



August 2, 2024

Attention: Interested Parties of Promotor(a) or Community Health Worker Issues

The CHW Advisory Committee, created by [Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 48](#), advises DSHS and the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) on the implementation of standards, guidelines, and requirements relating to the training and regulation of persons working as promotors or CHWs.

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is currently accepting applications for membership on the Promotor(a) or Community Health Worker (CHW) Training and Certification Advisory Committee (CHW Advisory Committee).

The current vacancies are for:

- **Two (2) certified promotors or CHWs, and**
- **One (1) higher education member.**

The DSHS Commissioner will appoint members to the CHW Advisory Committee to serve a term from January 1, 2025, to August 31, 2027. The committee will include key stakeholders as determined appropriate by the commissioner. The committee must include representatives of each of the following:

- Five (5) promotores or CHWs currently certified by the department,
- One (1) public member, which may include consumers of community health work services or individuals with paid or volunteer experience in community health care or social services,
- One (1) member from the Higher Education Coordinating Board, or a higher education faculty member who has teaching experience in community health, public health or adult education and has trained promotors or CHWs, and
- Two (2) professionals working with promotores or CHWs in a community setting, including employers and representatives of non-profit community- based organizations or faith-based organizations.

A committee member must regularly participate in advisory committee meetings and may also have to participate in subcommittee meetings, projects and presentations. Committee meetings will be held three (3) times per year in Austin, via webcasting, or Microsoft Teams, or another location, at the call of the presiding officer appointed by the DSHS Commissioner. Committee members that work for a state agency other than DSHS will not receive reimbursement of expenses for participation on the CHW Advisory Committee by DSHS.

Individuals appointed as CHWs, or public members may be reimbursed for their travel to and from meetings if funds are available. Individuals who are appointed as members representing higher education or professionals working with CHWs are responsible for their own travel expenses.

If you would like to serve on the advisory committee, please complete and return the application available at DSHS [Community Health Worker \(CHW\) Advisory Committee webpage](#) with two hand signed and dated letters of recommendation **no later than August 30, 2024.**

Applications are due by 11:59 p.m., August 30, 2024.

Email

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Résumés or a curriculum vitae will not be considered.

If selected to serve as a member of the committee, DSHS will notify applicants by December 2024.

In selecting members to serve on the Promotor (a) or CHW Training and Certification Advisory Committee, DSHS considers the applicants' qualifications, background, and interest in serving on the committee. DSHS also tries to choose committee members who, as a whole, represent the diversity of all Texas. For that reason, DSHS considers applicants' ethnicity, gender, and geographic location. The agency does not discriminate against applicants and members of the DSHS advisory committees on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, religion, age or sex.

For more information, please contact Frank Luera at 512-776-2777 or by email at chw@dshs.texas.gov.