



NOTES

Education Committee

The goal of the Education Committee is to continually improve the content and process of CHW education in KS.

Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 • Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Attendees: Matt Thibault, Kim Downes, Elaine Johannes, Barb Wiman, Kathy Hunt, Sam Bradfield, Diana Lady, Lucia Jones, Neshia Wilson, and Alissa Rankin

❖ Welcome

- Shared what they love about KS

❖ National Leadership Academy for Public Health (NLAPH) C10 Acceptance

- Elaine, Matt, Barb, Alissa, Diana, and Sandy —are a part of the coaching opportunity with Dr. Ed

❖ New Business

➤ Oral Health- Kathy Hunt

- Discussed ideas of separate modules for the upcoming Cohort, this is where oral health came in.
- What happens in the mouth doesn't stay in the mouth, it affects the whole body
- Plans to insert slides that tell the story of oral health—nutrition, mental/behavioral health (in children), chronic disease and substance abuse section is where this idea provides connection. Sought as a great opportunity to commercialize this model w/o taking too much time.
- Like breastfeeding module, the oral health module can be in a similar format
- Why? Talk about good oral health, early pregnancy and childhood, healthy snacking, professional dental care, oral hygiene, substance abuse—to equip CHWs with understanding and comfort while working with clients to talk about this
- Sustainability—could this be a live/recorded module? Service-learning module for credit?
- Give case studies—to demonstrate how this may play out in conversations
- Kathy to serve as guest speaker in the module, along with Brenda and Treva and go from there (They have a core course for breastfeeding—will have to make sure it aligns with the oral health piece)
 - Create a pre-recorded clip (2-3 min) should a speaker not be able to attend
- Include these *types* of modules are requirement for CEUs if this certification comes to fruition

➤ Service learning with the extension office- activities (May 2021 Cohort)

- Currently looking at how best to do this. Maybe add into the next cohort?

- Idea: locate local extension offices (10 areas of health) to have interview with extension and have a service-learning time. Attend workshop and teach/co-present
- CHW go with extension worker to activities and provide input to Community Health Needs Assessment and to plans (share learning with Alissa and Barb)
- Elaine did a half-hour talk in Saline to the board recently and needed someone with boots on the ground to help express to the board the CHW perspective.
- Could the CHW connect themselves and/or client(?) directly to the extension office? This idea stems from rural communities and often the disconnect in hospitals and health departments when it comes to the idea of *community*
 - Oral health- locate nearest safety net dental clinic
 - Lactation- locate lactation consultants
- Elaine shared the disconnect with *agents* from the *real-world* and community and missed opportunity to be a spokesperson for change. Felt CHWs would be valued-added to educate the extension office
-

❖ Old Business

➤ Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) Educational Opportunity for CHWs

- Franchon Francees, *Healing Your Almond*
 - Class is **full!** At 150 mark including the waiting list
 - Alissa will see if Franchon would be willing to speak on a subject as a session: resilience?
 - HRSA said they will hold an additional training in 2022, not sure if it will be same topics: maternal health
 - 1st session will be recorded and available for 30 days only
 - Kathy—perhaps other health orgs can help support additional funding for another opportunity for the TISC presentation from Healing Your Almond
 - ◆ Ask Franchon about any 1-hr sessions
 - ◆ Can she meet the needs of the waiting list (Elaine has a poverty grant, farm and branch service grant (USDA) could maybe help cover the cost). Elaine will reach out to Alissa about grant potential and go from there.

➤ Exploration of referral systems- lactation consultants

❖ CHW Training Cohort

- Update on completed Cohort 2020-
 - Mostly rural students

❖ KDHE Updates

❖ Next Steps

Next Committee Meeting Dates

Tuesday- March 16, 2021
Tuesday- April 20, 2021
Tuesday- May 18, 2021
Tuesday- June 15, 2021
Tuesday- July 20, 2021
Tuesday- Aug 17, 2021

Tuesday- September 21, 2021
Tuesday- October 19, 2021
Tuesday- November 16, 2021
Tuesday- December 20, 2021

Education Committee Members:

Co-Chairs

- **Barbara Wiman**, President & Professional Development, B.E. Education Group
- **VACANT**

Members

- **Debbie Cooper**, Manager, Health Connections, Sunflower Health Plan
- **Kim Downes**, CHW, CEO, Kansas City Quality Improvement Consortium
- **Holly Frye**, Arthritis Program Manager, KDHE
- **Kathy Hunt**, Dental Project Director, Oral Health Kansas
- **Dr. Elaine Johannes**, Associate Professor, Kansas State University Research and Extension
- **Diana Lady**, Health Promoter, Kansas Statewide Farmworker Health Program
- **Lauren Lauridsen**, Arthritis Program Health Educator, KDHE
- **Stephanie Moss**, CEO/President, SM RN Consulting
- **Kelly Nightengale**, Bureau of Health Promotion, KDHE
- **Cecelia Palomino**, Service Coordinator, Central Plains Healthcare Partnership – Project Access
- **Irma Robbins**, Early Detection Works Case Manager/Promotora de Salud Coordinator, Genesis Family Health
- **Erika Saleski**, KC Regional CHW Collaborative
- **Guadalupe Tredway**, CHW, KC CARE Clinic
- **Newman Washington**, CHW, Hunter Health Clinic

WSU Support

- ✚ **Alissa Rankin**, Project Manager, Center for Public Health Initiatives
- ✚ **Neshia Wilson**, Project Manager, Center for Public Health Initiatives