

# KANSAS COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER COALITION

## SPOTLIGHT

### KANSAS COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER SYMPOSIUM:

#### BUILDING RESILIENCE THROUGH CHW TRAINING & EDUCATION

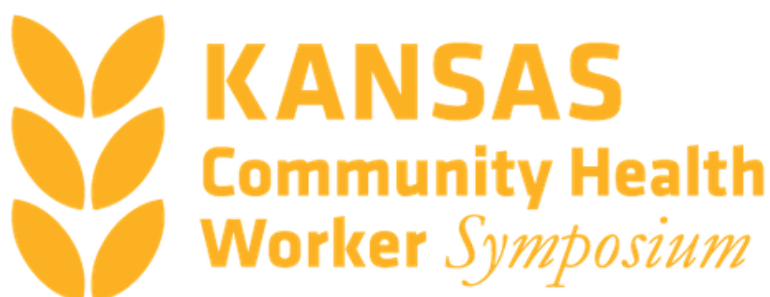
The 5th Annual Kansas Community Health Worker Symposium will be held on June 11, 2020 at 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the event will be held online. The theme for the event is “Building Resilience through CHW Training and education.”



Dr. Justin Moore, who is the Medical Director for the Kansas Business Group on Health and Health ICT, will provide the keynote presentation on CHWs and telehealth. Breakout presentations will be offered by experts on tobacco cessation for clients, changes in CHW roles during COVID-19 pandemic, breastfeeding, and CHWs as doulas.

We would like to thank our event sponsors, Sunflower Health Plan, United Healthcare, and United Methodist Health Ministry Fund.

To register for our online event, please click here: <https://bit.ly/2zzLfim>



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## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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We are collecting Community Health Worker success stories and want to know yours! Please [click here](#) and take a moment to share so that we can raise awareness of CHWs in Kansas.

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## COVID-19 & the Impact on Communities of Color: Our Nation's Inequities Exposed

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, many were already aware that communities of color face inequitable opportunities for health and well-being due to systemic barriers and disparities. This new reality has increasingly exposed inequities that POC face every day. Whether its serving in front-line jobs or testing and death rates, it apparent that COVID-19 has disproportionately impacted communities of color.

Join Trust for America's Health on May 20 at 1:00 PM for a webinar to discuss equity and the challenges that POC face during COVID-19. It will feature public health experts, lawyers, and advocates who will discuss the health and economic impacts of COVID-19 on these communities. It will discuss what is needed to advance equity in the short-term and long-term as we address COVID-19. It is recommended for anyone working in advocacy, health equity, social determinants, and with their community! [Learn more and register here!](#)

## Thriving in an Online Work Environment

Many of us are now working remotely and have probably found that this comes with a number of challenges, such as: a lack of productivity, stress, adapting to virtual meetings, and much more. The Midwestern Public Health Training Center has teamed up with the Rocky Mountain and Region IV Public Health Training Centers to create a course on Thriving in an Online Work Environment. This course has useful tips, practices, and resources for staying productive and connected when working remotely. Whether you want to take the whole course or just a couple topics, it's a great FREE resource to help during this transition. [Learn more and explore topics.](#)

## CHWs Strengthen Public Health

The Department of Homeland Security identified CHWs as critical infrastructure workers for maintaining public health and community well-being during the COVID-19 pandemic. CHWs hold critical skills always needed and especially now: a critical communications link through cultural and community connections, culturally competent health promotion, and support in finding resources. They can be retrained and redeployed to address COVID-19 - such as through contact tracing. Despite this, CHWs have been underused in the nationwide effort. The National Association of CHWs member poll showed that many have been laid off rather than utilizing for important workforce needs. [Read more](#) on how CHWs strengthen public health.

## Kansas COVID-19 Response & Recovery

As Kansas moves through Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas, make sure you are keeping up to date with the latest information, guidance, family support resources, and benefits/assistance resources. Its a great one-stop-shop for both you and your clients! Help is here at <https://covid.ks.gov/>.



# COMMITTEE UPDATES

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The **Advocacy Committee** discussed observations and changes they are experiencing in their personal and CHW work due to COVID-19. They also discussed upcoming changes to the KCHWC website. Their next meeting is

**Tuesday, June 9 at 11:00 AM**

The **Education Committee** has not met yet this month. Their next meeting is on

**Tuesday, May 19 at 3:00 PM**

The **Executive Committee** went over updates regarding the annual symposium, the KCHWC quarterly meeting on April 2, coalition support for CHWs during COVID-19, and the CHW directory. Each committee provided updates as well. They will meet again on

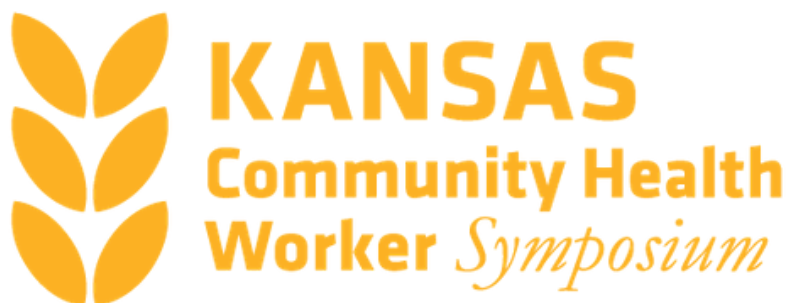
**Wednesday, June 3 at 1:00 PM**

The **Symposium Committee** recently met to continue adapting to an online symposium. They reviewed RFPs for workshops, the registration process, and other preparation steps. They will meet a second time this month to continue planning. Their next meeting is

**Monday, May 18 at 11:00 AM**

The **Sustainability Committee** met to discuss strategic planning. They went over training and credentialing in regards to CHWs in Continuum of Care as a profession, CHWs as instructors, and more. Their next meeting is

**Monday, May 26 at 2:00 PM**



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