. Next call will be July 25.

Upcoming September Summit --

Marion reviewed the draft agenda that the planning committee has been working on. She asked the group for feedback, and people said the agenda is coming together nicely. If you'd like to participate in the Planning Committee, the next meeting is July 23.

Patria asked if anyone wanted to volunteer to work on a Save the Date flyer. Is the date on the Facebook page yet? What is our name on Facebook? It should be the Florida CHW Coalition.

Spanish Women's Health Leadership Institute –

Marion showed the picture of the presentation of the Proclamation, including the members of the Institute and Sornia Joseph and Herman Edwards, the Development Manager for Jessie Trice Community Health Centers, who helped Sornia secure the Proclamation. Brendaly also conducted a workshop for the attendees on the second day, which included information about becoming involved with the Coalition. They wondered if there could be some Coalition meetings in Spanish periodically.

We will consider this idea in the future – we will talk about it more at the Summit, when we make our plans for the upcoming year.

People's Scientific Conference –

Patria reported on the workshops we did at the conference. One was on cultural approaches to working with underserved populations, with Patria, Cinitra and Dana. The other was about the Coalition, with Coni, Patria and Marion. Both workshops were well attended and well received. Patria was impressed with all the presenters and all the information. Marion brought up that they are talking about having it again in a couple of years in a different part of the state, and that they will be developing post-conference educational materials to conduct physician and researcher education about how to talk to your patients in respectful and meaningful ways.

DVDs and CHW Display Board –

Marion asked how many people wanted an actual DVD as opposed to getting it virtually. Some people don't always have an internet connection. Another option is to download the DVD from Drop Box, put it on a thumb drive, and take it with you, that way you don't need the internet. We will be sure to make the DVD available on Drop Box and we will also make about 50 DVDs to distribute to people who still put a disc into a DVD player. Request a DVD from Marion at marion_banzhaf@doh.state.fl.us

Marion is also working on getting permissions from real CHWs to replace the stock actors in the display boards. She will show the pictures next meeting.

Next meeting: AUGUST 8, 11 am

Webinars & announcements:

WEBINARS: (although these have passed, many are archived for future viewing, so check the link if you are interested)

- Community Health Worker: New online training opportunity. *Help for Navigating Health Insurance*. The course will begin on July 15, 2013 and finish July 28, 2013. [View Full Announcement](#)
- CMS: Two new Health Insurance Marketplace webinar trainings available. The first training, *Level 1: Health Insurance Marketplace 101*, is a one-hour high-level webinar overview of the accomplishments of the Affordable Care Act and a basic introduction to the Marketplace (Exchanges) highlighting who is eligible and how the Marketplace will work. The second Training, *Level 2: Understanding the Health Insurance Marketplace*, is a two-hour detailed review of the Marketplace (Exchanges), including eligibility, enrollment, plan structure, Medicaid expansion, and the streamlined application. Trainings are available on various dates in June and July, 2013. [Learn More](#) [PDF | 92KB]

SURVEY:

We are researchers from the University of South Florida, College of Public Health and we are looking for participants to take part in a brief (5 minutes) online survey. The purpose of this survey is to assess the need for a breastfeeding education and training program that would train students and professionals to become International Board Certified Lactation Consultants (IBCLCs). You are eligible to take this survey if you are interested in working with mothers and babies; attend school in Florida; and do not already have the IBCLC credential. We need students from all disciplines, nurses working with mothers and infants, WIC nutritionists and peer counselors, community health workers who work with mothers and infants, and any other individuals who work with or are interested in working with mothers and babies. All information you share will remain confidential.

If you are interested in completing the survey, please click on the following link:

https://usfhealth.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_a4rVnEPZqOCw4Zv

If the above link does not work, try this link:

https://usfhealth.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_6Md1msGcViFdtit

Please forward this information to others who may be interested. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Aimee Eden, PhD, MPH, Erica Anstey, MA, CLC, Deidre Orriola, MPH, Aynmarie Carter, BS, CLC, Kay Perrin, PhD, University of South Florida, College of Public Health

The National Eye Health Education Program launches new online training on diabetic eye disease for community health workers

Community health workers (CHWs) who provide diabetes education often lack information on how this disease affects the eyes. In response, the National Eye Health Education Program (NEHEP) of the National Eye Institute (NEI) has developed a new interactive online training course to help CHWs better understand the eye complications that diabetes can bring. The NEHEP course uses animations, interactive features, and quizzes to teach participants about the anatomy of the eye, the effects of diabetes on vision, and the importance of getting a dilated eye exam.

The training course uses the *Diabetes and Healthy Eyes Toolkit*, which provides resources to educate communities about diabetic eye disease. Participants learn how to use the flipchart and lead an educational session for people who have diabetes. After completing the course, participants receive a personalized certificate.

This free training is ideal for busy health educators who want to help educate their communities about diabetic eye disease and the importance of eye health. To take the training and order the toolkit, visit: <http://www.nei.nih.gov/diabetestoolkit>.

