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## **ILLINOIS COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER ADVISORY BOARD**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: August 3, 2015 10:00AM – 12:00PM

Meeting Location: IDPH

**APPROVED August 13, 2015**

#### **1. ATTENDANCE**

See attached attendance list.

#### **2. MEETING LOGISTICS**

Building: IDPH Director's Conference Room: 69 W. Washington, 35<sup>th</sup> floor, Chicago / 535 W. Jefferson, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Springfield

Remote Access Tools Used: Phone number - 888-494-4032, pass code 264 5426 804

#### **3. MEETING START**

Meeting Schedule Start: 10:00am

Meeting Actual Start: 10:07am

Meeting Scribe: Juana Ballesteros, Illinois Department of Public Health

#### **4. AGENDA**

##### **1. Welcome and Roll Call 10:00-10:10 am**

**Co-Chairs**

Each meeting, attendees need to email Juana their name to be documented in the meeting minutes.

##### **2. Review agenda 10:10-10:15am**

**Co-Chairs**

- Juana Ballesteros noted that all past meeting agendas and minutes are posted on the IDPH website.

##### **3. Review 7/13/15 meeting minutes 10:15-10:20am**

**All**

- a. Minutes approved 7/24/15

##### **4. Timeline: review 10:20 -10:30am**

**Leticia Boughton Price**

- a. Leticia reviewed the timeline and focused on future deadlines
- b. Since the last Board meeting, Melissa, Leticia and Juana reviewed all draft recommendations. All Workgroups have already received comments to their draft recommendations.
- c. Melissa Gutierrez Kapheim: There are approximately 70 individual recommendations and they need to be further flushed out. Each Workgroup should ideally have 4-5 main recommendations with sub recommendations for each.
- d. Molly Martin: since we are ahead of schedule the hard work ahead of us is integration of the recommendations. We should focus on this work ahead so it doesn't fall on 1-2 people to do this work
- e. **TIMELINE:**

- i. **AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>**: Please update your recommendations (based on the feedback you received from Leticia, Melissa, and Juana) and **send your revised recommendations to Juana NO LATER THAN 8/17.**
- ii. **8/17-8/24**: Co-chairs will review revised recs, merge them and make other necessary comments
- iii. **8/24-9/4**: 2-3 hour meeting of Board leadership and leadership of Workgroups/Subcommittees to review recs as a group
- iv. **9/7**: Product of aforementioned meeting sent to full board to review a week in advance of 9/14 full Board meeting
- v. **9/7 - 9/14**: Board members review recommendations before 9/14 board meeting
- vi. **9/14**: Board meeting. Discuss recommendations

**f. Other guest speakers:**

- Director Nirav Shah, IDPH, is joining us for the September meeting
- Gail Hirsh is speaking via phone at the October meeting.

**5. State Representative Robyn Gabel**

- a. Rep Gabel reviewed our draft recommendations
- b. The question is not the recommendations themselves but strategy moving ahead
- c. Change always generates opposition and support. Need to generate more support and need opponents to become neutral
- d. Need state agencies to support or at least be neutral
  - i. IDFPFR in the past has opposed adding regulation to new jobs/professions because of their capacity
- e. Opponents will be
  - i. other professional groups (nurses and state medical society)
  - ii. Far right groups: they seem to oppose many of Gabel's bills
- f. Need Governor's Office (GO) to support
  - i. Need to set up a meeting with GO
  - ii. What are the GO's priorities and how do they align with the work/recommendation of the Board
    - Governor's priorities are education and job creation
  - iii. Jennifer Hammer is senior health policy advisor
    - She just went on maternity leave. Charlie Weikel is current contact in GO during Jennifer's leave.
- g. Political landscape: Bills are still being signed in spite of budget grid lock. 500 bills signed in last session.
  - i. Need to put together a bi-partisan bill with no-costs attached. Bills that require resources will not pass
  - ii. We generally do not pass overcomplicated bills
  - iii. Put a few things in the Bill and plan to compromise from there but do not make it too long either
- h. Managed Care Companies:
  - i. Will negotiate contracts soon. They didn't get a good deal with initial contracts

