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Community Health Worker Deployment to At-Risk Areas

Program Facts

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Vendors will recruit, train, and manage Community Health Workers

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Counties to be supported with high COVID-19 caseloads

Overview:

Supported by CARES and Medicaid funding, NCDHHS issued a Request for Proposals to employ over 350 Community Health Workers (CHWs) to work in 55 North Carolina counties. Counties were selected based on high COVID-19 caseloads. This CHW project started in August 2020 and is projected to end June 30, 2021. NCDHHS selected seven vendors to recruit, train, and manage CHWs.

Community Health Worker Overview:

A CHW is a frontline public health worker who is a trusted member of and/or has a close understanding of the community served. CHWs are hired and trained to support disadvantaged individuals and families in communities. CHWs use public health messaging and assist with COVID-19 contact tracing as well as assist with broader health needs.

Community Health Worker Responsibility:

CHWs will be responsible for connecting North Carolinians to medical and social support resources including: Diagnostics testing, primary care, case management, nutrition assistance, behavioral health services and financial assistance.

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Community Health Workers will be employed by vendors to work in the communities

Success Criteria



Number of clients assisted with COVID-related services and support



Number of referrals made to Local Health Departments and other groups



Providing culturally and linguistically appropriate assistance

Vendor	Counties	Contact/Phone	Email
Catawba County Public Health	Catawba	Honey Estrada 828-695-6683	honey@catawbacountync.gov
Curamericas Global	Alamance, Buncombe, Chatham, Craven, Davidson, Davie, Durham, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Granville, Guilford, Harnett, Henderson, Johnston, Lee, Onslow, Orange, Pitt, Randolph, Surry, Vance, Wake, Warren, Wayne, Wilkes	Andrew Herrera 919-801-0612	Andrew@curamericas.org
Keystone Peer Review Organization (KEPRO)	Cabarrus, Gaston, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Rowan, Stanly, Union	Lisa Bennett	Lbennett@kepro.com
		Renee White 704-859-4059	stwhite@kepro.com
Mt. Calvary Center for Leadership Development	Bladen, Columbus, Duplin, Hoke, New Hanover, Pender, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland	Jimmy Tate 910-300-6322	jtate@mtcalvarycenter.org
		Carol Highsmith 910-300-6039	chighsmith@mtcalvarycenter.org
One to One with Youth	Duplin, Greene, Johnston, Lenoir, Sampson, Wayne, Wilson	Danny King 919-922-7713	dking@adlainc.org
		Inonda King 919-731-2119	kone2one@aol.com
Southeastern HealthCare of NC	Johnston, Nash, Orange, Wake	Joyce Harper 919-987-2798	jharper@sehcnc.com
		Evelyn Sanders 919-987-2791	esanders@sehcnc.com
Vidant Health	Beaufort, Bertie, Chowan, Edgecombe, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Pitt	Melissa Roupe 252-847-9350	myroupe@vidanthealth.com
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Routine Operations



CHWs will work in coordination with local health departments (LHDs) and contact tracers to identify and connect with individuals who require assistance



CHWs will leverage NCCARE 360, the nation's first statewide technology platform uniting traditional healthcare settings and organizations, to address non-medical drivers such as food, housing, transportation, employment and interpersonal safety



CHWs will help individuals connect with community resources for safe housing, culturally competent healthcare and financial assistance

Workflow



1. Review notes and triage for high priority cases



2. Engage with patient and ask clarifying questions to patient



3. Identify available patient resources using NCCARE360 and primary care provider list



4. Conduct additional research and advocacy



5. Connect patients to available services and close the loop

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Program Reach

