



NOTES

Executive Committee

Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 • Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

- ❖ **Members present:** Kelly Nightengale, Kolloh Nimley, Kasey Sorell, Tom Miras, Diana Lady, Broderick Crawford, Carissa Redmond, Lucia Jones, Aaron Davis, Beth Nech, Erika Saleski, Jessica McGinnis and Alissa Rankin
- ❖ **Tom Miras & Diana Lady, Coalition Co-Chairs:**
 - Diana works for the Kansas Statewide Farmworker Health Program
 - Tom works for the Kansas City Care Health Center
 - Three successes in the coalition are:
 - Members added to committees this year
 - Education advances have been made. The Universities and Colleges have developed classes and certificate programs.
 - Developed CHW Core Competencies
 - The progress has been slow but we are still making progress.
 - Networking has been successful
 - Advocacy for the role of CHWs
 - Bringing CHWs to the table to help make decisions
- ❖ **Broderick Crawford & Carissa Redmond, Advocacy Committee Co-Chairs:**
 - Advocacy has made progress in raising awareness through giving presentations about how CHWs can be used. Local, regional, and national exposure for the Kansas CHW Coalition.
 - Palm card has been developed
 - There are a lot of members who are on the Advocacy Committee.
 - Encourage CHWs and assist them to be able to introduce themselves.
 - Carissa Redmond works for the Kansas City Care Health Centers
 - Broderick works for the NBC Community Development Corporation
- ❖ **Matt Thibault, Education Committee Co-Chair:**
 - The level of engagement from large universities, community colleges, and technical schools.
 - Kansas CHW Core Competencies developed
- ❖ **Beth Nech & Bertha Mendoza, Symposium Committee Co-Chair:**

- Beth does care coordination for the Kansas Foundation for Medical Care.
- Annual Symposium now, starting in 2016
- Gives Kansas an opportunity to highlight successes, work through barriers, and find out what is happening nationally
- 2019 Kansas CHW Symposium theme: Value of CHWs: Touching Lives, Promoting Equity, and Transforming Communities. The 2019 Symposium is June 11, 2019 in Wichita, Kansas.

❖ **Lucia Jones, Sustainability Committee Co-Chair:**

- Lucia works for the Community Health Council of Wyandotte County
- New subcommittee was formed
- Event in Kansas City that led to the creation of the subcommittee
 - National recommendations for CHWs and payment models
- Building up the capacity of CHWs to advocate for their professions

❖ **Erika Saleski**

- Works as a consultant for Kansas, Missouri, and Kansas City.
- She works with the Kansas City Regional CHW Collaborative
 - Works primarily on Medicaid reimbursement
- Has previously worked on federal and state level developing Medicaid policy and reimbursement
- She serves as an advisor to the Kansas CHW Coalition and the Kansas City Collaborative.
- Has made a lot of great progress in Missouri in Medicaid policy

❖ **Aaron Davis, Center for Public Health Initiatives at the Community Engagement Institute at Wichita State University**

- Oversees the Center for Public Health Initiatives projects, mostly working with public health
- Projects across Kansas with KDHE, Division of Healthcare Finance, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas, Local Health Departments, and others.

❖ **Kasey Sorell, Division of Healthcare Finance**

- Medicaid/KanCare Clinical Initiatives Nurse
- Clinical liaison with public health
- Has been part of the coalition since its inception
- She works with programs with local health departments, family planning that she provides help with following regulations and provides information on what is covered

❖ **Kolloh Nimley, KDHE Office of Secretary**

- Liaison for public health and the Medicaid
- Streamline the seven delivery methods with the Managed Care Organizations of KanCare
- Legislation and how to implement policies and produce outcomes

- CHWs can answer a lot of problems with Medicaid
- Public Health and Medicaid are located within the same agency at KDHE.

❖ **Jessica McGinnis, KDHE Arthritis Program Manager**

- Over sees a federal grant
- Involved to provide education to CHWs
- Has worked in Public Health at the local level

❖ **Kelly Nightengale, KDHE Early Detection Works Breast and Cervical Program**

- Employs CHWs as patient navigators
- Helps with CHW activities
- Has only been in the position for about a month.

