

Virginia Community Health Worker Advisory Group

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History...

- 2006 *Final Report on the Status, Impact, and Utilization of Community Health Workers*
- Annual CHW training by James Madison University's Virginia Center for Health Outreach
- Individual CHW efforts around the state
- Formation of Virginia Community Health Worker Task Force in fall 2012

Core Competencies

1. Communication Skills
2. Health Promotion and Prevention
3. Outreach and Advocacy
4. Service Coordination
5. Knowledge Base
6. Professionalism

New Structure

- Virginia CHW Advisory Group
- Virginia CHW Policy Task Force
- Virginia CHW Association

CHW Advisory Group

- A group that will serve Virginia's CHWs by raising awareness of CHW efforts statewide and addressing topics such as scope of practice, credentialing, reimbursement, professional development, etc.
- **Priorities:**
 - Define CHW scope of service/finalize core competencies
 - Develop model training requirements
 - Recommend a process for credentialing CHWs to ensure that CHWs have the required skills and knowledge
 - Explore financing options

CHW Policy Task Force

- The task force will serve as a subset of the CHW Advisory Group and will be comprised of high-level decision makers with the ability to move the CHW workforce development and financing agenda forward.
- **Priorities:**
 - State legislation that defines and legitimizes CHWs
 - Medicaid reimbursement and alternative/innovative funding models

CHW Association

- An advocacy, networking and professional development group that is lead by and for CHWs in Virginia.
- **Priorities:**
 - Set by-laws
 - Set leadership and how they will communicate with the advocacy and policy groups
 - Establish scope of practice
 - Discuss Resources

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