The 6th Annual Kansas Community Health Worker Symposium will be held virtually on June 8, 2021 from 12:00pm to 4:00pm. The theme for this event is, Building Resilience through Training and Resources.

Dr. Somava Saha, who has dedicated her career to improving health, wellbeing and equity through the development of thriving people, organizations and communities, will provide the keynote presentation on Health Equity. Breakout presentations will be offered by experts on the importance of social connectedness, social justice, COVID-19, and self-care.

We would like to thank our event sponsors United Methodist Health Ministry Fund, Sunflower Health Plan, Kansas Business Group on Health, and United Healthcare.

Register here: https://kschw.org/symposium/

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IN THE NEWS
COVID-19 FRONT LINES
NEED COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS, YET THEY’RE NOT GETTING NEEDED SUPPORT

In this article, Denise Octavia Smith describes her insights she’s collected over the past year in regards to the mental and emotional challenges for frontline pandemic workers across America.

RESOURCES
KANSAS SUPPORT GROUPS

This website provides resources and support groups across Kansas. Some examples of categories include COVID-19, mental health, and parenting. You can find more here.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITY
CULTURALLY-INFORMED APPROACHES TO RURAL HEALTHCARE: AN INTRODUCTION

This session will help you learn more about cultural humility, impacts of culture on health and healthcare practice, and skills for building relationships with clients. Pre-register and learn more here.
COMMITTEE UPDATES

The Executive Committee met and discussed the potential ways for increased transparency, ways for members to share opinions, and retention of members. Desire was expressed to develop an easy to share FAQ around COVID-19 information. The Executive Committee will meet again **Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 1 PM**.

The joint Advocacy and Sustainability Committee met and Dr. Laila Cure shared possible funding opportunities (**NSF**). There is potential for for funding for training and credentialing from the Kansas Community Health Workers (CHWs) for COVID Response and Resilient Communities (KCCR) Program. The Advocacy and Sustainability Committee will meet again **Tuesday, June 15 at 1:30 PM**.

The Symposium Committee met and primarily focused on adding topics for the upcoming one-hour learning sessions in the Fall. All moderators have been scheduled for recording sessions and speakers have been finalized. Registration is now open! The deadline to submit for leadership positions is 5/31. The Symposium Committee will meet again on **Monday, June 21, 2021 at 10 AM**.

The Education Committee met and discussed the potential for photovoice as a strategy to convey quantitative data about the work CHWs do. Additionally, the committee discussed possible service-learning opportunities and indicated an interest in SNAP-Education. The second training cohort officially started and is off to a great start! The next meeting will be **Tuesday, June 15 at 3:00 PM**.

*For more information about Kansas CHW Coalition meeting dates, please contact alissa.rankin@wichita.edu.*

KC REGIONAL CHW COLLABORATIVE

Have you participated in the Kansas City Regional CHW Collaborative meetings? The mission of this collaborative is to integrate CHWs into the health and human services systems through capacity building, advocacy, and sustainability. You find more information **here** or contact Hannayd Ruiz at hrui@marc.org.

**CAPACITY BUILDING SUBCOMMITTEE**  
*Monday, June 28, 9:00 am*

**ADVOCACY SUBCOMMITTEE**  
*Thursday, June 24, 8:00 am*

**KC REGIONAL CHW FORUM**  
*Tuesday, June 24 9:00 am*

**KC REGIONAL CHW COLLABORATIVE**  
*Thursday, July 22, 10:30 am*