

## Florida CHW Coalition Monthly Meeting

April 10, 2014

Attending: Angella Wiggan, Lolita Dash-Pitts, Melissa Thibodeau, Natali Ramirez, Sean Dickerson, Dana Kontras, Colleen Reinert, Jevetta Stanford, Lynda Gowing, Maria-Teresa de Cespedes, Vicki Boguszewski, Cheryl Kerr, Lucila Lopez, Susan Redmon, Martha Hicks, Cristy Hom, Lisa Hamilton, Jennifer Nkonga, Dr. Elizabeth Young, Patria Alguila, Josephine Mercado, Mia Rosario, Marion Banzhaf

Patria Alguila, co-chair, convened the meeting. Brendaly Rodriguez, co-chair is away at a meeting.

Marion announced that the meeting was being recorded.

Natali Ramirez, Lynda Gowing, and Lolita Dash-Pitts moved and seconded that the March notes be accepted.

**Policy Subgroup update:** Marion reported and has finalized the policy brief. Feel free to print and share amongst your co-workers and others.

HB211 passed all 4 committees and is waiting to be heard on the house floor for 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and vote. SB306 has only made it through 1 committee with 3 more to go. Generally, at this point in the session with 3 weeks left, the sponsor of the bill will have just one choice to attach the bill to another bill. Feel free to reach out to their senator to educate and remind them about CHWs and the importance of their roles.

Sean Dickerson and Mark Everett were able to visit Tallahassee and visit some of the senators' offices and leave information.

New CMS rule that will allow preventive services (through CHWs, nurse practitioners, or other practitioners) to be reimbursable by Medicaid for as long as prescribed by a physician. There was a conference call held where it was stated that the federal government will not issue a state by state template for how to amend state Medicaid plan to allow for this. The Policy team would like to work on a SPA (State Plan Amendment), where you have to show that the amendment you are making (billing for CHW services) are cost saving measures. Mark Everett will be leading this initiative. We need more people to work on this project. Join the policy group on the next meeting.

Next Policy meeting will be Friday, May 2 at 1:00pm

**Networking/Sustainability:** Natali Ramirez reported on the website, new member orientation, and Summit planning. The coalition website and Facebook are being updated regularly. There are 58 likes on Facebook so far.

New member orientation is being revised where it would include a welcome letter and PowerPoint presentation. More details to come.

Summit planning – Marion shared some of the latest details such as:

- Confirmed for July 17 & 18 in Orlando. Location TBD
- Day one will be dedicated to strategic planning regarding the future of FLCHWC. The final year of the grant that supports the development of the FLCHWC will be this September. The previous facilitator of the first 2 strategic planning meetings will be facilitating again this year and he is excited to hear about the progress. 50 of the most active members on FLCHWC (which include being involved in a subgroup and/or have attended 3 coalition meetings for the year) will be invited for day one. We'd also like to have an awards night for Thursday evening along with fun and teambuilding activities. Melissa T. is looking into Dave & Busters which is like a Chuck E. Cheese but for adults. They also offer packages which include teambuilding activities. Melissa is waiting to receive a quote from them.
- Day two: Friday, the 18<sup>th</sup> looking for more people to join about 75 -100+.
- This year it was decided to do a stand alone summit versus collaborating with FCONN since it's a critical building year for us.
- See attached draft agenda for review. Other workshop suggestions are 1) Essential teaching elements 2) Activities from the WHLI to include in the summit 3) CHW recruitment strategies.
- Everyone agreed that the agenda and workshop ideas sound good. Note: Marion asked Jennifer Nkonga to be part of the FQHC session. We are looking for 6 session coordinators to help organize the workshops and make sure that items, mics and presentations are available to the audience and presenters. Vicki B. would like to be a part of the systems workshop. Also if you have any ideas on national people to bring to the summit, let Natali, Patria, Marion and/or Brendaly know.

Next Networking meeting is April 16 at 3:00pm

**Curriculum/Practice:** Cheryl Kerr, Martha Hicks, Marion Banzhaf reported on using the Practicum meeting time to present specific webinars and CHW certification implementation team meeting update.

Next webinar: April 24 at 3:00pm - Health Literacy, Mary Gynn

Next webinar: May 22 at 3:00pm - Working with persons with disabilities, Susan Redmon

Next webinar: June 26 at 3:00pm – Special Needs Shelter Overview, Martha Hicks

The CHW Certification implementation team will be meeting June 3<sup>rd</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> in Orlando. The name of the meeting is called “CHW Core Competency Review Team Meeting.” The agenda will consist of review of core competencies, roles and activities, test development, discussion of grand parenting process for CHW and review of Code of Ethics which was adopted from the 2008 Unity of Conference.

**Fundraising:** Lisa Hamilton is co-chair for this committee. The funds to help support CHWs attend the Unity Conference has been postponed for next year because of the time constraint. But this will be adding the planning agenda for next year.

The committee will be fundraising to provide food for the summit and APHA conference. They have started to seek sponsorships and partners to help with the food portion of the summit. The sponsor letters are being edited. Fundraising committee is requesting that a brochure or CD be attached to the letter.

A fundraising plan is being developed since its part of the 501c3 application for the FLCHWC.

The fundraising committee is recommending a nomination system to see who should be sent to conferences and to stress the importance of CHWs professional development.

Next meeting: April 15 at 3:00pm

**Group of the month: Florida Hospital Cuidate Program.** Lucila Lopez presented for the Cuidate program. The program is a chronic disease self management program that helps individuals with chronic diseases such as diabetes to control the disease. It consists of 6-8 workshops, lead by a facilitator who educates on making an action plan, symptom management, problem solving techniques, medications and more. It has been in existence for 8 years. For more information email Lucila at [Lucila.lopez@flhosp.org](mailto:Lucila.lopez@flhosp.org).

Next Group of the month - Jessie Trice Community Health Center

### **Webinars/Announcements:**

Marion announced the Unity 2014 CHW conference, May 20-23, 2014.

Marion will send out the link for the CHW National Survey. Please fill out if you haven't already.

APHA Conference will be held in New Orleans, Nov 15 -19, 2014

**Next meeting:** May 8 at 11:00am