- Rep Gabel will communicate with Sam Olds of the IL Assoc of Medicaid Health Plans and encourage her to meet with the Board
  - Need to communicate to the Managed Care plans the benefits of CHWs
- i. Garnering support:
    - i. Inside Outside approach:
      1. Orgs represented on the Board have lobbyists in Springfield and can have them lobby
      2. Grass roots campaign: meet, write and call legislators
  - j. We need federal dollars for trainings
    - i. Get a group of health plans to seed this
  - k. Lenel James, Region V (Great Lakes) Health Equity Council and Blue Cross Blue Shield
    - i. Other RHECs (New England California and Hawaii) also prioritizing CHWs. Together they are looking at a national approach to CHWs
    - ii. Private payers (Cigna, BCBS and Aetna) cannot pay/reimburse for CHWs until they are certified
      1. Private payers have the most money at the table
      2. The input of the Board will assist Lenel James in working with his counterparts at the other major private payer companies
    - iii. There is national Medicare Innovation funding
      1. Rep Gabel can assist in securing
  - l. Juana Ballesteros: Massachusetts went through a similar process and developed recommendations as well. To move forward with recommendations the state created an Office of Community Health Workers and it is housed within its Department of Public Health.
    - i. Rep Gabel: don't create a new position for this. This Office can be staffed by one current staff member and the responsibilities are added on to that individual's current job responsibilities
  - m. The Board will not cease to exist after recommendations are submitted to the GO and legislators. Sunset clause was removed from the Bill. The Board will have to repurpose itself.

## 6. Endorsements:

**Amy Sagen**

- a. Amy Sagen and Erika Martinez are coordinating the work of securing endorsements
- b. Send Juana list of potential supporters and she will forward to Amy and Erika. Include
  - i. Board member who can follow up individually with potential supporter
  - ii. Current level of support
  - iii. Contact info
- c. Dan Harris: what outreach has been done to Local Health Depts?
- d. Venoncia Bate Ambrus: have we retained the same supporters? The legislators who supported HB5412.
  - i. Rep Gabel: over half of the House's members have been there less than 5 years
  - ii. Need to educate them
- e. Draft letter of support to be drafted
- f. Website: informational and an easy way for supporters/non-supporters to learn more about the recommendations of the Board
  - i. Health Connect One to create a page on their website

- ii. Leticia Boughton Price and Erika Martinez to work on this
- g. Listening tours to obtain feedback on recommendations and secure endorsements
  - i. CHWs on Board to organize listening sessions in their regions

**7. Next full Advisory Board meeting 9/14/15**

**8. Public Comments 11:55-12:00pm**

- Laura Bahena, Independent CHW contractor: Activities of the Board need to be more of an open process
  - Juana: all meeting notices, agendas and meeting minutes are posted to the IDPH website.
  - Juana: Board follows the mandates of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.
  - Leticia Boughton Price, Board co-chair, suggested to Laura Bahena to email Juana and Leticia a list of names and their contact info so meeting notices can be sent to them.
  - Leticia Boughton Price and Laura Bahena to further discuss Laura's concerns after the meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned at 11:56am**

**For those calling into the meeting, please confirm your attendance by emailing:  
juana.ballesteros@illinois.gov**

**Illinois Community Health Worker Advisory Board  
Meeting Attendance-August 3, 2015**

<b>Board Members</b>		
Melissa Gutierrez (co-chair)	Sinai Urban Health Institute	
Leticia Boughton (co-chair)	Chicago CHW Local Area Network	
Teresa Berumen	Enlace Chicago	(phone)
Geraldine Hardy	Sthrn IL Hlthcare Fdtn	(phone)
Tamela Milan	Access Community Health	
Amy Sagen	UIHHS	
Lizette Martinez	Alivio Medical Center	(phone)
Janel Hughes-Jones	Will County Health Dept	
Hong Liu	Midwest Asian Health Assoc	
Chris Garcia	Champaign Cty Hlth Care Consumers	
Dr. Molly Martin	UIC/Miles Square Medical Center	

<b>Ex-Officio Members</b>		
Lisbeth Leanos	IL Dept of Employment Security	(phone)
Dan Harris	DHS	
Juana Ballesteros	IDPH	
Michelle Bromberg	IL Dept Financial and Prof Regs	(phone)
Michael Taylor	HFS	(phone)
Lisbeth Leanos	IDES	(phone)

<b>Public At-Large</b>		
Representative Robyn Gabel		
Eileen DeRoze	IDPH	(phone)
Lenel James	Region V Health Equity Council, BCBS	
Sheila Castillo	UIC CEED	(phone)
Dr. Matt O'Brien	Northwestern University	
Amparo Castillo	UIC CEED	(phone)
Alessandra Stevens	Mujeres Latinas en Accion	
Erica Martinez	HMPRG	(phone)
Jason Pace	Community Health Partnership of IL	
Lucy Gomez Feliciano	Logan Square Neighborhood Assoc	
Rachel Breck	Public Health Inst of Metro Chicago	
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Cheri Hoots	IDPH	(phone)
Shella Blue	CHW Partnership of Lake County	(phone)
Christy Johnston, MPH	Premier Home Health Care Services	(phone)
Laura Bahena	CHW/Independent Consultant	(phone)
Iris M. Kimbrough	Prairie State College	(phone)