

Community Health Workers Review Board Meeting

April 17, 2026

2:00 – 4:00pm

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IDPH website link to CHW Review Board:

<https://dph.illinois.gov/resource-center/advisory-boards/community-health-workers-review-board.html>

Board Co-Chairs would like to remind attendees that we have a Spanish interpreter available. To access the Webex Spanish channel, follow these steps: 1) Click on the **Interpretation** button at the bottom left side of your Webex screen (round button that looks like a globe); 2) Select **Spanish** from the language options; 3) Adjust the volume balance if needed to hear the interpreter clearly. If you have any issues accessing interpretation, please let us know in the chat.

*Las presidentas de la junta desean recordar a los asistentes que contamos con un intérprete de español para quienes lo necesiten. Para acceder al canal de español en Webex, sigue estos pasos: 1) Haga clic en el botón de **Interpretación** en la parte inferior izquierda de tu pantalla en Webex (botón redondo que parece un mundo); 2) Seleccione **español** en las opciones de idioma; 3) Ajuste el balance de volumen si es necesario para escuchar al intérprete con claridad. Si tienen problemas para acceder a la interpretación, avísanos en el chat.*

Public Comment Registration: Members of the public who wish to register to speak during public comment period may contact DPH.ICHWCP@illinois.gov.

Mission of the CHW Review Board: The mission of the Community Health Worker Review Board is to provide input on the creation of a program/system to formalize and promote the sustainability and advancement of the CHW workforce by establishing certification, continuing education, and grandparenting standards for CHWs and training curricula in the State of Illinois.

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order** 2 minutes
2. **Recognizing Esther Sciammarella**
 - Wandy Hernandez, Co-Chair
3. **Vote to Approve Meeting Minutes** 5 minutes
 - February Board Meeting Minutes
 - February Materials Review Committee Meeting Minutes
4. **Board Process Decisions and Reminders** 5 minutes
 - **Invited Guests**: Co-chairs will use discretion in calling on invited guests/subject matter experts during the meeting. Invited guests for this meeting include teams from UIC Cancer Center and SIU Carbondale contracted by the CHW Certification Program.
 - **Public Comment Period**: We request members of the public to register to provide testimony during public comment periods by contacting DPH.ICHWCP@illinois.gov. If time permits, non-registered individuals will be called upon for public comment.
 - **Chat Feature**: All guests (non-members) please enter name and affiliation in the chat. Please do not use the chat feature to ask questions, provide opinions, or testimony. Board members use the “raise hand” feature to be recognized and members of the public use the public comment period.
 - **Board Member Attendance**: Please inform the Department of any planned absences for Board meetings by contacting Sarahjini.R.Nunn@Illinois.gov.
5. **Public Comment Period** 15 minutes
6. **Materials Review Committee Report** 5 minutes
Janice Phillips, IDPH
7. **HFS Update** 5 minutes
Kristin Hartsaw, Special Assistant to the Director, Medical Policy
Illinois Department of Health and Family Services
8. **Administrative Rule Status Update** 3 minutes
Lori Weiselberg, IDPH

9. Training Program Focus

Lori Weiselberg, IDPH

- User Acceptance Testing – Training Program Application 15 minutes
- Update on Work with Academic State Partners
- “Coming Soon” Flyers to Training Programs or Prospective Training Programs

10. CHW Pilot Recruitment

15 minutes

Sarahjini Nunn, IDPH

- Approach to CHW recruitment
- Board’s role in notice of pilot opportunity

11. Sequencing for a Phased Launch

15 minutes

Sarahjini Nunn, IDPH

12. Second Public Comment Period

15 minutes

13. Schedule of Board Meetings and Announcements

5 minutes

- Full Board Meetings
 - Friday, June 12, 2026, 2pm –4pm
 - Friday, August 14, 2026, 2pm –4pm
 - Friday, October 16, 2026, 2pm –4pm
 - Friday, December 11, 2026, 2pm –4pm
- Announcements

14. Other Business

3 minutes

15. Adjournment

2 minutes