



Northern Region Chair Nominees



October 28th, 2019

NH CHW Coalition Members,

I, Amber Culver, am submitting this letter of intent to express my interest in becoming a member of the Steering Committee.

I am employed as a Community Health Worker at the North Country Health Consortium in Littleton, NH. I work with adults aged 55 and older who have unmanaged chronic conditions and need assistance with overcoming barriers that prevent them from focusing on their health and well-being. My team and I visit our clients in their homes and work closely with their providers to provide them with the necessary tools and resources to help them achieve optimal well-being!

I believe I would be an excellent candidate for the Northern Chair of the Steering Committee due to my experience in the position and my commitment to the role. Currently, I am the Northern Chair for the NH CHW Coalition and I am interested in retaining that seat. I am dedicated to seeing through the goals that were created in the NH CHW Coalition's Strategic Plan. I believe that I have been an integral member of the Steering Committee over the last term playing a large role in planning our meetings and trainings and working towards accomplishing the goals laid out in the Strategic Plan. I am committed to continuing the progress that has been started on these goals. I hope to help lead the Coalition, guided by the interests of the Coalition members. I hope to see the NH CHW Coalition continue to grow in size and strength, becoming a more powerful voice. I plan to assist in leading the Coalition in conversations regarding interest in certification and to continue educating stakeholders on the value of Community Health Workers.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter of intent.

Sincerely,

Amber Culver
Community Health Worker



10/25/19

NH CHW Coalition Members

I am writing this letter of intent as an individual with interest in becoming North Chair Representative of the NH CHW Steering Committee.

In my role as a CHW in General Internal Medicine, I serve as a direct connection between the healthcare system and the social services that our patients need to improve their overall health and wellbeing. My efforts aim to help patients more efficiently utilize their healthcare services to receive the right care in the right place at the right time. Through enabling patients to access secure food sources, transportation, recovery services and safe housing etc. my role helps to address the root causes of social influences effecting of our patients' health.

My interest in the North Chair Rep lies in my passion for helping others and making a better community for our future generations. I want to see the New Hampshire Community Health Worker Coalition bring together all community health workers across the state to hear the differences and similarities in urban and rural areas. Another important piece would be quantifying the value that CHW bring to a variety of systems that serve the people of NH. I would be a great candidate for this position on the Steering Committee due to my ability to work with a wide variety of people, some of my own personal hardships have made it easier for me to relate and understand a majority of the people I've been working with. In my time as a CHW, I've learned a great deal about social determinants of health, what trauma does to the brain and the importance of community readiness. I've thoroughly enjoyed representing and learning from all members of the Coalition for the past two terms; I'm very much looking forward to the opportunity to do so for the 2020 term.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this letter of intent.

Sincerely,
Kaelea M. Monahan
Community Health Resource Specialist
General Internal Medicine, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center



Northern Region

Vice Chair Nominees



October 24, 2019

NH CHW Coalition Members

I, Carolyn D. Nicoli, am writing this letter of intent as an individual with interest in becoming the Northern Vice Chair of the New Hampshire Community Health Worker Coalition, Steering Committee.

I am employed as a Community Health Worker at The North Country Health Consortium, located in Littleton, NH. Although I am a relatively new Community Health Worker, I am passionate about the work that I am doing. My interest in becoming Northern Vice Chair of the Steering Committee, lies in my vision for where I see the field of Community Health Work. I want to see the New Hampshire Community Health Worker Coalition focus on certification. I want help New Hampshire follow in the footsteps of other New England states such as Massachusetts and Connecticut, and establish a system to certify Community Health Workers. I would like to help oversee the formation of a New Hampshire Community Health Worker, Certification Committee and begin laying the groundwork to make certification an option in the state of New Hampshire. I would like to help grow the Coalition membership and participation by creating an interactive Coalition where it's members are equally as involved and excited as I am.

I would be a great candidate for a position on the Steering Committee because I have fresh eyes. Although I may be new to the work as a Community Health Worker, I was a leader in my previous field of employment, Veterinary Medicine. I started as a Kennel Attendant and worked my way up to Veterinary Technician, then on to Practice Manager, learning from the ground up. I see many similarities in the work I did then and now, as a Community Health Worker. I read that "Leadership is the ability to facilitate movement in the needed direction and have people feel good about it". With that being said, I would like to use my leadership skills to create a certification process that the Coalition feels good about. One that is all inclusive and one that helps reduce the fears and barriers some Community Health Workers have about being excluded, if they are not or feel they cannot, be a certified CHW. I would like to energize the membership to get involved, to create a place for people to come and talk and share. I would use my "out of the box" thinking to generate ideas about professional development, Summit planning, Stakeholder involvement and growing our future together.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this letter of intent.

Sincerely,

Carolyn D. Nicoli

Community Health Worker



Southern Region Chair Nominees



November 4, 2019

NH CHW Coalition Members

Nancy Jean Collins

I, Nancy J Collins, am writing this letter of intent as an individual with interest in maintaining my position as Southern NH Chair for the Steering Committee.

