



# Oklahoma CHW Coalition

## Bi-weekly Core Group & Focus Area Work Group Leader Meeting

May 4, 2023 – 1:00pm – 2:00pm

### AGENDA & MEETING NOTES

#### (1) Welcome and Introductions

**Present:** Lisa Larson, La’Keira Watson (Mercy); Randa Real (Rural Health Projects); Cathy Billings, Fahad Khan (OSDH); Erin Kehl (OCCHD); Ella Ewart-Pierce (HHS, Region 6); Kerstin M Reinschmidt (OUHSC)

#### (2) Focus Area Groups

##### OK CHW Coalition – Focus Area Leadership – Jan–June 2023

Focus Area		Co-Leads	
		CHW	CHW Ally
A	Scope of Practice, Training, and Certification		Cathy Billings (OSDH) Erin Kehl (OCCHD) Susie McEachern-Lauer (CareerTech) Ella Ewart-Pierce (Region 6, Office of Regional Health Operations, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, USDHHS)
B	CHW Integration into Health Care and Community Organization Teams	La’Keira D.W. Jallow (Mercy Hospital) Erika Merideth (Variety Care) Tamara Braxton (GR) Henry Danziger (Mercy Hospital)	Julie Schreiner (Variety Care) Erin Kehl (OCCHD)
C	Innovative Funding Mechanisms	Julinta Anien (OSDH)	Cathy Billings (OSDH) Ella Ewart-Pierce (Region 6, Office of Regional Health Operations, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, USDHHS)
D	Research and Evaluation	Henry Danziger (Mercy Hospital)	Fahad Khan (OSDH) Leslie Carroll (THD)
E	Advocacy for the CHW Coalition & CHW Programs	Erika Merideth (Variety Care) Randa Real (Rural Health Projects)	Erin Kehl (OCCHD)

#### (3) Obj. 1: Using the *OK CHW Coalition’s* action tables, implement select components of the strategic plan. Activities to accomplish Obj. 1:

##### - Bi-weekly Core Group & Focus Area Work Group leader meetings (1 hour) via Zoom

- Bi-weekly, Thursdays, 1pm-2pm
  - Meetings held: Jan 26, Feb 9, Mar 23, Apr 6, Apr 20, May 4
  - Meeting missed: Feb 23
  - Meetings to be held: Jun 1
- Use Focus Area A-E Action Plans to accomplish the following short-term objectives:
  - Identify available and needed trainings (A)
  - Educate stakeholders on / Develop awareness of / Market CHW scope of work, importance of *CHW Association*, and the *OK CHW Coalition* (B, E)
  - Develop and share resource guides for CHWs to use in their work (B)

- Identify funding mechanisms available to Oklahoma (C)
- Identify measure for CHW effectiveness (D)
- Use Focus Area A-E Action Plans to initiate the following mid-term objectives:
  - Develop certification processes and structures (A)
  - Collect impact stories of CHW integration into different types of organizations (B)
  - Create a collection of standardized evaluation tools (D)
  - Develop an *Ok CHW Association* (E)

- **OK CHW Coalition Meeting via Zoom (1.5-2 hours)**

- **March** – Week of March 6 (day/time TBD)
  - Meeting held on Wednesday, March 8, 1:00pm-2:30pm
- Updates on objectives in process or accomplished, invitation to share updates, and suggestions for future directions  
 See meeting notes & meeting ppt: <https://ophhc.ouhsc.edu/OK-CHW-Coalition>

- **OK CHW Coalition-hosted (or co-hosted) 3<sup>rd</sup> OK CHW Forum (in person)**

- **June 2 from 9am-2pm**
  - In-person only
  - RSVP as of 05/04: **40** yes, **17** Maybe, **4** No
- **Meeting Space**
  - PHF large room not available <https://phfcc.ouhsc.edu/Facilities/Colloquium-Conference-Room>
    - KMR reserved the Symposium Room (capacity for 51+10 people)
- **Speaker** (TBD) to introduce CHW workforce nationally and/or from another state
  - National CHW Expert: Ashley Wennerstrom, PhD, MPH 🙏  
<https://sph.lsuhsu.edu/people/faculty/faculty-list/wennerstrom-ashley/>
  - Budget: KMR's CERE grant
- **Forum's Meeting Agenda – Draft 3**
  - Is being drafted

**(4) Obj. 2: Evaluate the *OK CHW Coalition* to identify its strengths, weaknesses, and future directions. Activities to accomplish Obj. 2:**

- Survey *OK CHW Coalition* about the coalition
  - Tool adapted from Tom Wolff, *The Power of Collaborative Solutions: Six Principles and Effective Tools for Building Healthy Communities*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, 2010) (Printed in Minkler et al, 2012) → Also mentioned in the Community Toolbox (<https://ctb.ku.edu/en>)
  - Navya Jeldi, OSU Student, working with Dr. Marshan Marick and OSDH
  - KMR announced survey to be sent (04/10/23)
- Navya sent out the survey 04/12; sent reminders on 04/18, 4/25, and 5/1; closed the survey on 05/03 with a total of 53 responses.
- Share the evaluation outcome during the 3<sup>rd</sup> OK CHW Forum on June 2, 2023, 9am–2pm

**(5) Obj. 3: Support the development of Oklahoma's *CHW Association* aimed at empowering CHWs through one professional voice, and facilitating their active participation in CHW workforce development. Activities to accomplish Obj. 3:**

- Identify and onboard two CHWs as consultants
  - Randa Real (RHP) & Emily Gnehm (OSDH)
  - Bi-weekly, 1-hour meetings starting 03/22/23 until end of June 2023
- Begin envisioning the *OK CHW Association's* purpose and structure
  - Reviewed webinar recordings provided on NACHW website

- Established structure, drafted vision, mission, & 2-year goals
- Support development of directory of CHWs and CHW-employing organizations
  - Continue building a directory to be introduced and shared at 3<sup>rd</sup> CHW Forum (June 2, 2023)
- Start an informal *OK CHW Association*
  - Using a social media platform

## (6) Updates

- CHW Bill <https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/SB535/2023> **GOOD NEWS** 😊 The CHW Bill just passed the House: 2023-04-26 and was sent to the Governor on May 1.

### Roll Calls

2023-04-26 - House - House: THIRD READING (Y: 91 N: 0 NV: 0 Abs: 10) [PASS]  
 2023-04-05 - House - House: Public Health Committee: DO PASS (Y: 5 N: 0 NV: 0 Abs: 0) [PASS]  
 2023-02-21 - Senate - Senate: THIRD READING (Y: 41 N: 5 NV: 0 Abs: 2) [PASS]  
 2023-02-09 - Senate - Senate: Committee On Health & Human Services Senate Bill: DO PASS (Y: 10 N: 1 NV: 0 Abs: 0) [PASS]  
 2023-02-09 - Senate - Senate: Committee On Health & Human Services: DO PASS (Y: 10 N: 1 NV: 0 Abs: 0) [PASS]  
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- OPHA CHW Section → OPHA Advocacy included CHW Bill
- OPHA membership: Regular \$60 – CHW \$25 – Regular 2 yrs \$100 – Student/Retired \$25 <https://oklahomapublichealthassn.wildapricot.org/membership>
- OPHA is considering whether CHWs can apply for stipends to attend the 2023 OPHA CHW Conference, and/or whether they could have a discount for the registration fee. → KMR sent email to conference planning chair and OPHA President, asking the conference planning committee to consider this request.

Thank you 😊