

Florida CHW Coalition Policy Group, August 2, 2013

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Annual Miami-Dade Health Action Network CHW Symposium will take place on Wed., 8/28. It will focus on the Health Insurance marketplace, and will include a morning plenary, 3 separate trainings, in the afternoon. A save the date went out to the region. The 3 concurrent sessions will cover fraud detection and will be conducted in English, Spanish and Creole. Last year, 90 people attended, this year it might be bigger.

MD-HAN is updating their survey to assess the inventory in the region, how many CHWs would like to become certified insurance navigators, etc.

Certification issues can be addressed by the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.

It will also look at the year in review. Susan said when she was in Miami two years ago, there was no dissent about certification.

We discussed the Coalition's upcoming Summit. We could talk about legislation in other states. CHWs are being valued in a different way – how do we create something that establishes standards and recognition to take with from job to job and state to state.

The SE Cancer collaborative found 25 CHWs who went out and did education about CRC. Marion will ask Patria to follow up.

Perhaps Senator Soto could review some legislation and discuss the various approaches. Or maybe we should get someone from the Florida Board of Certification? Marion will follow-up with them.

Proclamations:

Largo and City of Pinellas Park are set. Denise will work on finding people to go to the presentation of the Proclamation.

Should we try to get a Governor's Proclamation? Marion will follow up with a member of the Tobacco workgroup who got a Governor's Proclamation for Lung Awareness Month.

The Policy committee will draft a proclamation to send to the governor to name the day and recognize CHWs – Sean, Denise, Carolyn, Patria will follow-up after Marion finds out some information.