I am employed as a Community Health Services Representative for NH Healthy Families, located in Bedford, NH. I have been a Steering Committee member for the past year and have found the work very fulfilling. I had chosen to pursue a degree in Health Education because I wanted to make an impact on the community as a whole and have been working in the community for the past twenty something years. By joining the CHW Steering Committee, I think I have helped to improve on the work of CHW's in New Hampshire and hopefully, increased their talent, worth and visibility.

My experience working in the community on various outreach initiatives and health education promotion have helped in my position on the Steering Committee. As a reminder, I have worked for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Tobacco Control Program, The American Cancer Society and now with NH Healthy Families which is one of the three Managed Care Organizations serving NH Medicaid recipients.

For me, each of these opportunities has highlighted the need for a more individualized one-on-one focus in which a Community Health Worker could really make a difference. A difference that I would like to see the NH CHW Coalition become a leader.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration of this letter of intent.

Sincerely,

Nancy J Collins
Community Health Services Representative



October 23, 2019

NH CHW Coalition Members

I, Lindsey Lafond, am writing this letter of intent as an individual with interest in becoming a member of the Steering Committee.

I am employed as a Community Health Worker at New London Hospital, located in New London, NH. My interest in maintaining my role as a Steering Committee member lies in my passion for the work, and further development of Community Health Workers and the CHW coalition. I want to see the New Hampshire Community Health Worker Coalition (NH CHW Coalition) grow into a robust, and diverse network of Community Health Workers united by common goals, and working towards strengthening and solidifying the role of Community Health Workers in the New Hampshire workforce.

I would be a great candidate for a position on the Steering Committee due to my experience helping to develop and stand up two successful Community Health Worker programs, as well as my involvement in regional efforts to implement CHW's into a variety of clinical and non-clinical settings. I have worked with CHW's from across different health systems and volunteer organizations and encouraged their involvement and participation in coalition meetings and events. I am passionate about the work Community Health workers do and the collective impact we can have through a well-organized and supported CHW Coalition. I feel strongly that the members of the coalition should be the drivers behind CHW policy development at all levels. I am the current co-chair of the Southern Region and have been an engaged and active steering committee member; I feel that my experience and passion for the work of Community Health Workers makes me an excellent candidate for the role of Chair or Co-chair of the southern region.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this letter of intent.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Lafond

Community Health Worker



Southern Region Vice Chair Nominees



11/5/19

Dear NH CHW Coalition Members

I, Victoria Adewumi, am writing this letter of intent as an individual with interest in becoming a member of the Steering Committee (Vice-Chair/Southern NH.)

I am employed as a Community Liaison/CHW for the Manchester Health Department, located in Manchester, NH. My interest in becoming a Steering Committee member lies in a strong desire to see the strength and value of CHW's amplified statewide, and be part of the incredible work the CHW Coalition is already doing in the state. I want to see the New Hampshire Community Health Worker Coalition (NH CHW Coalition) become a place of personal and professional growth for all our members, and the "go-to" resource for new NH CHW's in the field.

I would be a great candidate for a position on the Steering Committee due to my own lived experience as a New Hampshire native, and person working with and for vulnerable populations in Southern NH. This has been my life's work, and I would love to add my own passion for supporting and strengthening our communities to this strong organization.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this letter of intent.

Sincerely,

Victoria Adewumi

Community Liaison, Manchester Health Dept.



Secretary Nominees



11/05/2019

NH CHW Coalition Members

I, John Gilbert, am writing this letter of intent as an individual with great interest in becoming a member of the Steering Committee.

I have been a Community Health Worker (CHW) for almost 2 years in the Ways2Wellness CONNECT Program at the North Country Health Consortium (NCHC), located in Littleton, NH. We work with individuals who are 55 and older and are having difficulties managing their chronic conditions; we visit with them in their homes or location of their choice. Over the last two years it has become very apparent to me the important role a Community Health Worker can play in the health and well-being of a community.

I have been a member of the NH CHW Coalition Steering Committee as Secretary for the last year and I would like to continue in that capacity. I am very proud of what this steering committee has accomplished over the last year. Due to the dedication and effort of our current steering committee we have increased membership in the coalition, increased meeting attendance and participation, developed a 2-year strategic plan, were a key contributor to the 2019 NH CHW Summit, recognized a CHW and Stakeholder with our first NH CHW Coalition Awards of Excellence, and we represented the NH CHWs at countless conferences, calls and meetings to include the national CHW conference – the 2019 Unity Conference. However, I know that our work is not done. We still have work to do to promote the profession of CHWs in the state of NH and we want to continue with the momentum we have been able to build. I am excited to be a part of continuing along the path we have begun by working to complete the goals outlined in our strategic plan and continue to increase the awareness in the state of the CHW profession and the key role we can play in the health and well-being of our state.

I would be honored if you would consider allowing me to continue as the Secretary for the NH CHW Coalition Steering Committee. Thank you for your time and your consideration of my letter.

Sincerely,

John Gilbert
Community Health Worker