

Florida CHW Coalition

Monthly Meeting, August 8, 2013

Attending: Dr. Theresa Madison, Julie Graham, Katie Ragan, Lynda Gowing, Vivienne Treharne, Melissa Thibodeau, Denise Kerwin, Sean Dickerson, Susan Fleming, Patria Alguila, Lolita Dash-Pitts, Frank Rodante, Tabitha Deroncourt, Dana Kontras, Marite de Cespedes, Catherine Martinez, MR Street, Karen Nutter, Cheryl Kerr, Thometta Brooks, Marie Desinar, Sornia Joseph, Marion Banzhaf

Marion announced that the meeting was being recorded.

Patria called the meeting to order. The first item was to approve the July notes. Denise moved and Melissa seconded.

Policy Subgroup:

The Policy group is always looking for new members and new participants. As with every committee, we are doing good work. We are looking into having another bill this year, and also looking at different possibilities. The DVD is available. Marion reported that physical copies will be available soon, you can download it from DropBox onto a thumb drive, or watch it on YouTube. Talking to our policy makers and educating them about CHWs is still a priority. September is Community Health Worker month and September 18 is CHW Day, declared by President Obama. Patria hasn't heard yet whether the mayor will issue another proclamation. In the Tampa Bay area, Pinellas Park and Largo will be issuing proclamations recognizing CHWs. Denise asked if anyone else

Community Health Action Plan for Pinellas County, the CHW Coalition is listed as a key stakeholder in community improvement. Looking at training/certification is part of the plan.

Denise, Sean and Patria will look into whether we could get a Governor's Proclamation. Patria is for it, others chimed in that it would be great if we could get it. Marion raised that we have a partner who was successful in getting a Lung Cancer Proclamation, Marion will reach out to her to see how she did it.

Networking subgroup – Coni gave the report earlier, as she had another meeting to attend. She reported that there was some delay on the UF side of updating the website, but those issues are being resolved now. At their next meeting, this sub-group will be reviewing the Survey for preparation for the Summit. Also, please send it announcements about your CHW programs to be included on the website. Their next meeting is Aug. 21, at 3 pm.

Practiculum: Cheryl and Martha. Cheryl might be on vacation. Marion reviewed that at the last meeting, we looked at certification requirements for Texas, and decided that we would look at Minnesota's this month.

Annual Summit Report: Marion reported that the hotel has been identified, and will be the Holiday Inn Orlando International Airport. We have some great speakers coming in from both out of state and around the state. The Summit Planning Committee is meeting every other week, and thought we would

add a morning plenary about CHW Hot Topics. Dr. Renard Murray, and Venus Gines, who is a great advocate for CHWs, she is the founder of Dia de la Mujeres. She reviewed the workshops, and the plenary about CHWs at the end of the day. Anne Willis, from Washington, DC will be coming to talk about the City Wide Patient Navigation Network, and the longitudinal system of care they've been able to set up. Our partner, the Florida Coalition of Oncology Nurse Navigators, will be provided CEUs for licensed nurses. Watch your in-box for the on-line registration e-mail.

Melissa asked about talking points for the workshop about "Strengthening Community-Clinical Linkages: Case Studies from the Field." She reviewed what the goal of the workshop would be. Heartland Rural Health will do the diabetes section – tho they don't think that any of the clinical people will be able to attend. Talking Points will be ready by the end of the week.

MD-HAN CHW/PN Symposium Report –Marite reported that the symposium will be on August 28, it will cover what's happening with the insurance marketplace in Florida, and in the afternoon session, there will be trainings in English, Spanish, and Creole. Look for more information this week.

CHW Webinar Series: Jeanette Palencia, from Moffitt Cancer Center, calling in for Linda Paige. During their community health needs assessment, they learned that the community knows they need to live healthier, but don't know how to live healthier. So by providing more information to CHWs, we will be able to reach the public better. Moffitt wants to provide a webinar training series, invite participation, and would like to survey the group to see what topics are most interesting. Goal is to roll out the webinars in October. They don't have plans to do CEUs at this time.

DVDs and CHW Display Boards: Marion reported that we are re-designing the display boards to have real pictures, and she showed a couple of examples of the new displays. Real people! People thought they looked great!

Upcoming Webinars: Sept 5 The Art of Storytelling for Diabetes Prevention

CMS Health Insurance Training Calendar for August and September.

August 17: Lolita announced that the second session of CHWOTA will be happening in Hillsborough. Hopefully, it will be a pathway to work.

Marion asked that people who called in on the phone, who did not sign in to the participant list on the webinar, say their name so she can record their attendance.

Patria adjourned the meeting at noon.