

OHBI Workforce Development Workgroup

April 8, 2022

Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Germaine Odenheimer, Keith Kleszynski, Kerstin Reinschmidt, Dr. Lee Jennings, Lindsey Diel, Morgan Fitzgerald, Sarah Pappé

Welcome and Introductions:

Keith welcomed everyone. Keith recapped the meeting from February and asked for updates from members.

Group Discussion:

- Morgan reported that she has no new number of CHWs/CHRs than what was last shared. She will keep asking and update as she can.
 - She has asked if anyone has a directory but has not received any response. She will continue to ask around.
- Dr. Reinschmidt has had her paper reviewed by Dr. Jennings.
- Morgan is working on connecting with the proper team at OSDH to learn their thoughts and plans for CHW certification. Once we know the main process, we will begin to figure out special ADRD certification.
 - Dr. Reinschmidt has already developed curriculum, pilot tested, etc. for CHW.
- Dr. Reinschmidt gave an update on the OK CHW Coalition and the work they are doing. Particularly with CHW certification and foundations training.

Keith let everyone know that someone new was hired on to assist with OHAI classes- Dementia Friendly @Work, and her overall goal is to run a CHW project ECHO program

Dr. Odenheimer brought up the need to train Ombudsmen volunteers on ADRD. The training would need to focus on the basics of the disease, what their roles are, understand behaviors and how to communicate with someone with the disease. It was discussed and accepted to invite them to attend Dr. Reinschmidt's CHW training.

At this time the workgroup is at an impasse until we know more on the CHW certification process.

Action Items for Next Meeting:

Morgan is going to continue to reach out to contacts to see if we can come up with the number of CHWs/CHRs in Oklahoma. She is also going to set up a meeting with contacts at OSDH to get an idea on their process thinking for CHW certification.

Please remember to share the Healthcare Provider Survey. Survey can be found [here](#).

Close:

Next Meeting Date: Keith will send out a Doodle poll to decide the next meeting date. We will work on drafting our goals together in the June meeting.

Next Coalition Meeting Date: April 19, 2022 from 1-3pm.

Meeting Adjourned

