

Community Health Workers Review Board Meeting

February 13, 2026

2:00 – 4:00pm

Meeting can be viewed [HERE](#)

1. Call to Order

- Wandy Hernandez called the meeting to order. Meeting recorded for documentation.
- **CHW Review Board Members Present:** Wandy Hernandez, Dr. Janice Phillips, Leticia Boughton Price, David Sanders, Lubia Suterwala, Monica Cuevas Nava, Ricardo Anderson, Ryan Croke, Angela Ellison, Rep. Bill Hauter, Noelle Moore, Emma Villarreal, Ashley Colwell, Tracey Smith, and Rep. Camille Lilly.
- **CHW Review Board Members Absent:** Shami Goyal, Kristen Hartsaw, and Esther Sciammarella.
- **IDPH Staff Present:** Melissa Stalets, Lori Weiselberg, Dr. Janice Phillips, Emily Spangler and Pat Montalvo.
- **Other Guest Present:** German Barrios, Interprenet; Joie Van Zandt, Advance Care Strategies; Sherlanda Brooks, Diversity Sourcing; Katie Fasullo, Endeavor Health; and Dalia Galvan Morales, Erie Family Health; Marilyn Gonzales and Steven V. Taylor, Healthcare Alternative Systems; Makeda Coutee and Marcia Burgess, HMPRG; Mia Weekly; Kelci Osborn and Krissy Roseberry, IPHA; Jennifer Morales-Crye, Nicole Milano, and Shreya Pandit, Medical Home Network-Chicago; Janelle Trier, OSF Healthcare; Jennifer Schindl, Shawnee Health; Robert Marlow, SIUC; Cealisa Johnson, UChicago Medicine; Leslie Carnahan, Brenda Soto, and Judith Sayad, UIC Cancer Center; Lizzy Kepler, University of Illinois Office of Medicaid Innovation.

2. Vote to Approve Meeting Minutes

- December 12, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
 - Moved by Noelle Moore
 - Second by David Sanders *Motion Passed*
- December 16, 2025, Materials Review Committee Meeting Minutes
 - Moved by Noelle Moore
 - Second by Leticia Boughton Price *Motion Passed*

3. Board Process Decisions and Reminders

- Wandy Hernandez reminded Board Members and guests of the mission of the Review Board and protocols for being recognized to speak, public comment period, and Board member attendance.

4. Public Comment Period

- No public comment

5. Materials Review Committee Report (December Mtg)

- **Assessment Toolkit Review:**

- Wandy Hernandez reported that the Materials Review Committee reviewed Module 0 of the Model Curriculum and the Assessment Toolkit developed by the UIC and Sinai Urban Health Institute (SUHI) with positive feedback. Upcoming meetings will focus on the review of the CHW Refresher Course.

6. IPHA Update: CHW Certification Program Promotional Campaign

Krissy Roseberry, Associate Executive Director for Training and Community Engagement
Illinois Public Health Association

- Krissy Roseberry provided key highlights on the CHW Certification Program Promotional Campaign which included:
 - Strategic goals to increase both workforce demand and supply of CHWs.
 - Implementation of a hub-and-spoke outreach model – this structure leverages regional anchor organizations(hubs) to coordinate outreach, engagement, and messaging through local partner organizations (spokes) to ensure statewide reach and community impact.
 - Five (5) regional anchor organizations funded in year 1. Anchor organizations serve as lead entities responsible for coordinating outreach activities, managing regional engagement strategies, and supporting ambassador organizations within their geographic areas.
 - Eight (8) ambassador organizations funded in year 1. Ambassador organizations will conduct grassroots engagement, employer outreach, and CHW recruitment activities, with expansion anticipated in years 2 and 3.
 - Phase II marketing campaign timeline: March - June 2026
 - Data collection and evaluation through REDCap.
 - Use of the Health Prism predictive analytics tool. Health Prism will support employer engagement strategies by identifying priority regions and healthcare workforce trends to inform targeted outreach and workforce development efforts.

7. Administrative Rule Status Update

- Lori Weiselberg gave an update on the Administrative Rules.
 - Public comment period; October 3 – November 17, 2025.
 - Rules are still under internal review at IDPH.
 - Next steps include Second Notice and JCAR review.
 - Final adoption required by October 2, 2026.
 - Estimated Program launch; mid to late 2026.

8. Continuous Quality Improvement

- Lori Weiselberg provided CQI framework to ensure efficient and high-quality certification operations. Focus will be on:
 - Customer-centric processes
 - Application processing turnaround times
 - CHW Help Desk metrics
 - Applicant satisfaction tracking
 - Continuous performance monitoring

9. Second Public Comment Period

- No public comment

10. Schedule of Board Meetings and Announcements

- Materials Review Committee Meeting – Focus on Refresher Course
 - Thursday, February 26, 2026, 2-4pm
 - Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 1-2:30pm
- Full Board Meetings
 - Friday, April 17, 2026, 2pm –4pm
 - 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
 - Board Recruitment Update:
 - Recruitment for the CHW representative position has closed after receiving over 20 applications. IDPH Government Affairs Office is vetting candidates.
 - Vacancies remain for two recipient representative positions and three legislatively appointed positions. Outreach and recruitment efforts are ongoing.
 - HFS Update:
 - An update was provided regarding Medicaid reimbursement for CHW services following the December presentation by the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS). HFS is reviewing billing code options to allow for 15-minute service increments and will provide further updates at a future meeting.

11. Other Business

- None

12. Adjournment

- Leticia moved to adjourn.
- Emma Villarreal seconded the motion. *Motion passed*