

# KANSAS COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER COALITION



## spotlight

### Supporting Kansans Identifying as Transgender

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The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted how barriers to health care access can have deadly consequences. Some groups of people are more vulnerable to being denied health care or avoid health care due to fear of discrimination and a history of previous negative experiences. [Surveys in Kansas](#) indicate that about one-third of people of [trans experience](#) have been denied treatment or suffered abuse by the medical provider.

“The state of Kansas has a long way to go towards being a safer place for LGBTQ folx.” Amanda Mogoi, the nurse practitioner and co-owner of M-Care Healthcare in Wichita, said. “Currently, Kansas does not prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in education, employment, housing, or public accommodations.”

Mogoi cites the lack of support for people of trans experience as a significant barrier to accessing health care. “I frequently see patients who are not out to their primary care provider (PCP) or ‘family doctor’ ...

because they are worried about how their previous PCP will treat them.” Mogoi’s clinic serves as a safe referral source for LGBTQ2+ patients. Mogoi is a World Professional Association for Transgender Healthcare (WPATH) trained medical provider. Her clinic serves the specific needs of the transgender community that other providers may deny – such as hormone therapy and sexual health.

The Kansas health system has the opportunity to grow and provide resources for Kansans identifying as transgender. Mogoi is currently working on creating a network of trans affirming healthcare professionals. You can find an in-progress list of LGBTQ+ safe medical providers on the [LGBT Health Coalition website](#). Mogoi suggested providers take time to educate themselves and to check out the [WPATH Standards of Care document](#).

Mogoi affirmed, “All people are equally deserving of care.”

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## Using Your Health Care Webinar

On Thursday, February 4, 2021 from 1:00-2:00 pm CST, From Coverage to Care (C2) is hosting a webinar with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Office of Minority Health. This webinar will cover materials and resources available to help consumers understand their health coverage and make the most out of their coverage. Additionally, the webinar will address the differences in providers, review ways consumers can find providers, and clarify health insurance terms for consumers. You can register for this webinar [here](#).

## CHW Training COVID-19

Check out [this free interactive CHW COVID-19 eTraining module](#) from MCD Public Health. This training module provides in-depth training for pandemic related topics, such as:

- The role of CHWs in stopping the spread of COVID-19,
- Managing stress and anxiety
- How to care for others that are sick.

This course takes an estimated two hours to complete and participants receive a certification of completion.

## Kansas COVID-19 Vaccine Information

CHWs play a critical role in the promotion of the COVID-19 vaccine. The COVID-19 vaccine is available in limited quantities, which has been addressed by a 3-tiered phase of distribution. Kansas is currently in Phase One of the distribution plan. Kansans cannot be denied a vaccine if they cannot afford the administration fee or do not have insurance. Keep your community safe and up to date on the COVID-19 vaccination by learning more at [KDHE's vaccine website](#).





# COMMITTEE UPDATES




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## Executive Committee

The Education Committee discussed the focus for the upcoming year: healing and transforming communities, addressing COVID-19, and promoting the COVID-19 vaccine. The Digital Literacy Training was held successfully on 1/13, and will be a three part series. The committee discussed inviting former students to participate in the coalition and ways this might be accomplished. Additionally, the committee discussed possible additional support to CHWs, and ways to increase the amount of resources shared. Also, discussed ways CHWs could better utilize time when they travel in rural areas. For Northeast Kansas & Tribes Updates, two tribes began giving vaccines. The Southern Plains Tribal Health Board is planning for a virtual conference in April and Kansas. The Kansas Tribal Food Systems will be presenting during this conference. In Southwest Kansas, we welcome Robert DeLeon as the new representative. The committee will meet again: **Wednesday, February 3, at 1:00 PM.**

## Joint Advocacy & Sustainability Committee

The Joint Advocacy & Sustainability Committee discussed three programs and their connections with CHWs: Children's Health Learning Network (CHLN), Birth Equity Network (BEN), and RadX UP. The KDHE Workgroup has held two meetings. There is a call to share information of additional programs you might know to add to the [CHW Map](#). The KS CHW Workforce Assessment is currently in IRB approval. There is a call for coalition members to join the Success Stories Design Team for UMHMF. The next meeting is **Tuesday, February 16, at 1:30 PM.**

thoughts were pre-recorded videos from CHWs about the impact of COVID-19, and continuing the CHW of the year award. The next meeting is **Monday, February 15 at 11:00 AM.**

## Education Committee

The Education Committee met and discussed new opportunities for CHW professional development offered by HRSA and the National Leadership Academy for Public Health (NLAPH) C10 Acceptance. A team was determined for NLAPH, and the focus will be to prepare CHWs for emerging issues and promote the importance of CHWs across Kansas. The 2020 CHW Training Cohort is wrapping up their Service Learning experiences and have been completing their program evaluations. The second Cohort will begin training May 17th until August 23rd. We welcome Lainey Faulkner as the new Community-Clinical Linkages Program Manager. The next meeting is **Tuesday, February 16 at 3:00 PM.**

## Symposium Committee

The Symposium Committee decided hold the symposium virtually. The committee reviewed the final selection of topics and speakers to invite centered on the topics of Lessons Learned from COVID-19, Resiliency & Self-Care, and Social Justice and Vulnerable Populations. Additional

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