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***Advocacy & Sustainability
Committees' Meeting***

Date: Tuesday, Jan 19, 2021 • Time: 1:30 am – 2:30 pm

- ❖ **Members present:** Broderick Crawford, Neshia Wilson, Amy Gaier, Diana Lady, Kim Downes, Dr. Mariah Chrans, Treva Smith, Carolina Biagi, Sam Bradfield, Barbara Wiman, Erika Saleski, Kelly Nightengale, Alissa Rankin

Advocacy Committee

❖ **New business**

- Children's Health Learning Network (CHLN) – Annie E K Foundation
 - Look at infant mortality, specifically Medicaid expansion and how that impacts folks that provide services; discussion around how to include doulas and community health workers as part of this conversation
- Birth Equity Network (BEN) – Dr. Sharla Smith
 - Bring together traditional black fraternity and sororities to discuss infant mortality, and bring their collectives together to give them a voice in change and address the infant mortality rates in their communities and 'What can we do for change?'
- RadX UP – Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics in Underserved Communities
 - The goal is to expand COVID testing within ten counties in the state of Kansas, urban and rural counties; 2-Year grant with potential of another year
 - In process of creating local health action teams, with funding to hire a community health worker in each of the 10 counties – role of CHW may be different depending on support needed from county, not all working the county health department (depends on capacity of local health department)
- Vaccine Updates: each Kansas county modifies which tier they are on; vaccines and testing should be free
- KDHE Workgroup
 - Two meetings with the group so far, good representation from the coalition
- CHW Map
 - Are there any additional programs that we could add to our current list of programs for the state?

- Contacts will be updated every 6 months
- In the next 6 weeks, contacting each of the programs
- Share information of additional programs you might know of

❖ **Old business**

- Advocacy presentations- outcome/feedback (Breastfeeding Coalition and Unite Us)
 - New consultant hired for Unite Us reached out to Callie Dyer

Sustainability Committee

❖ **New Business**

- KS CHW Workforce Assessment
 - Survey Update – potential indicators and free form fillable indicators from employers, same survey that collects the data for the CHW Map; currently under Institutional Review Board and awaiting approval (not yet distributed) – survey will go to CHWs and the program directors will be interviewed verbally; data owned by KDHE so need data usage agreements
- Success Stories Design Team Request – United Methodist Health Ministry Fund (UMHMF)
 - Project is a yearlong, starts Feb. 1; Goal: UMHMF wants to help drive policy work with qualitative data alongside qualitative; Success story might take on many different forms – video clips, one-pagers, short podcasts
 - Broderick can help identify CHWs that could tell success stories
 - Guadalupe has a lot of success stories already written
 - Could reach out to cohort of education pilot and ask Olivia for her input/connections with Community Health Representatives (CHRs – serve Native American and Alaskan Native populations)

❖ **Old Business**

- None.

❖ **KDHE Updates**

- Kansas Cancer Partnership: Jan. 26, Formulating 5 year strategic plan to improve cancer related outcomes in the state
- Trained 4 CHWs for Early Detection Works

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