



# KANSAS COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER COALITION: 2020 IN REVIEW

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**2020 has definitely been a rollercoaster of a year. However, the Kansas Community Health Worker Coalition has adapted and persevered with its mission to support CHWs in Kansas. We would like to take time to celebrate your many accomplishments over the past year.**

## **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.

## **Executive Committee**

- JaNeshia Wilson and Samantha Bradfield joined our team.
- Special certification committee group was made with the support of United Methodist Health Ministry Fund and KDHE.
- Our webpage was update and revised with additional resources.
- Strategic plan was successfully disclosed and explained to each committee.
- On March 13, 2020 we welcomed K-State Research and Extension to partner with us on Train the Trainer curriculum.

- We supported efforts around COVID-19 and CHWs by providing education webinars.
- Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition joined forces with us to support CHW across Kansas.
- The Sustainability and Advocacy committees merged due to similar goals and logistics.

## **Advocacy Committee**

- Committee members advocated for and supported CHWs' unexpected shift in job duties 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.

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## 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.

## Additional Highlights

- Connections were made through the Southern Plains Tribal Health Board 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.
- Community Health Representatives from the Indian Health Service clinics have joined the KCHWC.
- Strengthened connections with KDHE and found support with KDHE for the certification process.
- Supported successful Digital Literacy training.

**We would like to thank everyone for their contributions during 2020, and encourage you to join any of the committees this year!**

