

Community Health Workers Review Board

Materials Review Committee Meeting

February 26, 2026

2:00pm – 3:30pm

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1. Call to Order

- Wandy Hernandez (Chair) called the meeting to order at 2:04pm. A quorum was confirmed.

2. Roll Call

- **Material Review Committee Members Present:** Wandy Hernandez, Monica Cuevas Nava, Ricardo Anderson, Tracy Smith, Leticia Boughton Price and Noelle Moore.
- **Material Review Committee Members Absent:** Emma Villarreal
- **IDPH Staff:** Sarahjini Nunn, Linda Kasebier, Dr. Janice Phillips
- **Invited Guest:** Leslie Carnahan, Judith Sayad, Lauren Slavic, UIC Cancer Center
- **Members of the Public:** Helen Orozco; Angela Stoltzenburg, Memorial Health; Janelle Trier, OSF; EB York, UChicago Medicine; and Gregory Scott, Carle Health.

3. Board Process Decisions and Reminders

- Wandy Hernandez reminded participants of protocols for being recognized to speak, use of chat feature, public comment period, and Board member attendance.

4. Revisit Purpose of Materials Review Committee and Reporting to Board

- Sarahjini Nunn revisited the purpose of the committee which is to review and provide feedback on public-facing materials for the CHW Certification Program. Today's meeting will focus on committee review and feedback related to Refresher training modules.

5. Review and Feedback

- Module 0 - Introduction
 - No feedback
- Module 3 - Advocacy
 - **Copy Definition** – Expand the flashcard definition to reflect broader healthcare payment contexts beyond physician visits and prescriptions.

- **Preventive Care Language** – Remove or reconsider use of the term “free” preventive care to avoid inaccuracies, as many insured individuals still incur costs.
 - **Public Benefit Updates** – Confirm and monitor evolving SNAP and public benefits information to ensure materials remain current.
 - **Marketplace Eligibility (DACA Recipients)** – Clarify language to reflect current Illinois eligibility rules.
 - **Federal Poverty Level (FPL)** – Consider simplifying explanation of poverty guidelines and percentages to improve comprehension.
- Module 6 – Education to Promote Healthy Behavior
 - No feedback
 - Module 9 – Cultural Awareness
 - No feedback

6. Public Comment Period

- Kayla Brianna Ruiz, Founder of Bloom Global Diagnostics recommended enhancements to CHW training related to diagnostic risk identification, documentation practices, and early recognition of complex clinical vulnerability within existing scope of practice.

7. Materials Review Committee Meetings and Announcement

- Sarahjini Nunn acknowledged partners who were present and thanked them for their contributions to the development of the CHW curriculum and refresher training modules. She also reminded committee members that a calendar invitation had been sent for the next meeting scheduled for April 15th, during which the committee will continue reviewing the remaining refresher training modules.

8. Adjournment

- Noelle Moore moved to adjourn.
- Tracy Smith seconded the motion. *Motion passed.*
- Wandy Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 2:31 PM.