



NOTES

Executive Committee

Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 • Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

- ❖ **Members present:** Diana Lady, Matt Thibault, Broderick Crawford, Carolina Biagi, Barbara Wiman, Kim Downes, Erika Saleski, Olivia Pewamo, Marlee Johnson, & Alissa Rankin
 - Self-care check-in
- ❖ **Discussion/Updates**
 - KCHWC Quarterly meeting on 4/2
 - April Holman shared about Medicaid expansion and how it might affect both CHWs and the clients that CHW serve.
 - The recordings of the presentation will be available on our website soon.
 - The team discussed how the Coalition support for CHWs during COVID response.
 - CHCWYCO CHWs are still employed and working from home.
 - KC Regional CHW collaborative: several health departments are looking to employ CHWs as contact tracers.
 - CHW Directory – Video
 - The United Methodist Health Ministry Fund has provided an opportunity for a Kansas CHW directory. The “how to register” video is here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=e2snZPH9TrU&app=desktop>
 - Recommendations from the Executive team are:
 - Reach out to Denise Smith at the National Association of CHWs (NACHW) to provide activity of the KS CHW Coalition.
 - Is the purpose to connect providers with CHWs?
 - ◆ Anyone can create a listing in the directory. The CHW can select what information will be shared.
 - ◆ Advise against referrals without going through the organization. For example, CHW workload and payment needs to be managed by the organization.
 - ◆ Create an option to select whether or not new registrants are a CHW.
 - ◆ Recommend formal partnerships between providers and CHW programs.

- ◆ This registry could act as an inventory list instead of a provider referral system.
 - Contact list of individual CHWs in order to leverage each other's resources.
 - CHWs can have the option to have their information displayed or not.
 - Individual CHWs can login and update their own listing OR they can forward updated information to Alissa in order to update them. There is also an option to deactivate if they are not able to be located. A third option would be to ask CHWs to alert Alissa if they notice a listing is not correct.
- ◆ List of CHW programs in order to leverage CHW programs.
- ◆ CHWs are working for licensed healthcare provider.
- ◆ This provider

- The map will be “public facing” and it will only share programmatic information. No individual CHW information will be shared.
- The information for the map will be similar to the map shown on the Kansas Prevention Collaborative website here: <https://www.kansaspreventioncollaborative.org/Coalitions/Coalition-Directory>

➤ Symposium Updates

- The event will be all-online. The keynote presenter will be Dr. Moore from Health ICT and the Kansas Business Group on Health. There will be a review of the Education pilot project and an opportunity to provide opinions around how the pilot will be rolled out. The three breakout sessions will cover topics such as CHWs and breastfeeding support during COVID-19, a doula as a CHW, and tobacco cessation.

❖ Committee Reports

- Advocacy Committee – There was a national strategy call on 4/23/2020 with national organizations who are supporting the work of CHWs. There has been a letter drafted by a physician who is advocating on behalf of CHWs. Broderick forwarded a letter for a sign-on opportunity in support of getting Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Service billing and support options for CHWs. When the recording and notes are available, we will forward them out to the Coalition members.
 - One of the recommendations was to incentivize to increase the percentage that CMS reimburses to states for CHW services.
 - It has been encouraging the State Plan Amendment pathways to increase CHW support. The 1115 waiver covers all of KanCare.
 - Does this offer an opportunity for KCHWC to speak to KDHE to leverage CHWs during COVID-19?
 - It is important to contact Denise Smith at NACHW to increase awareness of what is happening in Kansas.
- Education Committee – Continuing the discussion for train-the-trainer to launch the end of June. This will be a hybrid option due to COVID-19. There are currently about five KCHWC members and five K-State

Research and Extension professionals to attend the train-the-trainer. We are developing a survey to determine who would like to be part of the first CHW Education Pilot cohort. Mariah Chrans and Dr. Manuel Solano are piloting the new Mid-America Regional Council curriculum at the Metropolitan Community College as well.

- Sustainability Committee – Carolina has returned to work from maternity leave. The committee reviewed the education pilot progress. The Sustainability Committee would like to make sure that all folks who would like to become CHW trainers are able to. It is important to have CHWs as instructors. It was recommended that big decisions that affect the entire state required to be approved by the CHW Forum (CHW Community of Practice). The change to the bylaws may be required for this.
- Symposium updates were provided earlier. All executive committee members are encouraged to save the date for the Symposium event on 6/11/2020 from 9 am – 12:30 pm.
- CHW Community of Practice
 - Nyala Bulock from Missouri works as a CHW for a MO Health Managed Care Organization. She shared her recommendations for connecting clients with services and transportation.
- Regional Representatives
 - Northeast Kansas - The tribes are working with essential workers currently and clinics are open as well and working on re-opening as they can.

❖ **KDHE Support Staff Updates**

- KDHE will have some updates during the June Executive Committee meeting.
- KDHE staff are still working from home as well.

❖ **Next Steps**

- Register for the Symposium on 5/11/2020. Download the app that you can download to connect with other participants.
- Internal KDHE CHW meeting was held on 5/4/2020. This was a small meeting where the KCHWC updates were shared along with Symposium event. The directory launch was shared as well.

Next Meetings

(1st Wednesday of each month – 1pm-3pm)

Wednesday, June 3, 2020	Wednesday, October 7, 2020
Wednesday, July 1, 2020	Wednesday, November 4, 2020
Wednesday, August 5, 2020	Wednesday, December 2, 2020
Wednesday, September 2, 2020	