

Whatcom Community Health Workers' Network

Convened by the Whatcom Alliance for Health Advancement

April 25, 2018

Villa Santa Fe Apartments, Bellingham

Present:

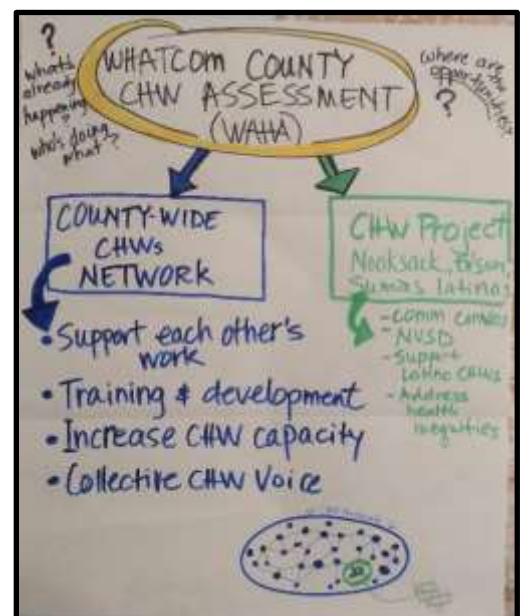
Name	Organization (if any)
Don Cook	UCNW - Outreach & Enrollment (Navigator)
Herminia Sanchez	OppCo - Catholic Housing Svcs/Villa Sta Fe
Megan Stephenson	UCNW - Outreach & Enrollment (Navigator)
Rochelle Hollowell	Whatcom Family & Community Network
Starleen Maharaj-Lewis	Unity Care Northwest
Tanya Rojas	Educational Service District 189
Victoria Joe	Nooksack Health Center
Brooke Eolande	DVSAS
Neyda Gonzalez	UCNW - Outreach & Enrollment (Navigator)
Laura Reardon	Unity Care Northwest
+ Nic Jensen, Christina Ortiz, Lara Welker (WAHA)	

Welcome and Introductions

Christina and Lara welcomed the group and everyone introduced themselves and described their roles.

Background Information (what led to this meeting)

- WAHA recently did an assessment of what CHWs are already doing in Whatcom County, and identified some ways the efforts can be supported.
- The assessment report recommends two "tracks:" a county-wide CHW Network (this is the first meeting!) and a very localized CHW project in the Sumas, Everson, Nooksack area.
- Eastern WA, Southwest WA, and Pierce County have CHW Networks/Collaboratives, so Whatcom would have "sister networks." The Foundation for Healthy Generations is also working on creating a statewide network.





- Many things affect the well-being of people and communities (“social determinants of health”). CHWs can be based in many different fields, and lots of different titles are used for similar roles. When saying “CHWs” we are including all of those people.

Decisions and Agreements

1. Continue to meet on a monthly basis and expand the network by inviting others.
2. Set regular meeting time for the fourth Friday of the month, 9-11 AM.
3. Meet at the locations of different organizations in the CHW Network.
4. Next meeting: May 25, at the Nooksack Health Center in Everson.

Announcements and Resource Sharing

Many thanks to Herminia and Kati at Villa Santa Fe for hosting this meeting!