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Advocacy Committee Meeting

The goal of the Advocacy Committee is to raise awareness about the value of Community Health Workers in Kansas.

Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 • Time: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

- ❖ **Members present:** Kasey Sorell, Carissa Redmond, Jo Mora, Matt Thibault, Kelly Nightengale, Beth Nech, and Alissa Rankin
- ❖ **New business**
 - Advocacy presentations
 - Kelly Nightengale shared about what Early Detection Works CHWs do but in an informal presentation.
 - Carissa Redmond shared about what CHWs are at their doula training
 - The instructor already knew about CHWs and the added benefit that they can provide to moms.
 - Alissa shared about CHWs with KDHE Tobacco Use Prevention Program staff.
 - There are some opportunities to advocate for CHWs to be able to refer clients to
 - Beth Nech and Alissa will be presenting about the history of CHW activities in KS at the 2019 Unity Conference in Las Vegas in mid-April.
 - Many CHWs would like to attend the Unity Conference and believe that a letter to their employers would be beneficial.
- ❖ **Old business**
 - Advocacy training for Symposium
 - Advocacy Committee wants to be part of this discussion
 - Sustainability and Education Committees requested if anyone knew of
 - Suggest connection with Sustainability and Education Committee regarding responding to RFP for
 - Standardized patient or case review type of presentation was also discussed as an opportunity for the Symposium. It was recommended that someone set up a presentation for this if they are interested and submit a proposal through the Symposium RFP.
 - The group requested if anyone has been to an Advocacy training and whether or not there is a recommendation for who to train
 - Presentations for Community Colleges

- Presentations have been offered at request from individual colleges
- A presentation was provided to a group where Hutchinson Community College
- Presentations have been provided in the Kansas City metro region to multiple colleges
- There has been discussion to present at the local high schools in Kansas City.
- Executive Committee letter to employers regarding the importance of CHWs attending national, regional, and state meetings and trainings
 - The Advocacy Committee needs to follow-up on this letter.
 - The letter would be very beneficial for CHWs to convince their employers to attend.

❖ **KDHE Updates**

- There is a new job opening with the Early Detection Works program in Lawrence. Kelly will send an email to Alissa to promote the position. The position is not necessarily a CHW position but CHW experience could be very beneficial for the position.

❖ **Next Steps**

- Discuss Advocacy presentation for Symposium in sub-committee.
- Create draft of letter for the employers at next meeting.

Next Meetings

Tuesday, April 9, 2019
 Tuesday, May 14, 2019
 Tuesday, June 11, 2019 (Symposium)
 Tuesday, July 9, 2019
 Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Tuesday, September 10, 2019
 Tuesday, October 8, 2019
 Tuesday, November 12, 2019
 Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Advocacy Committee Members

Updated 01/08/2019

Co-Chairs:

- Broderick Crawford, Executive Director, NBC Community Development Corporation & CHW Advocacy Committee Co-Chair of Kansas City Regional CHW Collaborative
- Carissa Redmond, CHW, Kansas City CARE Clinic

Members:

- Kristy Anderson, Service Coordinator, Central Plains Healthcare Partnership – Project Access
- Rebecca Anderson, Director of Care Coordination, Kansas City CARE Clinic
- Debra Anthony, RN & Grant Coordinator, Crawford County Health Department
- Kendra Baldrige, Director, Bureau of Community Health Systems, Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE)
- Cristi Cain, Director, Local Public Health Program, KDHE
- Callie Dyer, Executive Director, LiveWell Finney County/Finney County Community Health Coalition
- Holly Frye, Arthritis Program Manager, KDHE
- Diane Garvey, Executive Assistant Director, LiveWell Finney County/Finney County Community Health Coalition
- Mariana Hildreth, Bilingual Community Relations Representative – Marketing, Amerigroup
- Michael Hunter, Project Manager, Health ICT
- Lucia Jones, Project Director, Community Health Council of Wyandotte County
- Lauren Lauridsen, Public Health Educator, Arthritis Program, KDHE
- Katie Mahuron, Public Health Specialist, Local Public Health Programs, KDHE
- Mary Marquez, Case Manager, Kansas Statewide Farmworker Health Program, KDHE
- Michelle Miseses, Manager, Oral Health, KDHE
- Tom Mirás Niera, CHW Care Coordination Manager, KC CARE Clinic
- Todd Moore, Project Director, University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC)
- Stephanie Moss, RN Consultant, Health Promotion Specialist, Hypertension Management Program, Community Health Council of Wyandotte County
- Beth Nech, QI Project Manager, Kansas Foundation for Medical Care
- Irma Robbins, Early Detection Works Case Manager & Promotora de Salud Coordinator, Genesis Family Health
- Treva Smith, CHW, Swope Health
- Sandy Snook, CHW Educator & Kansas Association of Public Health Board Member
- Kasey Sorell, Clinical Initiatives Nurse, Division of Health Care Finance, KDHE
- Bobbie Stevens, Outreach Coordinator & Insurance Navigator, E. C. Tyree Health & Dental Clinic
- Matt Thibault, Project Coordinator, Health ICT
- Newman Washington, CHW, Hunter Health Clinic
- Eric Wiman, Executive Vice President, B.E. Education Group

Support Staff:

- Kelly Nightengale, KDHE Bureau of Health Promotion
- Alissa Rankin, Project Manager, Center for Public Health Initiatives