



## NOTES

### ***Advocacy Committee Meeting***

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

Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 • Time: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

- ❖ **Members present:** Guadalupe Tredway, Jo Mora, Kasey Sorell, Marne Swain, Alissa Rankin, and Kelly Nightengale
  
- ❖ **New business**
  - Advocacy presentations
    - September 30<sup>th</sup> – Guadalupe Tredway provided a webinar-style educational presentation on hypertension in both English and Spanish. It was well received.
    - Heartland Conference on Health Equity and Patient Centered Care
      - Guadalupe provided a presentation and had approximately 30 participants
        - ◆ Very positive feedback was received.
      - Several CHWs provided presentations
    - Alissa Rankin presented on the basics of CHWs, the Coalition, and distribution in Kansas. She shared how CHWs can be integrated into the community health coalitions and how they could help with tobacco use prevention and treatment.
  
- ❖ **Old business**
  - Letter to employers update
    - Some time ago, the committee created a letter to be sent to employers to help encourage CHWs to attend local, regional, statewide, and national meetings, trainings, and convenings. This letter can be found here.
    - The committee reviewed the list of potential employers on mailing list who include:
      - Aetna
      - Community Health Council of Wyandotte County
      - Genesis Family Health

- GraceMed
  - Health Partnership of Johnson County
  - Humana
  - Juntos
  - KC CARE
  - Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Early Detection Works
  - Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Kansas Statewide Farmworker Health Program
  - Kearney County Hospital
  - Kansas University Medical Center - Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, and Preventive Medicine
  - NBC Community Development Corporation
  - Sunflower Health Plan
  - Swope Health Service
  - Unified Government Public Health Department of Wyandotte County
  - United Healthcare
  - Uzazi Village
  - Vibrant
- Members reviewed the September 5<sup>th</sup> Kansas CHW Coalition's strategic planning session. The preliminary report document can be found by [clicking here](#).
- This process will be completed with the Executive Committee over the next few months.

#### ❖ **KDHE Updates**

- Kolloh Nimley has delivered the Coalition's letter to Secretary Norman and scheduled a meeting with the two of them, Broderick Crawford, Carolina Biagi, and Erika Saleski on October 28<sup>th</sup>. An update regarding this meeting will be shared at the next meeting.

#### ❖ **Next Steps**

- Alissa and Broderick will finalize the letter to employers, get it sent out, and forward a copy to CHWs
- The strategic plan will be shared with the committee ASAP.

#### **Next Meetings**

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Tuesday, December 10, 2019