



NOTES

Executive Committee

Date: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 • Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

❖ **Members present:** Callie Dyer, Barb Wiman, Erika Saleski, Carolina Biagi, Guadalupe Tredway, Sam Bradfield, Olivia Pewamo, Kim Downes, Diana Lady, Matt Thibault, Alissa Rankin, Mariah Chrans, JaNeshia Wilson

❖ Discussion/Updates

- New Year
 - What should be our focus? Continue healing and transforming our communities
 - Healing, moving into a new year
 - COVID in 2020
 - Vaccine in 2021? – CHWs will be instrumental
 - The way we serve will be different (virtual).
 - Making the vaccine message appropriate for various populations
 - ◆ Diana has a webinar email regarding barriers
 - ◆ Merc – Matt is finalizing a date for webinar on vaccine hesitancy
 - ◆ Home health nurses are anticipated to deliver vaccines for people who are homebound in KC
- Closing letter for 2020 successes/challenges from the committees by Samantha Bradfield
 - It would be interesting to include information on number of CHWs, number of employers, types of employers, etc.
 - Utilize this as a marketing piece.

Advocacy Committee

Committee members advocated for and supported CHWs' unexpected shift in job duties and needed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Several presentations were given to promote CHW work in Kansas.

Certification Task Force

The task force was formed out of the Sustainability Committee and has spent 2020 reviewing the KDHE Credentialing Manual for Applications and Kansas State Legislature statutes for health profession credentialing.

Education Committee

The first cohort of CHW Trainers were trained in August 2020 and CHWs beginning in September through December. The Education Committee provided guidance for the development of the process and infrastructure to implement this process in Kansas. A strong, instruction partnership with Kansas State University Research and Extension (KSRE) has been developed. Both KSRE and Coalition members provided education for the students.

Sustainability Committee

Identified potential CHW program performance indicators with the purpose of identifying similar data collection strategies among CHW employers. The committee would like to compare impact of CHWs in Kansas.

Symposium Committee

The 2020 Kansas CHW Symposium was held virtually on June 11, 2020 where 147 CHWs, Promotoras de Salud (PdS), academicians, healthcare partners, a variety of state agencies, non-profit organizations, and other key stakeholders attended the event. The Symposium Committee was responsible for planning this event and the upcoming event on June 8, 2021.

Other

Connections were made with Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska, Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation in Kansas through the Southern Plains Tribal Health Board. Community Health Representatives from the Indian Health Service clinics have joined the KCHWC as well.

- Digital literacy training
 - Plan to be 3 part series
 - 1st part 1/13 at 1pm-3pm
 - Call for CHWs to join the 2nd and 3rd part
- KCHWC Regional Meeting on Wednesday, 1/13/2021 at 1pm-3pm
 - Dr. Solano
- Discussion: Invitation from the coalition to former students to participate in the coalition committees
 - How can we invite them to participate?
 - Included on listserv
 - Talked about during class
 - Shared website
 - Share a brief overview for new people during the meeting
 - Mutually beneficial group (coalition) – amplifies collective voice of CHWs
 - We need their help as much as they can provide help to us
 - Make meetings known to large coalition group so that they can have it on their calendars ahead of time
 - If they would like to change committees, they are welcome to do so.
- Support CHWs with COVID
 - Is there any additional support that the Coalition can provide?
 - Promote map: <https://kschw.org/map-workers/>
 - Promote CHW Directory: <https://kschw.org/loginmenu/>
 - CHWs are very busy and overwhelmed (e.g., 90+ referrals for 5 CHWs)
 - Sharing resources is important
 - Add to website:
 - ◆ COVID testing that will not change (e.g., health departments)
 - ◆ Help with utilities
 - 1 email stating that there are more resources added to website
 - ◆ Resources change quickly
 - ◆ Kansas Public Health Collaborative does an email twice a month with website updates, including resources/events
 - Share CHW meetings, etc. on social media?
 - Does KS CHW have any social media accounts?
 - Facebook: @kschwcoalition
 - Twitter: ??
- **IDEA for presentation: How can we utilize time as CHWs are traveling in rural areas? Can we help them mitigate drive time through telehealth?**
 - Podcast resources could be helpful to fill time
 - Recording audio from past KS CHW trainings and events...for the podcast
 - Find podcasts that will work for CHWs (e.g., general topics for new CHWs, self-care, managing conflict with clients, being organized, networking, etc.)

- National Public Radio in each region? For example in North East Kansas, there's a radio station thru University of Kansas....

❖ **Committee Updates**

- Advocacy/Sustainability – Held first joint meeting with Sustainability. Spent the meeting getting caught up with previous activities and activities in the region related to COVID efforts.
- Education – Did not meet in December due to conflicts. Plan to review evaluation of education program in January and getting ready for Cohort 2.
- Symposium – Did not meet in December. Planning to move forward with planning in January.
- Community of Practice – Discussed survey for certification. Some students from the Cohort 1 of Education program were in attendance. Other students are interested. They offered opinions. Discussed which topics they would like to hear for 2021. Shared about webinars coming and resources available.

❖ **Regional Representative Updates**

- Northeast Kansas & Tribes – Two of four tribes have begun giving vaccines! Southern Plains Tribal Health Board is planning for a virtual conference in April and Kansas Tribal Food Systems is doing a presentation during this conferences. They discussed tribes maintaining their own food sovereignty and incorporating tribal foods. Have Kansas State Research and Extension nutrition assistants that share cooking demos. These are now virtual as well. Olivia will be presenting with them as well.
- Southwest Kansas - <https://uniteus.com/>
 - Robert DeLeon is the new SWKS representative
 - For Profit company based out of NYNY
 - Referral source by CHW into local hospitals

❖ **KDHE Support Staff Updates**

- None.

❖ **Next Steps**

- Watch for a proofread document from Sam and a registration email for 1/13 from Alissa.

Next Meetings

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

Wednesday, February 3, 2021
 Wednesday, March 3, 2021
 Wednesday, April 7, 2021
 Wednesday, May 5, 2021
 Wednesday, June 2, 2021
 Wednesday, July 7, 2021

Wednesday, August 4, 2021
 Wednesday, September 1, 2021
 Wednesday, October 6, 2021
 Wednesday, November 3, 2021
 Wednesday, December 1, 2021