❖ **Direction**

- Kansas CHW future outlook discussion
 - KCHWC leaders are looking for guidance, commitment, & assistance from KDHE in getting Managed Care Organizations on board and create CHW requirements under their contract specifically working with community organizations
 - What are action steps that KDHE Bureau of Health Promotion staff can take to provide Technical Assistance without advocating for policy changes?
 - Think about sustainability beyond grant periods.
 - Managed Care Organization contracts do not specifically call out CHWs but rather Community Service Coordination (implementation pushed to July 1). This tells Managed Care Organizations to provide services NOT specifically through CHWs. Managed Care Organizations are not limited on the contracts that they can have with community organization. CHWs cannot enroll as a Medicaid provider. This is a potential barrier. If a CHW is employed by a clinic then the clinic can bill but the CHW is not the one who would be a billing provider. Nurse's enrollment as a medical provider is complicated.
 - It is possible that in 2020 someone can enroll as a provider or provide a service under a currently enrolled provider.
 - New Mexico, Minnesota, California, - CHWs can be an independent contract directly with the state for reimbursement. This may not be feasible for Kansas.
 - Minnesota has a State Plan Amendment
 - ◆ Medication Capitation Rates?
 - Kansas Fee-For-Service at 2% only for Native American and Native Alaskan clients
 - Managed Care Services are in the 1115 waiver in KS

- ◆ Under the Managed Care Organization contracts there is currently community service coordination.
- ◆ If we were to do the State Plan Amendment, it would be considered a duplication of efforts.
- **NOTE/QUESTION: Can we encourage Managed Care Organizations' service requirement to utilize CHWs to meet this Community Service Coordination?**
- What are the recommended steps when reaching out to Managed Care Organizations and Medicaid?
 - ◆ There was a letter that was drafted and sent to the KDHE Medicaid Director with intention of engaging a different conversation between Managed Care Organizations and KDHE
 - ◆ If we wanted to engage more with Managed Care Organizations, what would be the best way to establish relationships with them and advocate with Managed Care Organizations to invest in contracts that are outside of their own Managed Care Organizations and more in contract with local/community organizations.
 - ◆ Interacting and engaging Managed Care Organizations who have hired CHWs to ensure that the Managed Care Organizations CHWs line up with the core competencies AND scope of practice that the Kansas Community Health Worker Coalition has developed. They may not necessarily line up with where the Kansas Community Health Worker Coalition envisions.
- As far as a raining infrastructure what needs to be a priority?
 - ◆ Program that is recognized at statewide level and is available widely.
 - ◆ Feeds into certification
 - ◆ Managed Care Organization training of CHWs (organization or outside of organization)
 - ◆ Curriculum is being used/upgraded at Metropolitan Community College: adopted from Minnesota with a textbook out of California (making sure that it aligns with the core competencies from
- What is KDHE's role in certification?
 - KDHE wants to be supportive but hasn't historically wanted to create the structure themselves.
 - **Coalition Needs a Champion at KDHE to help move this process forward**
 - In Missouri, Barbara Brendel is at the state level. She can drive the decisions.
 - KDHE does agree that they need to have an internal meeting to decide who this champion can be.
 - KDHE's DSRIP pool was approved along with the 1115 Waiver was approved. The DSRIP could be an interesting place to look for opportunities to test CHWs in value-based payment models.
 - ◆ Kasey can follow-up with their coordinator
 - ◆ Two hospitals are in the Kansas City region only

- ◆ They hoped to eventually transition away from using only these two hospitals.
- ◆ Erika also extended her assistance to the Department of Healthcare Finance in the future with 1115 waivers.
- Overview of progress in Missouri:
 - Created an advisory group
 - Developed: goals, priorities, regional surveys, policies, core competencies, education, scope of practice to inform policies
 - Agreed on certification structure
- The Executive Committee would like to have Kolloh and Kasey to join the committee again the future.

