

KANSAS COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER COALITION



spotlight

The Intersection of CHWs and Social Determinants of Health

Social determinants of health (SDoH) play a critical role in promoting health equity. The [Kaiser Family Foundation model](#) identifies five main categories of SDoH that influence a person's health: economic stability, education, community and social context, food, neighborhood and physical environment, and health care system. Addressing SDoH can aid in prevention and mitigation of health disparities and poor health outcomes.

The work carried out by Community Health Workers has the capacity to impact SDoH in their community. CHWs understand the reality of the communities they serve, and center the conversation of health on the individual in relationship to their community. Efforts to connect residents with resources, such as food systems or peer support, contribute to the mitigation of harmful SDoH. Overall, CHWs contribute a significant effort to address SDOH.

You can find more information about SDoH from the [CDC](#), [WHO](#), and [Healthy People 2020](#).

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Samantha Bradfield, *Community Engagement Institute*

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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The Pandemic & Social Isolation: Considerations to Support LGBT Older Adults

Join Brown School alumna Sherill Wayland, MSW, on December 15th from 11:30 - 12:30pm, for a discussion about unique risk for social isolation LGBT older adults face in the midst of COVID-19 and the winter season. This webinar will share considerations for social service providers, and ideas for how family and friends can be supportive during this unique time. You can learn more [here](#).

COVID-19 & Social Determinants have Highlighted More Health Inequities

Listen to Brian C. Castrucci, President of the de Beaumont Foundation, and Kadesha Smith, host of Modern Healthcare's "Next Up" podcast, discuss the intersection of healthcare, social determinants of health, and COVID-19. This podcast digs beyond individual health and places significance on the community aspect of public health. The podcast's discussions help highlight how social determinants of health can impact health inequities. Tune in or read the transcript [here](#).

Tenant Based Rental Assistance Resource

With the ongoing pressure of COVID-19 on the working class, Kansas Eviction Prevention Program provides resources for supporting Kansas residents struggling with paying rent, security deposits, and/or utility deposits. This program is available for income-eligible households looking for rental assistance. We know health goes beyond visiting the doctor, and stable housing provides well-being for community residents. You can find more information and a list of contacts per county at Kansas Eviction Prevention Program's [website](#).





COMMITTEE UPDATES

The **Advocacy Committee** discussed proposing a different meeting time in consideration of merging the Advocacy and Sustainability Committees.

The new new time will be determined by a poll. The next regularly scheduled meeting is **Tuesday, Dec. 8th at 11:00 AM**

The **Education Committee** discussed possibilities of incorporating emphasis areas, like breastfeeding and childhood ailments) in the CHW curriculum. Dr. Solano presented information on the development of a digital literacy curriculum The next meeting is on **Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 3:00 PM**

The **Executive Committee** met and discussed the topic of digital literacy training. The group considered how to support tribal communities in this conversation. A possible champion group has been identified in KDHE to support the CHW certification. The group proposed temporarily merging the Advocacy and Sustainability Committees. Additionally, the Committee expressed interest in further discussing CHWs and CHRs. They will meet again on **Wednesday, Dec. 2nd at 1:00 PM**

The **Symposium Committee** was postponed for the month of November. The committee will reconvene on **Monday, Dec. 21st at 10:00 AM**

The **Sustainability Committee** was postponed for the month of November. Their next meeting is **To Be Announced**



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