

AGENDA+NOTES

Kansas Community Health Worker Symposium Committee					
Meeting Date: 8.21.2023 Meeting Time: 10:00 am Location: Zoom		Symposium Committee Directors: Kim Downes, Lucy Watie Attendees: Kim Downes, Wendy James, Megan Betts, Lucy Watie, Lucia Jones, Birgit Lemke, Katrina Caide-Schneweis, Yadira Soltero, Jackie Betance, Sarahy Soriano, Karen Lozano, Todd Moore, Kelly Nightengale, Manny Guzman, Alissa Rankin			
		WSU CEI Support: Alissa Rankin, Diana Lady (Facilitator), Megan Betts, Katrina Caide-Schneweis			
	Topic	Discussion			
1.	Check-in Welcome	We celebrate and welcome Lucy Watie as a symposium Chair. Lucy's Birthday Today!!! Happy Bir			
		All members and attendees of our committee: We must remember our Mission and vision.			
		Mission: Kansas Community Health Workers collaborating to achieve health equity through education, empowerment, and advocacy.			
		Vision: Heath Equity for all Kansans			
		Keep in mind during our meeting discussions: The reason why we are in this meeting doing this work.			
		Move up, move back, balance participation.Listen deeply to understand, not to respond			
		 Acknowledge that multiple people have contributed to advancing this work. Use our racial equity lens (which includes culture) to make decisions. 			
2.	Old business	 Kansas CHW Coalition (KCHWC) election results update Advocacy Committee Co-Chairs: Angela Scott & Ricardo Ortiz Education Committee Co-Chair: Marixendra Alvarez & Barb Wiman (KCHWC Secretary) Sustainability Committee Co-Chair: Brenda Medina & Dr. Mariah Chrans (KCHWC Vice President) Symposium Committee Co-Chair: Lucy Watie & Kim Downes 			

	 KCHWC President: Dr. Elaine Johannes KCHWC Treasurer: Denise Romero KCHWC Tribal & Northeast Kansas Representative: Olivia Pewamo KCHWC Southwest Kansas Representative: Callie Dyer KCHWC Support Staff: Diana Lady & Alissa Rankin Discussion regarding the 2024 symposium location Option 1: WSU Metropolitan Complex: https://www.wichita.edu/services/metroplex/metrorooms/ \$1,500 rental cost Great parking Big rooms Could have fewer and larger breakout sessions Option 2: WSU Rhatigan Student Center Limited parking Free to KCHWC Need to increase the number of breakout sessions to decrease the average number of participants in each breakout. Estimated that we will need 7-8 sessions. See the space here:
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New Business	Results of the location for the 2024 Kansas CHW Symposium deadline was 8/31/23. • A poll was sent out to the Symposium Committee after the last
	 The committee members unanimously voted to keep the event at the Wichita State University Rhatigan Student Center on June 19-20, 2024.
	Update newsletter in Spanish
	The KCHWC Newsletter is now being offered in Spanish.
	Heartland Conference takeaways
	Taking back decision-making power for CHWs
	• Inspiring
	Speakers were amazing

- Had difficulty choosing between breakout presenters
- Maybe for the Kansas CHW Symposium, it might be worth repeating breakout sessions
- The birth equity speaker was excellent.
- Speakers on working with incarcerated populations. It may be interesting to reach out to the same set of presenters.
- Stephane Olsen's presentation was great. Learned so much about systemic racism and infant mortality.
- The planning coordinator is also interested in learning ways to improve for next year. Forward comments to Tmoore@aafp.org.
- Need to get information out earlier. Have run into barriers with other community events.
- Gave 130 CHW scholarships!
- What can we do that will help differentiate between the Symposium and the Heartland Conference? Think through how they can also be different.
- It was great to hear from a young lady who was 17 years old present.
- Sessions were empowering and explained "change."
- Speakers were very passionate.
- Emergency contraceptive session was great for increasing services. These services are not available in Kansas. It is excellent to learn about these, but we would love to get some of these services in Kanssas or have presenters from all four states.
- It is important for clients to tell the whole story. It helps strengthen the equity piece.
- Learned about end-of-life doulas. We need to get the word out about them. This could be a great support for rural areas and the aging populations.

Incorporate Spanish-speaking presenters for the symposium.

• The Heartland will be working with Juntos and El Centro to offer a Spanish language track next year.

Brainstorm discussion about the format for the breakout session

- Inclusion needs to be a part of the agenda for 2024.
- If we do more breakouts, it will be interesting to learn what folks are interested in—survey committee members to determine topic areas for 2024.
- Possibly send a survey to the Symposium Committee to determine topic areas to focus on in 2024.

If the need arises, is it reasonable to charge participants for attendance?

- With a free conference, there are some folks who don't show up because they don't have a financial commitment.
- Costs can be subsidized. Need to know how much

		Food included is nice for folks traveling a long way.
		• Charge a small amount for all CEUs.
		 The costs could go toward all expenses.
		Selling t-shirts is a great way to sell. Kansas Public Health
		Association conference t-shirts are part of the registration.
		• If we are offering CEUs and continue to serve food, \$50 is reasonable.
		Other updates:
		 Lucy Watie and Yadira Soltero worked at the Kansas State Fair for the Immunize Kansas Coalition.
		Katrina and Diana will present a poster at the Kansas Public Health
		Association conference. See it here: https://kpha.us/posters-23/
		New CEU opportunities are posted on the KCHWC website:
		https://kschw.org/continuing-education-units/. The KCHWC
		LearnWorlds platform is free. If you want to join the Mid-America
		Regional Council's learning management system, Government
		Training Institute (GTI), please email Alissa at
		alissa.rankin@wichita.edu. MARC offers some live learning
		opportunities, also available on the GTI after the live event.
5.	Tasks:	
	KDHE Updates	Kelly and Birgit will reach out to WSU staff about a certification
		question.
		No additional updates.
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Next Meeting Date, Place, and Time:

The Symposium Committees are held on the 2nd Monday of every month from 10:00a-11:00a. (Virtual Meeting)

Next Meeting: Monday, October 16, 2023, 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Current Meeting Agreements					
Who	Will do what	By when?			
Kelly & Birgit	Reach out to WSU staff about a certification question.	TBD			
Alissa	Make a short survey for Symposium Committee members on topic area suggestions for 2024 event.	ASAP			
	topic area suggestions for 2021 event.				