❖ 3/7/19 Meeting Planning

- Face-to-face virtual and regional - The committee discussed the different regional responsibilities. Jessica McGinnis is facilitating the Southeast region, Matt Thibault will facilitate the South Central region, Bertha Mendoza will facilitate the Southwest region, Lauren will facilitate the Northeast region, and finally, Tom and Diana will facilitate the KC Metro region. There are no participants registered in the Northwest region. There is only one person registered in the North Central region, he will be asked to call in separately if he is not interested in traveling to another region.
- Please follow the discussion guides and send notes pages and sign-in pages to Alissa following the meeting.
- Tom will be at the meeting tomorrow. Lucia will not be attending.
- First few minutes introducing ourselves.
- Molly Moffett will be sharing about Healthcare in the United States
- Regional discussions will be led by Bertha Mendoza in Garden City, Jessica McGinnis in Iola, Tom in Kansas City, Lauren in Topeka, Matt Thibault in Wichita. Three other individuals who are in Northwest and North Central KS will be joining individually because they are very spread out.
- Process will be very similar to our previous meeting and the regional coordinators will be leading the discussions.
- Discussion questions were changed to:
 - How does the information increase or decrease your ability to provide services to your clients AND/OR how does the information increase your ability to guide CHWs that you work with?
 - What are your local resources or contacts when you encounter a client that is uninsured?
 - What is your experience in helping people access health insurance and health care?
- Leaders will keep notes of high points and then we will have share-outs from each region.

❖ National Association of Community Health Workers

- https://nachw.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/NACHW-Ambassador-Call_2019.pdf

- Should the Coalition join as an affiliate?
 - Kansas City Regional CHW Coalition has discussed this.
 - The coalition can join as an affiliate.
 - Individual organizations can join as an affiliate.
 - <https://nachw.org>
 - <https://www.healthconnectone.org/nachw-progress-and-purpose>
 - Kansas City Care Health Clinic – has three CHWs attending
 - Broderick, Kelly, Alissa, Beth will be attending
 - Several CHWs have applied for the national scholarship

❖ **Committee reports & recommendations**

- Advocacy
 - The committee developed a list of recommendations for a letter to go to CHW employers encouraging them to allow CHWs to attend local, state, regional, and national meetings.
 - The committee is also collecting data on which presentations have been given and participant feedback on those presentations.
- Education
 - As mentioned in the previous meeting, the Education Committee has teamed up with the Sustainability Committee and would like to provide some trainings for CHWs. These topics include the basics of US healthcare and health insurance, advocacy/policy for CHWs (at the Symposium), types of payers and funding sources, how providers get paid, and the smiles for life curriculum.
 - They are looking for speakers for each of the topics.
 - These will be in-person presentations.
 - There has been increased discussion of Certification for CHWs.
- Symposium
 - Request for Proposals for breakout sessions has been released. Please submit a proposal if you would like to present and forward to your contacts.
 - Barbara Brendel sent to the Missouri folks.
 - The email will be shared about 4-5 times over the next few weeks.
- Sustainability
 - What happened today in the meeting was sustainability. No updates.
- Regional representatives
 - No updates.
- Kansas City Regional CHW Collaborative (Erika)
 - House Budget Committee is hearing the State Plan Amendment in Missouri tomorrow (3/7/19).

❖ **KDHE Updates**

- No updates.
- KDHE plans to engage leadership in the Bureau of Health Promotion and is hoping to discover how they can take steps toward the recommended action steps.

❖ **Next Meetings** (1st Wednesday of each month – 1pm-3pm):

04/03/19	07/03/19	10/02/19
05/01/19	08/07/19	11/06/19
06/05/19	09/04/19	12/04/19

❖ **KCHWC Meetings:**

- Thursday, March 7, 2019 (Regional & Virtual)
- Tuesday, June 11, 2019 (at Symposium in Wichita)
- Thursday, September 5, 2019 (Location TBD)
- Thursday, December 5, 2019 (Location TBD)