



NOTES

Executive Committee

Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 • Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

- ❖ Members present: Diana Lady, Mariah Chrans, Olivia Pewamo, Matt Thibault, Alissa Rankin, Carolina Biagi, Callie Dyer, Kim Downes, Barbara Wiman, Erika Saleski, Neshia Wilson, and Paigton Mayes
- ❖ Discussion/Updates
 - Mentorship for CHW update
 - Survey- The intended audience is for students who are interested in becoming CHWs, current CHWs, and those who are interested in becoming mentors. Present the idea to the CHW Community of Practice/forum or the students to determine if they see mentorship as a need. This was brought up at the last symposium. The team plans to propose this question in the regional meeting tomorrow. The goal is to assess the mentorship opportunities.
 - COVID-19 digital workshop initiative
 - Talked about having something aside from the curriculum to provide a small workshop about literacy skills. This would help the community health worker know how to best communicate with the public (i.e., not typing in all caps, how to access maps, etc.)
 - Kansas Business Group on Health: Matt & Dr. Moore and he met to discuss a workshop/module on digital literacy, telehealth and chronic disease management. Barb and Matt will share with the Education Committee to have them weigh in on creating this module and/or handout.
 - Train the trainer update
 - Was fun, felt at home with everyone, and enjoyed the discussions. Felt the team really got to know each other a lot better, lots of collaboration to charge forward, they are teachable.
 - The Community Health Council of Southeast Kansas has multiple communities served by CHWs and want to train them. Five students from this employer have been enrolled in the upcoming class.
 - Strategic plan implementation for 2020/2021
 - Alissa will provide a recommendation for ideas to share on strategic plan to assure that we are staying on track.
- ❖ Committee & Regional Representative Updates

- Education Committee: An update was provided on the train the trainer session in August. Discussion was held on the success of the training.
- Sustainability Committee: The team listed key indicators for data collection to be used at the request of anyone hoping to advance the CHW profession. Request data from employers on client information. (i.e., blood pressures check)
 - The Kansas CHW Workforce assessment is projected to be released at the end of October and will include a question on what data employers regularly collect. The team reviewed the survey to determine if anything needed to be added.
- Symposium Committee: One hour presentations will be held once a month. Sept 3rd will be provided by Guadalupe Tredway and she will present on Hypertension Management. The Early Detection Works program is tentatively scheduled for October, and Digital Literacy in November. No topics have been selected for December. Some recommendations are immigration, certified peer support, non-English speakers navigating health, transportation resources, and civil liberties.
- Advocacy Committee: Lieutenant Governor held a virtual listening session to address health and economic disparities in Southwest Kansas. Alissa shared about CHWs and how they are working to address this. This was well received and has been able to build relationship with other communities due to this meeting. Southwestern Kansas is about 75% Latino. There is a lack of responsiveness to census in western KS. It was shared that this is due to fear of deportation or inaccurate messages being portrayed.
- ❖ Kansas Department of Health and Environment Support Staff Updates
 - Lauren Lauridsen and Marlee Johnson have both resigned at KDHE and moved on to new positions. Our continued connection to KDHE will be with Kelly Nightengale, Meredith Slan, and Lainey Faulkner.
- ❖ Next Steps
 - Check into if there is still funding to print CHW merchandise (masks). It was recommended to do this before the next Symposium in June of 2021.

Next Meetings

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

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Wednesday, November 4, 2020