

Florida Community Health Worker Coalition
Research Working Group
Tuesday November 15, 2011
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Attendees

Folakemi Odedina, University of Florida (Team Lead)
Ken Peach, Health Council of East Central Florida
Catherine Howard, Dept. of Health (DOH Liaison)

The group began by discussing the frequency of meetings for the group. Although there is great interest in supporting this initiative, the members decided to meet less frequently and revise their goals in order to accommodate members' schedules and other professional demands.

The goals were revised to the following:

- 1) *Support the Coalition by providing evidence-based resources and outcome measures.*
- 2) *Foster communication between Coalition members, universities, and private, public, and non-profit organizations regarding current efforts to build the evidence-base for CHWs (e.g., pilot projects, surveys, research projects, CHW intervention evaluations), with the goal of identifying opportunities for collaboration.*

The group decided to meet quarterly around the middle month of each quarter. Catherine will contact members at the beginning of the year to identify the best times to meet in February.

Before each quarterly meeting, Catherine will collect summaries from members of the group regarding their current work on CHW-based research activities or pertinent publications they would like to share with the group. She will consolidate summaries and publications into a digest that will be forwarded to each member of the group before the conference call. Members are welcome to send Catherine items at any time at catherine_howard@doh.state.fl.us.

The recurring monthly meeting will be cancelled.

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Monday, September 19, 2011, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Attendees

Susan Fleming, Dept. of Health
Catherine Howard, Dept. of Health (DOH Liaison)
Folakemi Odedina, University of Florida (Team Lead)
Pascal Jean-Pierre, University of Miami

Other individuals who have expressed interest in the research working group include:

Zenesha Barkley, Bethune Cookman
Rita Diaz-Kenney, Health Consultant
Sean Dickerson, Moffit Cancer Center
Claude Earl Fox, University of Miami
Maria Granado, Lake County
Monica Hayes, Dept. of Health
Brandi Knight, Dept. of Health
Ken Peach, Health Council of East Central Florida
Leda Perez, Collins Center for Public Policy
Maria Pouncy, Panhandle Area Health Consortium
Marisela Ruiz, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
Maisha Standifer, University of South Florida
Kristen Wells, University of South Florida

The individuals listed above will be added to the research working group email list.

The group decided on the following mission statement and priorities:

The mission of the Community Health Worker (CHW) Research Working Group (RWG) is to promote mutual understanding and interdisciplinary collaborative research activities that will support the profession of Community Health Worker in Florida. The immediate broad priorities of the CHW RWG are:

- 1. Support CHW advocates in developing economic, clinical, and humanistic outcome (ECHO) indicators that can be used to document the effectiveness of CHWs in Florida;*
- 2. Promote continuous outcomes data collection to support the profession of CHW in Florida through creation of common outcome measures; and*
- 3. Build the research capacity of the CHW profession in Florida*

The group discussed how they would address the three priorities listed above and decided on the following action steps:

For Priority #1

- 1) Develop process monitoring evaluation strategies for CHWs – Lead: Pascal Jean-Pierre

For Priorities #1-2

- 1) Identify available ECHO indicators suitable for the assessment for CHWs – Lead: Catherine Howard (Temporary—at the next meeting the group will identify another lead.
 - a. Pascal emailed a manuscript detailing work he has already accomplished towards this action item to the group for consideration.
 - b. The group decided to read this manuscript before the next meeting:



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Measures.pdf

For Priority #3

- 1) Publish a CHW research compendium that documents practice-based research in Florida. – Lead: Folakemi Odedina

This is the first Florida CHW Research Compendium that will list published abstracts (oral or poster presentations), peer-reviewed publications, ongoing projects, and grant/project reports related to research activities involving CHWs in Florida. ***If you are interested in having your work published in the research compendium,*** please forward the abstract and full report listing all authors to Shannon Pressey at spressey@cop.ufl.edu by September 30, 2011. Note that only electronic submissions will be accepted.

The research compendium will be released on November 1, 2011 and will be available as a free download on the Florida CHW website (<http://www.floridachwn.cop.ufl.edu/>). A minimal fee (for copying and mailing) will be charged for print copy.

For more information, contact:

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- 2) Administer a survey to develop a uniform instrument to assess the practice of CHWs. – Lead: Folakemi
 - a. The survey has been developed and data are being collected by Folakemi's staff at UF.
 - b. She asks that the survey be distributed widely.



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Survey_FTO.pdf

- c. The primary objectives of this project are to describe:
 - i. Who Florida CHWs are;
 - ii. What Florida CHWs do;
 - iii. The defining issues of Florida CHWs as a workforce; and
 - iv. How to better understand and support Florida CHWs in order to improve health outcomes in Florida.

The group decided to schedule regular meetings for the third Tuesday of every month at 3:00pm.

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 18th at 3:00pm.**

Catherine will forward out a meeting invitation to all of the individuals who have expressed interest in the research working group.