

Florida CHW Coalition
Research Sub-Group meeting minutes
July 27, 2012

Attending: Folakemi Odedina (co-chair), Sean Dickerson, Cheryl Kerr, Maisha Standifer, Brendaly Rodriguez, Regina Wright, LaShonda Coulberson, Catherine Howard, Susan Fleming, Marion Banzhaf

The Research Sub-group has established that it will meet every other month on the fourth Friday at 10:30 am.

Folakemi reviewed the activities happening in each of the 6 goals set at the summit.

1. Need to develop evaluation plans for Coalition activities. LaShonda Coulberson will be the lead on this goal, and she may also work with Sandra Suther. She will look at the activities of each sub-group to document the activities of that sub-group, and identify objectives, and offer suggestions for improvement. By October 2012, she will come up with a work plan and meet with each group in November, with the goal of having a finished product by July 2013.
2. List of university-based researchers/professionals who agree to support CHW activities. Catherine and Folakemi are developing this list – we want to be sure to put people on the list who have already agreed to support CHW work.
3. CHW Research Advisory Group still needs to be developed for the Research sub-group.
4. Administration of CHW survey. This goal is on hold for the time being because we would need funding to support a thorough survey.
5. Research compendium. More research is being done on CHWs, and the group is getting more documents. Hope to have an electronic compendium by Dec. 2012.
6. Working with Molina Health. Folakemi's had three follow-up phone calls with Dodie Grovet who is responsible for Molina's Community Connector program nationally. She is interested in replicating the New Mexico study in Florida. Molina is beginning their Florida work with the Medicaid population in January 2013. Their Community Connector program contracts out employment of CHWs to other programs who hire CHWs, so this is an exciting opportunity to model employing CHWs across different programs.

Sean asked if there were other potential payers. Since the NM study focused largely on ROI through outcome measurements, it may be helpful to look at other payers as well. Folakemi said that she has mentioned it to the medical director at Humana, and perhaps we should also look into getting Kaiser and Blue Cross/Blue Shield involved.

After some discussion, we agreed that we would develop a small working group for Molina. That way more than one person can be involved, and then the small group can report back to the larger group. The small group would probably be no more than 3 people, but it would be good if more than one person was involved on the calls as we continue to plan the outcome measurement study. Perhaps a number of institutions could

be involved. We still need to select the sub-group for the Molina work, but it should include Folakemi and Catherine. We need to identify an additional person.

**Community Health Worker Coalition
Research Work Group 2012/2013 Plan**

1. Research Group Meeting Schedule and Rotation of Meeting Facilitator.
 - Every other month making sure one of the co-leads is on to facilitate the meeting.
 - Explore last Frid of the month beginning July. (Odedina will be happy to facilitate the 1st one if it is between 10:30am and noon).

2. 2012/2013 Goals, Timeline, and Lead

| Goals | Timeline | Lead |
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| Partner with Molina Health Group to complete a return on investment (ROI) study the ROI study of CHW use in Florida Medicaid populations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update – I had a conference call with Dodie Grovet and Indira Paharia (Corporate VP for Molina) today and they are happy to partner on the ROI study. The proposed date of Molina implementing the Community Connector (CHW) program in FL is Jan 2013. We talked about a one-year data collection Jan-Dec 2013 and will explore pre-implementation assessment with Dodie. | Jan 2013 – Dec 2013 | Odedina |
| Publish a CHW research compendium that documents practice-based research in Florida. | December 2012 | Odedina/Cottler |
| Administer a survey to assess the practice of CHWs | Based on funding | Odedina |
| Create a CHW Research Advisory Group – This group will ensure that research/evaluation on CHW activities solicits feedback from those it intends to serve. | Sept 2012? | Howard |
| Create a list of university-based professionals who can assist with evaluation plans for grant submissions and technical assistance for CHW-related research. | Sept 2012 | ??? |
| Develop an evaluation plan for coalition activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop evaluation outline for each group by Oct 2012 • Start talking with each group beginning Nov 2012 to finalize. | Aug 2012 – July 2013 | Suther |