



NOTES

Executive Committee

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

- ❖ **Members present:** Diana Lady, Matt Thibault, Erika Saleski, Olivia Pewamo, Erika Saleski, Barb Wiman, Mariah Chrans, Kim Downs, Carolina Biagi, Lainey Faulkner, and Alissa Rankin
 - Self-care check-in
 - How are you feeling with all of the things going on in our nation?
- ❖ **Discussion/Updates**
 - 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.
 - Train the Trainer Update
 - The training will be held online, over the course of the three weeks meeting via zoom for class discussions. The training will begin on August 10th or later. If you are being trained, please watch for the training date's selection poll.
 - We have approximately 16 people signed up to become trainers. This includes
 - Strategic Planning – Next Steps
 - Inter-Committee Collaboration
 - Example: Advocacy and Education Committee working on similar tasks
 - CHW driven decisions -
 - Recommendations are made from the committees that have
 - Added level of CHW approval
 - Transparency
 - Survey may be best option for submitting recommendations
 - ◆ May make it more comfortable for individuals to share their opinions
 - ◆ May receive more honesty through anonymity
 - ◆ Both long and short surveys are acceptable

- Be careful and aware of terminology
- Purpose is to support CHWs and have them be involved in what we are doing and decisions we are making.
- All Co-Chairs and committees need to help Alissa know which items need to have CHW input.
What are key decisions that need to involve CHWs?

❖ Committee Reports

➤ Advocacy

- Different strategies to get agencies or groups of people to present about the CHW role.
- Discussed challenges that CHWs are facing due to COVID-19. CHWs and patients in isolation.
- Sharing ways to present role of CHWs through individual or small group discussions.
- What groups or agencies would you like to present to?
 - Focusing on agencies that are currently working with people who have COVID-19.
 - Health Department of Wyandotte County – Two new CHWs
 - COVID-19 Call – receive phone calls for anything related to COVID
 - ◆ Do CHWs have any individuals who need resources?
 - ◆ Nurses also give resources and information
 - ◆ Businesses
 - ◆ CHWs as contact tracing within the Health Department
 - ◆ Addressing Social Determinants of Health
 - Swahili, Spanish, Hindi, and English
 - Is there an opportunity for collecting data on how CHWs are helping during the COVID-19 crisis?
 - ◆ This would be great to share these experiences
 - Resource needed: Assistance for families that need money to help with funeral expenses
 - ◆ Guadalupe will follow-up with Diana
 - ◆ Diana has reached out to the Mexican Consulate but this is only for people from Mexico

➤ Education

- In a bit of a holding pattern waiting on decisions from Symposium, Train the Trainer, and Certification Survey.
- Elaine Johannes and Alissa will provide an update at the end of the Symposium.

➤ Sustainability

- Working on the summer trainer course. Caitlin Allen and Paige Menking will train.
- KC region will provide updates on
- Recommendation to not have the training rooted in academia.

- Ensure that CHWs can be trainers
- Where the curriculum would be “housed”
 - It should be housed outside of academia so that it will be available to anyone to take.
 - Community-based standards are different than academic-based standards
- Certification Task Force:
 - On hold until July 2020.
- Symposium
 - See above.
- CHW Community of Practice
 - There was no May meeting.
- Regional Representatives
 - Northeast Kansas – Johnsonville Plan in Jackson county has had a cluster of COVID-19. This is impacting the tribes. There are health centers on the reservations that are testing tribe members. Southern Plains Tribal Health Board has released informational announcement on the radio to help reduce the spread.
 - Reservations are small and they have been following recommendations.

❖ **KDHE Support Staff Updates**

- KDHE staff are still working from home. There are no additional updates.

❖ **Next Steps**

Next Meetings

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

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