



**General Membership Meeting
May 4, 2023**

9:06 a.m. – 9:41 a.m. Via Zoom

Members present: *If you attended this meeting and your name is not listed below, please contact gnballies@gmail.com.*

Joyce Dupont, GNBCHC

Jean DeCoffe, College of Nursing, CCRI

Louise Croteau, Accountant

Barbara Acksen, Ph D.

Anne Lynch, RN

Pauline Macedo, City of New Bedford

Darcy Lee, Samaritan SouthCoast

Barbara Durand, SouthCoast Health, Community Wellness

Katelyn Caton, SotuhCoast, New Beginnings

Karen Costello

Carla Marcelino

Noel Sierra

Gail Roderigues, YMCA

Rachel Eckenreiter

Deloris Joseph

Stephanie Sloan

Mike DeMedeiros

Luz Ortega

Olivia Parker

Colleen Kennedy-Mello

Kayla Machado

Shannon Jacob

Allyson Holland

Liza Rebello

Tara Pacheco



Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Chair, Joyce Dupont.

Presentation

Luz Ortega, New Bedford Health Department presents the work of “Southeast United Network (SUN) of Community Health Workers (CHW).”

Luz began with a description of who is a community health worker. A community health worker can have different roles and different titles in various organizations. Their primary purpose is to provide services within the community.

Partners:

Greater New Bedford Allies for Health and Wellness

Massachusetts Community Health Workers (MACHW)

New Bedford Community Health Center

New Bedford Health Department

How did the partnership begin?

The partners share common needs and goals:

- To provide high quality, culturally competent care.
- To have better collaboration and collective impact. (resources and services)
- To hire and maintain a workforce that is trusted by the community.
 - To provide in- person core competency trainings within the region
 - To increase the workforce development opportunities based on the needs of the CHWs.



October 28, 2023 Convening

Luz said there were 52 participants at the first meeting.

Top needs identified were, fair compensation for CHWs, to provide core competency training, and to establish quality standards of practice.

Advisory Board Members



Ana Vega, MCHC



Jenny Verde, FPSS



Leimary, YWCA



Wanda Resto, NBCH



Shanina Rosado
MACHW



Luz Ortega, NBHD



Joyce Dupont
NBCH, GNB Allies



Lisette Blondet
MACHW



Stephanie Sloan
NBHD

March 3rd convening

The March 3, 2023 meeting was hosted by the New Bedford Community Health Center. There were approximately 50 people in attendance. Luz noted some attendees had gone to the prior meeting while others were attending for the first time. At this meeting the name, Southeast United Network of Community Health Workers (SUN-CHW) was established.

Sexual Assault Training

Southcoast Health hosted a CHW training on April 26, 2023, “Sexual Assault Training”, with 34 people in attendance.

Brockton/Plymouth CHW Forum



On April 28, 2023, there was a CHW forum for the Brockton/Plymouth communities, with approximately 30 people in attendance.

Coming soon:

CHW Appreciation Day is June 9, 2023

Luz said that future details will be available soon and you can join the email list.

Business Meeting

Meeting minutes -Barbara Acksen motioned to accept the secretary report for April 6, 2023. Jean DeCoffe seconded. Without further discussion, all members present approved the April6, 2023 secretary's report.

Treasurer's Report Jean DeCoffe presented the account balances for April 30, 2023 Barbara Acksen motioned to accept the treasurer's reports, Anne Lynch seconded. Without further discussion, all members present approved the treasurer's reports.

Standing Committee

Health Access Committee- tabled

Health Equity -tabled

Other Business

Joyce said that at the next General Membership meeting that the members will be providing their input as to which sub committees GNBA will have.

Joyce talked about the Health Access Committee and their research on doulas in the area and how they are putting together a resource guide.

Joyce spoke about a "Baby Café", which will be for pregnant women through birth and beyond. The Baby Café will cover topics from pregnancy, lactating, and provide a place to meet with doulas. There is a grant application with the Greater New Bedford Health Center and Southcoast Hospitals. At Jean DeCoffe's request, Joyce invited the entire GNBA Health Access Committee be part of the process. Joyce said GNBA cannot be the lead agency due to the grant specifications. Barabra Acksen requested that GNBA be included in the grant process and Anne Lynch asked to be forwarded the information.



Member Announcements

Gail Roderigues, YMCA, Healthy Neighborhood Study said they will be participating in AHA on May 11, 2023.

Another event coming up is “Share Your Story”, which is about a former bomb shelter in New Bedford, on May 20, 2023.

Tara Pacheco, HPTC, shared these flyers.

High Point Treatment Center

Anger Management

Evening Anger Management and Mental Health Awareness Group

This group helps individuals understand where their anger comes from, helps identify triggers to anger, and helps to develop skills to manage anger. Educational topics include:

- Anger Management Treatment •Anger Control Plans
- Events and Cues •The Aggression Cycle
- Cognitive Restructuring •Assertiveness Training
- Conflict Resolution •Anger and Family

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High Point Treatment Center



SOAP/IOP

Structured Outpatient Addiction Program/Intensive Outpatient Program

SOAP/IOP provides additional support to individuals working on recovery within their communities and families. The program offers:

- Relapse Prevention and daily coping skills
- Practical Recovery Skill •Group therapy
- Connection to community-based supports
- Health/Wellness and self-care education
- Collaboration with Department of Children and Families, probation, and parole
- Additional support to HPTC's continuum of care

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Luz Ortega said the “ Heal the Healers” will take place tomorrow at the Lakeside.

Meet Adjourned

Carla Marelino moved to adjourn the meeting, Barbara Acksen seconded, with no discussion all members present approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

Next Meeting – The June meeting will be in-person! The details will be emailed.



Please mark your calendars for the upcoming General membership Meetings. They are held via zoom on the first Thursday of the month.

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