



Agenda+Notes

Symposium Committee

Co-chairs: Kim Downes and Lucy Waite

Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 • Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am

- **Welcome & Introductions**

- **Mission:** Kansas Community Health Workers collaborating to achieve health equity through education, empowerment, and advocacy. **Vision:** Health Equity for all Kansans
- 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.
- Diana Lady, Megan Betts, Lucy Watie, Wendy James, Alissa Rankin, Birgit Lemke, Yadira Soltero, Kelly Nightengale, Kim Downes, Manny Guzman, Lauren Lopez, Chantal Nez, Lucia Jones, Patricia Nevarez, Katrina Caide, Brenda Medina, Jackie Betance

- **Discussion:**

- **Breakout session Topics**
 - **Leadership Track:** Cultivating Leaders: Becoming a CHW Supervisor (MARC)
 - **Employer Track:** Supporting CHW supervisors through professional development (Angela Scott)
 - **Sustainability Track:** Sustainable funding for CHWs: Erika Saleski Six Pillars of CHWs
 - **Advocacy Track:** Incarceration (Suzana Hernandez)
 - **Spanish Track:** Cultivating Leaders in the CHW Field/Self-Care
 - A possible presenter for the Spanish track for leadership could be Claudia Yaujar-Amaro. Diana could present for the self-care session, if chosen.

- **Speaker List Survey Results**
 - 10 responses
 - Top 2
 - Celines Colon
 - Vanessa Lohf
 - The committee decided to resend the keynote speaker survey to the entire coalition.
- **Theme**
 - The committee voted on the theme for the symposium.
 - **2024 KCHWC Theme:** Evolving CHWs: Fostering Leaders, Amplifying Voices, and Advocating for Sustainability
- **Panel Discussion for Closing**
 - CHWs: Multi-faceted and evolving Roles
 - Speakers: Angela Scott (COPE), Lorna Miles (incarcerated population work), farm worker program, LGBTQIA+, CHW clinic
 - KDHE Division of Healthcare Finance Q&A during the CHW Symposium
 - KDHE will give a brief overview and answer questions
- **Pre-symposium**
 - Farm workers program
 - Cancer Section
 - Help CHWs for cancer survivorship
 - Would like to share their programs that are available
 - Opportunities to participate in State cancer plan
 - What format would we like?
 - 2- sessions that address everyone
 - One informational
 - One skill building
- **KDHE Updates**
 - No updates
- **Other updates**
 - **Sponsor Names**

- United Methodist Health Ministry Fund
- Kansas Department of Health & Environment (CHW Section)
- United Healthcare
- University of Kansas Medical Center COPE Program
- Sunflower Health Plan
- Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas
- UCare
- Reach Healthcare Foundation
- Will send letters to these but have not contributed recently:
 - Anthem (Healthy Blue)
 - Unite Us
 - IRIS
 - Find Help (Previously known as Aunt Bertha)
 - Wichita Medical Research and Education Foundation
 - Kansas Birth Equity Network
 - Humana (Medicare)
 - University of Kansas MPH Program(s)
 - K-State MPH Program
- **Next steps**
 - Megan will send the keynote speaker survey to the entire coalition and leave it open for 2 weeks.
 - Megan will develop a pre-symposium draft agenda
 - Megan will send out 2024 draft agenda to committee

Next Committee Meeting Dates

Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of every month from 10 am- 11am.

Monday, February 19, 2024

Monday, March 18 ,2024

April 15, 2024